

OUR Lady OF THE Angels PARISH

St Gerard Majella
146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermiside West

St Paschal Baylon
30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

Sunday 31 July 2022

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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HOMILY by Richard Leonard

In his Spiritual Exercises, St Ignatius Loyola says that pride, riches and power are the three most seductive and destructive temptations in the world. So many conflicts, and their continuance, can be traced to the interplay of this unholy trinity. The so-called reality TV show, Big Brother and its many imitators demonstrate just how far some of our compatriots will go to be famous, to be wealthy or to have a certain clout in the popular imagination.

We should never be surprised when our media culture reflects this back to us, because by watching the programmes, reading the papers and the magazines, listening to the shock-jocks and buying the merchandise, we are part of the problem, not the solution.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us just how deadly riches and greed can be. Our own experience tells how right He is: think of how many children fight in the playground because everything they see is 'mine'; the families who have fought over an estate; the number of friends who have fallen out over even small amounts of money; colleagues who no longer speak to each other because of a failed investment; and nations who have gone to war to get what their neighbours have.

The issue with money is not having it, because money, and the health, education and welfare that flow from it are good things, whereas poverty is an evil that God wants wiped off the face of the earth. The problem is what we do with money and what it does to us. Some Christians think that just because they are financially comfortable from legitimate earnings, they do not have to take any responsibility for the world's poor who are often stereotyped as being lazy, war-mongering and irreligious. These images may justify not sharing more of the excess we have, but it does not remove the moral obligation Jesus demands of us today. Of the world's 6 billion people, 1.2 billion of them live on US\$1, or less, a day. On average 26,000 children will die today of starvation. We should try telling them they're lazy, war-mongering and irreligious! In an attempt to get rich quickly or to stay rich, most western countries gamble away 10 to 15 times more money than they give to third world development – money that might see markets and wages that are just, and so provide an incentive for work, curtail or prevent some wars and help develop democracy.

When faced with the enormity of the world's poverty, the bad spirit can convince us that it is so large there is nothing that we can do about it. Not true. Every moment of consciousness and each act of goodness toward anyone anywhere is a victory for God's kingdom and will be done 'here on earth as it is in heaven'.

No one can pretend, however, that sharing is always easy or that throwing money around will solve the world's problems. Everyone who works in the front-line says that the biggest obstacle in the war on poverty is dignity. And dignity, as Jesus reminds us today, has very little to do with money or possessions. Each time we make a claim for our own dignity and we give dignity to people who do not even claim it for themselves, we contribute to the generous and just world Jesus wants.

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MASS TIMES 1 Aug - 7 Aug 2022.

St Gerard Majella - 146 Maundrell Tce, Chermiside West

TUE: 8:30 am Liturgy

FRI: 8.30 am Liturgy

SAT: 4.30 pm Vigil Mass

SUN: 8.00 am Sunday Morning Mass

SUN: 5:30pm Sunday Afternoon Mass

St Paschal Baylon - 30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

WED: 8:45 am Liturgy

THU: 9:00 am Liturgy

SAT: 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

SUN: 9:30 am Sunday Morning Mass

Reconciliation is by Appointment Only.

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Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members

through Baptism:

2022 Baptisms will be celebrated on Saturday mornings at 10:00am alternately at St Gerards' and St Paschals'. Bookings to be arranged in person at the Parish Office Monday - Friday, between 9am - 5pm.

Please check the Parish website for documentation required when making a booking.



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And sometimes that can be as easy as turning the channel on the radio or the TV.

Fr Pedro Arrupe inherited the office of leading the Jesuits four centuries after its founder St Ignatius Loyola died. He once said that, 'the celebration of the Eucharist is always incomplete while there is hunger in the world.' Let's pray at this Eucharist that we do not blunt the hard edge of the Gospel. Rather let us accept its power to convert our hearts and minds that we might meet its challenges in regard to bestowing dignity and sharing our possessions with those who have a just claim on them.

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Quo Vadis Weekend for young men 18-35 yrs

If you want to learn more about the priesthood, experiencing what it's like to study, pray, discern and live at Holy Spirit Seminary, then Quo Vadis is for you.

Date & Time: 5pm Friday 12 - 2pm Sunday 14 August
Location: Holy Spirit Seminary (487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo)
Cost: \$80 RSVP: 1 August
<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/QV4M22>

Mary Mackillop College - Enrolment Information Evening

We welcome future families and friends of Mary MacKillop College to attend our Enrolment Information Evening.

Date: Tuesday 9 August 2022
Time: 5.30pm Guided Tours; 6-7pm Information Session
Venue: Mary MacKillop College
Book online at mmc.qld.edu.au

Confirmation for Older Children

Children aged 10-16 who have not been confirmed may be able to begin a program to prepare for confirmation in October. Please ring the Parish Office 3359 0239 by 9 August for further details

Guided tour of Cathedral, Chapel & Precinct

Guided tours for your Parish Social Group, RCIA, Faith Education, Prayer Groups. Attend 10am weekday Mass and organise a tour following the Mass.

Tours available by appointment

For more information or to make a booking contact the Cathedral Office 3324 3030 or email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

Dear Parishioners,

The scripture this weekend challenges us to consider the direction of our lives and the values we cherish which strengthen our faith – to become rich in the sight of God.

I was inspired by the response to Fr Paul's farewell and the number who attended the Christmas in July function. They were both strong expressions of faith and generosity. Very sincere thanks to all the willing helpers who enabled each gathering to be so successful.

Though we are functioning in current circumstances, at both Parish and School levels, with the leadership positions temporarily filled, the necessary ministry is being properly provided. National Vocations Week is close by (7-14 August). The call on us all to live a vocational way of life is urgent.

Pope Francis is giving magnificent witness in adverse circumstances, especially his health, during his 'penitential pilgrimage' to Canada. Obstacles test rather than crush us.

Please be respectful of the need for keeping good health precautions.

Monsignor John Grace



Thank you to all those who attended the Christmas in July event last week and to those who donated gifts for the lucky door prizes. The small profit made will be donated to St Vincent de Paul. Regards, **St Gerard's Leadership Team.**

Thank you also to those who replied to the Deanery Review Questionnaire. Your responses have been submitted to the Review Process.

Safeguarding Surveys

These short online surveys aim to help gather feedback from children, congregations and workers about the Archdiocesan approach to safeguarding and are part of compliance with National Catholic Safeguarding Standards.

2 surveys are available—one for children (5-12 years) and one for adults. Responses are completely anonymous and the Parish will not be identified.

They should only take 1 minute to complete. Please click on the links below to provide your response.

Online Child Safeguarding Survey (5 – 12 years).

Click on this link in emailed newsletter [Child Safeguarding Survey](#) to take the short (8 questions) survey or scan the QR code.

** NOTE - Parents and Guardians may wish to assist children in completing the survey and explore their responses if needed.



Online Parish Safeguarding Survey (Adults)

Click on this link in emailed newsletter [Parish Safeguarding Survey](#) to take the short (10 questions) survey or scan the QR code.



The Brisbane City Pops Orchestra Presents

Come to the Proms

The evenings program will be full of a wide variety of well-known music, from light classics to the more modern, and will have plenty to excite all music-lovers.

As a tradition with the Proms, the orchestra will perform the much-loved Pomp and Circumstance, as well as the toe-tapping Radetzky March. You will also be entertained by the popular March of the Gladiators, and the haunting strains of the Adagio from Spartacus.

Themes from the very popular television shows Downton Abbey and the action-packed film Mission Impossible. The orchestra will feature the popular "Pastorale" theme song to the long running radio series "Blue Hills"

Our Lady of the Angels School Choir conducted by Debra Todhunter will delight you with their singing.

"Come to the Proms" promises to be a thoroughly entertaining concert featuring amazing musicians and incredible music!

Please join us for a wonderful evening.

Friday 19 August at 7:00pm

St Paschal Baylon Catholic Church, Wavell Heights

Tickets \$35.00 pp (includes a light supper)

Tickets can be purchased online through the parish website:

www.olaparishchermerside.org.au

or contact the parish office on 07 3359 0239

Cooks Wanted

Sisters of Saint Joseph, Nundah have two vacancies for part-time cooks. 5 days per f/n, negotiable days. For info contact Operations Manager, Jodi Pollard.

jodi.pollard@sosj.org.au / 0407 914 268

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Position Vacant—Parish Secretary—Booval Parish

For information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website-

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

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CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

In today's gospel, what did the farmer grow?

What did he decide to build?

Why did he want to store everything up?

God told the farmer that he was foolish to try and store everything up because he was not going to live for ever.

Why does God warn the farmer against putting all his effort into storing up wealth and possessions?

How can we be 'rich' rather than 'poor' in the sight of God? © Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd

STEWARDSHIP

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Luke 12:15

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

Accessed 21.07.2022 <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Stay centred in your faith with this daily series of theological reflections on the Gospel of the day. Sign up to receive a one page reflection each week day in your inbox. Sign up here: <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

VOCATION VIEW:

Jesus calls us to be generous with the gifts that he has given. When we share our treasures with others, we will have a true treasure in heaven.

(Luke 12:12-21)

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Please pray for and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

Sick: Please pray for all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of the Sick.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

7 Aug 2022 - 19th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

1st Reading: Wisdom 18: 6-9
Psalm: Psalm 32: 1, 12, 18-20, 22
2nd Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19
Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH - PLANNED GIVING

Weekend	1st Env	2nd Env	Loose	TOTAL
24.07.22	294.00	553.00	1374.25	\$2221.25

All donations are gratefully received

Regular Parish Activities

Christian Meditation:

Monday evenings 5:45pm at St Paschals.

St Gerard's Ladies Group

Thursdays 10am -12noon in the Church Hall

1st Friday: Adoration after 8:30am Mass St Gerards

2nd Friday: Anointing Mass 8:30am St Gerards

Rosary : before and after Friday 8:30 Mass

The Week Ahead 01— 07 Aug 2022

Mon 1	5:45pm	Christian Meditation	St P
Wed 3	8:45am	School Liturgy	St P
Wed 3	6.00pm	Parent Sacramental Info Session	St G
Thu 4	10:00am	St Gerard's Ladies Group	St G
Thu 4	6.00pm	Parent Sacramental Info Session	St P

If you have an event that you would like the parish to know about, please email the office by Wednesday.



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