

OUR *Lady* OF THE *Angels* PARISH

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MASS TIMES

St Gerard Majella - 146 Maundrell Tce, Chermside West

MON: 9.00am FRI: 9.00am

SAT: 4:30pm

SUN: 8:00am & 5:30pm

St Paschal Baylon - 30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

WED: 8:45am THU: 9.00 am

SAT: 6:00pm SUN: 9:30am

RECONCILIATION IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Contact the Parish Office to book

STOpline Service 1300 304 550

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SUNDAY 12 March 2023

Third Sunday in Lent Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

At the heart of Christianity is neither a popular figure in a book nor in a dead hero, but a living Person. This living Person is Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Living Water that wells up to eternal Life (John 4: 14); the Messiah (John 20:21), the Saviour of the world (1 John 4:14); and the visible manifestation of the unseen God (Colossians 1:15). He encounters us daily in our journey of life.



The God who is visibly manifested in Jesus Christ, is a God who is always on the move. Far from waiting passively for His children to come to Him, the incarnate God takes the initiative to encounter us, to invite us into a daily relationship with Himself. This is obvious in the gospel of this weekend. After many days of long travels, Jesus walked into a Samaritan town called Sychar in search of some water to quench His thirst. While he was at the well, a Samaritan woman came to the same well at the sixth hour.

She had come to fetch water but she found much more than water. She met Jesus, who is the living water. It is important to note that the specific mention of the hour the woman came, reveals something about Jesus Christ and the woman. The mention of the hour is John's subtle allusion to the 'Hour of the Cross, the Hour of the Divine Mercy and the Hour of the Passion,' when Christ made Himself the innocent victim for human salvation. Furthermore, the reference to the 'sixth hour' is indicative of the woman's bad reputation. The woman came to the well at the sixth hour quite aware that she would see no-one. She was a woman who was highly despised by all because of her lifestyle. In warm-climate countries like Nigeria or Palestine, people would normally go to the village well or village river early in the morning or in the evening when the weather is cooler. Rarely would people attempt to walk the often-long distance when the sun is out and the weather is hot. It was when most people would not attempt to come to the well that this woman chose to come.

While she might have come to get water, her thirst was for more than ordinary water. Her heart, soul, body and her whole life was thirsting for the living water. As Christians, what is true about this woman can also be true about us. We thirst for Jesus Christ every day. We come to Christ when we are burdened, because Christ is the spring of living water who refreshes all who thirst. We long and desire to encounter Jesus Christ and to have an intimate and personal relationship with Him.

An anonymous author once wrote: "there is a thirst in every human heart. Each of us is like that lonely Samaritan woman. We are thirsting for something, something that will satisfy all our longings. But often we search in the wrong places. We draw the water from many wells - the water of praise to quench our thirst for self-esteem; the water of success to quench our thirst for importance; the water of pleasure to quench our thirst for joy - and, yet, we remain thirsty. For only God can give us what we are looking for. God alone can cause a spring to well up inside us, and the water from this spring will sustain us in our journey to the Promised Land of everlasting life."

Christianity or the Christian faith is about a deep and personal encounter with a living and true God, revealed in Jesus Christ. There is always an absolute joy and liberation when we encounter Jesus Christ personally and intimately. The Samaritan woman gave herself completely to Christ and allowed Christ to be the source of her existence. It was ironical that the hitherto "bad woman in town, who was despised by all", after her encounter with Christ which led to her inner transformation, became the channel and the agent through which some of the locals came to a moment of encounter with the person of Christ. She was a bearer of the good news.

In our workplaces, schools, families, and wherever we find ourselves in the coming days of

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the week, let us through our acts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, and gentleness, draw people to Jesus Christ, whom we encounter in the Mass - through the bread and wine blessed and shared; in the person of the minister; in the Word of God; and in the assembled people of God.
God bless you all, Fr John

*God bless you all.
Fr. John*

Bishop Tim Norton

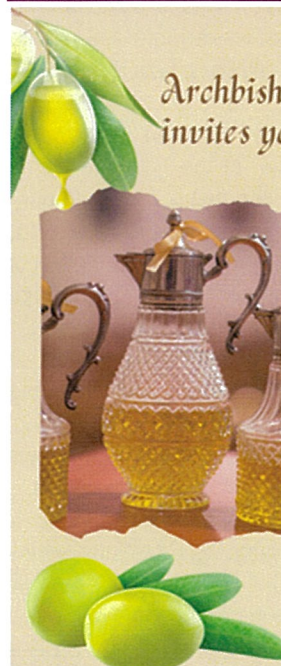
Welcome to Chermside Parish



*Fr John Echewodo
Congratulations!*



*The Parish rejoices in your installation
as our new Parish Priest*



Archbishop Mark Coleridge
invites you to the annual



CHRISM MASS

Thursday 30th March 2023
@ 7:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street,
Brisbane

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese

All Welcome

car parking available from 6:00pm

LENLEN REFLECTION DAY FOR LADIES

Set aside a few hours to reflect on what is at the heart of our Lenten journey - through the stories of Jesus

Led by: Sr Carmel Dwan

Date: Wednesday 22 March 2023

Venue: Meeting Room at St Gerard's

Time: 9.30am to 3.00pm

Cost: \$20 (may be negotiated for those struggling with the cost of living)



RSVP: to Parish Office by Friday 17 March

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Baptisms

Baptisms are 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.

Archdiocesan Positions Vacant

Parish Secretary, Upper Mount Gravatt Wishart Parish - <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=66893>

Pastoral Associate, Grovely / Samford / Mitchelton Parish - <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=667572>

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New Phone Number

Dear Parishioners, the Parish has kindly provided the **Local Safeguarding Representative** position a mobile phone for use for all Safeguarding matters. This phone number is **0493 655 502**. Please use this number in future for any messages or phone calls regarding Safeguarding.



In addition, could you please use the special safeguarding email: lsr.chermsidewest@bne.catholic.net.au for safeguarding notices, documents, etc.

Thank you. Carmela Knauth, LSR



Lenten Concert Series

Each Thursday in March at 12 noon in St Stephen's Cathedral

Come explore the 40-day journey of Lent through music—featuring compositions inspired by the key themes and scripture readings of Lent.

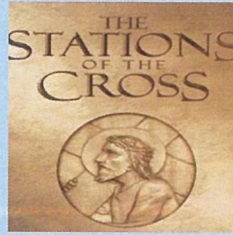
A time of inspiration and reflection before the 12.30pm Mass.

All welcome, free admission.



Stations of the Cross during Lent

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated 30 minutes before Thursday and Friday weekday Masses ie
Thursdays at 8.30am at St Paschal's
Fridays at 8.30am at St Gerard's



Brief Messages

Qld Irish Choir ST PATRICK'S DAY

Sunday 19 March—2pm—CKCC—Cnr Rode Rd & Gympie Rd
Tickets \$20 through trybooking.com
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St Patrick's Day Mass

The Annual St Patrick's Day Mass, organised by the St Patrick's Day Parade Association, will be celebrated again this year in the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth Street at 10.00am on 17 March 2023. Fr Gerard McMorrow will be the celebrant.

All are welcome to attend. And, for those who may be unable to do so, the Mass will be live-streamed through the Cathedral website on this link - Archbne.org/bzw

Stewardship

March 12, 2023 3rd Sunday of Lent

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."
Accessed on 9/3/2023 - <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

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CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

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

Can you think of some ways that we use water?

What would it be like if you had little or no water?

Jesus says that he will give us water that gives life. When are we filled with this life? (when we gather to pray, are kind to others etc)

Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman who many people did not like. Are there times when we don't want to talk to someone because we do not like them?

Jesus shows us how to treat others. How can we treat others with kindness and pray for Jesus to be with us this week?

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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE –

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The woman at the well did not ask Jesus for a favour. Jesus asked her for a favour. She had the bucket. He wanted a drink. She has had five husbands and is living with a sixth man. She is a Samaritan and a woman – both characteristics a Jewish man was raised to look down on. Yet, she dares to question and argue with Jesus. As rugged as she is, she recognises what is special in Jesus and she wants that living water he is talking about. She is so convinced he is the Messiah that she leaves her bucket behind as she runs off to tell others the good news. She won Jesus so many followers that he stayed with them for two days. She is a weed, a flower and a rebel, all rolled into one. Do you know anyone like the Samaritan woman – someone who seems so unholy and so holy at the same time? someone hard to figure out? Do you feel like that sometimes? Why or why not?

Jesus came to turn weeds into flowers, and wallflowers into movers and shakers. Think about a time you were most flower-like, a time you were most weed-like, or a time you were most rebel-like. © St Mary's Press

CHILDRENS LITURGY—St Gerard's

Children's Liturgy will recommence at St Gerard's at the 8:00am Mass on Sunday 5th of March. So parents, grandparents bring the little ones along to begin their journey to knowing God better.



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Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Please pray for 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

19 March 2023 - 4th SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

Psalm: Psalm 22

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st Env	2nd Env	Loose	TOTAL
5/3/23	363.20	1214.00	2426.90	\$4004.10

All donations are greatly appreciated

Regular Parish Activities

1st Friday: Adoration after 9.00am Mass St Gerards

2nd Friday: Anointing Mass 9.00am St Gerards

Rosary : before Friday Mass (but not during Lent)
: after Friday Mass

What's on This Week: 13 Mar—17 Mar 2023

Mon 6/3 Christian Meditation St P 5:45pm

Wed 8/3 Sac Programme St P 5.30pm

Thur 9/3 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10:00am

Thurs 9/3—Sac programme St P 6.00pm

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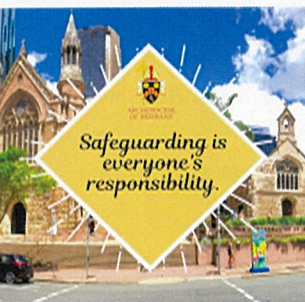
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