

# OUR *Lady* OF THE *Angels* PARISH

Chermside West Wavell Heights

St Gerard Majella

146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermside West

St Paschal Baylon

30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

**SUNDAY 26 March 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent Year A**

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

Another long Gospel Passage on this fifth Sunday of Lent follows the long ones we have read on the third and fourth Sundays. It is worth noting that there is a deliberate reason behind these three long, but different, gospel passages from St. John. They have been selected specifically for the instruction of those preparing for Baptism. Although we do not have candidates to be received into the Church at Easter this year, these three gospels are powerful depictions of the hidden transformation God accomplishes in people who are going through the RCIA. They have been chosen to emphasize repentance and conversion as the Light of Christ comes to pierce the darkness of sin and to bring life where there is death.

There is an unbroken link between the healing of the blind man, which we heard last weekend, and the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Both stories, undoubtedly, were intended to manifest the glory of God. Jesus knew what He was doing when He got the news of Lazarus's sickness and decided to stay back two more days before making His way to Bethany. It appeared Jesus ignored an emergency desperate message from Martha and Mary. 'Lord the man you love is ill.' We can only think that Jesus acted deliberately. He loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and yet when He heard that Lazarus was ill, He stayed where He was for two more days before saying to His disciples, 'Let us go to Judea.'

In the synoptics, there are instances where dead people were raised to life for example, the son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17) and the daughter of Jairus, the Synagogue official (Luke 8:41-42; 49-56). In these two instances, death had only occurred just as Jesus arrived at the scene. Neither of them had yet been buried. In other words, Lazarus is the only instance of someone being raised to life after being dead and buried. This certainly makes the story of Lazarus the last and greatest miracle performed by Jesus Christ. However, it also exposed Jesus to greater danger - He could no longer walk openly because the Jews were after Him.

As we approach the end of the Lenten season and enter Holy week, we are invited to contemplate the real God whom Jesus Christ has revealed to us. The real God who took flesh and lived like us in all things but sin and who died for our sake on the cross, hates pain, suffering, and death. God weeps when we weep. God is broken when we are broken. One of the hardest things in life is to see the person you love suffer. God loves us unconditionally and struggles in our pain and suffering. We sometimes struggle with questions about how a God who is all good, all-powerful, and all knowing could allow evil in the world or allow bad things to happen to good people. At any point in our journey of life, when, for whatever reason, we doubt or question the goodness of God, let us remember that the real God weeps and cries when we are in pain. It was obvious that Jesus loved Martha and Mary so much that He could not bear the sight of their tears and emotional pain. The heart of Jesus Christ was broken at the sight of such human pain and grief. Christ was deeply moved to the depth of His being. He came to reveal a God whose heart is also wrung with anguish and pain, when we are in pain. As Christians, we have a responsibility not only to reveal this real God to other people through what we say, but more importantly through our concrete acts of love and kindness.

In these last days of Lent, let us contemplate, and make sense of the real God who cares for us, through the love and care we show to other people.

God bless you all.

Fr. John



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## Leadership Team:

**Principal:** Mr Matthew Beacroft

**APA:** Mr Sam O'Leary

**APRE:** Mrs Kirsten Karey

**PLL:** Mrs Liz O'Brien

## 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

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## Lenten Penitential Prayer Service

Wednesday 29th March  
St Paschal's at 7.00pm

Do come and join the Parish Community in preparation for Easter.

Note: This is NOT a Rite of Reconciliation.

Individual Reconciliation will be available after Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.  
(approx. 10.45am) at St Gerard's.

### PALM CROSSES

If you would like to learn how to make these little Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday we will be holding a workshop at St Gerards on Saturday 1 April at 9am. If anyone in the Parish has Cocos Palms and would be happy



to donate some branches that would be great, please deliver to the church by Friday 31 March or bring with you on the day. Bring along a plate to share for morning tea. It will be a fun communal morning while we all get to learn a new skill. Look forward to seeing you there.

### Name Badges

The order will finally be placed Tuesday. Thank you for your patience. If others wish to order one, please ring the Parish office with details and pay (\$15) by Monday 27th March.

### A Big Thank You

to the St Paschal's Parishioners who responded so generously to the call for various volunteers. There are still places to be filled so 'don't be shy—join up now!

### Can you help

We have a parishioner who lives in Geebung who requires a lift to 4:30pm Saturday Mass. If there is anyone in the Parish who is able to assist please contact the office on 07 3359 0239.

## Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

warmly welcomes new members through Baptism:

*Chloe Elise Walker*

*Charlotte Mae Collins*

*Isabel Anne Spencer*

*Harrison Alberto Alan McCullough*

*Ocie Louise Taber*

Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings at 10:00am alternately at St Gerards' and St Paschal's. Bookings to be arranged in person at the Parish Office Monday - Friday between 9am - 3pm. Please check the Parish website for documentation required when making a booking.

## HOLY WEEK / EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

### Holy Thursday—6th April

#### The Lord's Supper

7:00pm St Gerards & St Paschals

### Good Friday—7th April

#### Stations of the cross

10:00am St Gerard's & St Paschal's

#### Individual Reconciliation

10.45am St Gerard's

#### Passion of the Lord

3:00pm St Gerard's & St Paschal's

### Saturday—8th April

#### Easter Vigil

6:00pm St Gerard's & St Paschal's

### Sunday—9th April

#### The Resurrection

8.00am St Gerard's (No Morning Tea after Mass)

9.30am St Paschal's (No Morning Tea after Mass)

**THERE IS NO 5.30pm MASS  
ON EASTER SUNDAY**

## Sacramental Programme

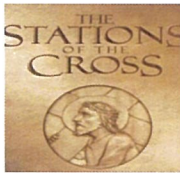
Congratulations to the 84 children who received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. They will continue to prepare for First Communion after Easter. A big 'Thank You' to Fr Rafal from Zillmere and Fr Biju from Aspley who gave up their time to assist us on both days.

## Changes to Parish Office Hours

Please note from Monday 13 March our new office hours will be  
**Monday to Friday 9am—3pm.**

## 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



## Brief Messages

**Names for Altar Servers, Readers, and Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Week please put your times on the sheets this weekend.**

**Wednesday 29 March, there will be NO MASS at St Paschal's. There will be a school Liturgy. Parishioners are welcome.**

**Holy Thursday Mass**  
There will be collections for Caritas and The Project Compassion envelope will be taken up in the offertory procession.

## The IONA PASSION PLAY


Good Friday 7 April & Saturday 8 April  
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## VERSE FOR VINNIES - Gary Fogarty

Verse for Vinnies next show, sees this bloke have-a-go, been on stage for beyond twenty years. He's run caravan shows, even runs rodeos, and can move you to laughter and tears. He's a Millmerran bloke, who can tell a good joke, and a genuine, bush dinky-die. Come and hear poetry, from this bloke Fogarty, you will laugh, you'll reflect, maybe cry. We would love you to come, to this Sunday of fun, and it's all Aussie verse that you'll get. And the doe from the show, will all go as you know, to those battlers we're prone to forget.  
**26<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm**  
**67 Dawson Parade Grovely.**  
**\$15 Cash at the door.**  
Use [noel@noelstallard.com](mailto:noel@noelstallard.com) to book seats.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual



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**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Please pray for Victoria Canada 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**

2 April 2023 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the LORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7.

Psalm: Psalm 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26: 14-27:66

**OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH**

Weekend	1st Env	2nd Env	Loose	TOTAL
19/03/23	396.00	632.00	1907.40	\$2935.40

*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: 27 Mar 1 Apr 2023**

Mon 27/3 Christian Meditation St P 5:45pm

Wed 29/3 Lenten Penitential Prayer Service St P 7.00pm

Wed 29/3 School Liturgy St P 9.00am

Thurs 30/3 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10:00am

Sat 1/4 Palm Cross Making St G 9:00am

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