

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 2nd April 2023
Palm Sunday Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,



One of the fundamental or basic survival instincts in every human being is self-preservation. While suffering is an inevitable component of human life, no one enjoys it. We avoid suffering and dislike anything which might cause pain because our human self-preservation instinct primarily focuses on the protection and well-being of the whole person. Interestingly, Jesus Christ, though like every human person in all things except in sin, not only suffered but embraced suffering. Christ was born not only to live but also to suffer and die. In fact, Christ lived as He died.

In the first reading from Isaiah this weekend, we read: "the Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain, the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;" (Isaiah 50:4-7). Christ endured His passion and suffering with patience, endurance and faithfulness.

During this Holy Week, as we listen, reflect and relive the experience of Christ's passion and death on the cross of calvary, it is important we see ourselves as part of the story. On Palm Sunday, throughout the world, Christian people of every language, race, tribe and age acclaim Jesus Christ, crying out: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" As modern-day Christians, we are participating in an experience which is bigger than us. Our participation makes us witnesses to the passion and death of Christ. With Christ, we are setting out on pilgrimage along the path that leads to the living God. And as we embark on this journey with Christ, we strive to proclaim Christ, not merely with our lips, but in action, through the ways we live and love every day of our lives.

The celebration of Palm Sunday ushers us into Holy Week which in turn leads into the 'Paschal Triduum or Easter Triduum, or Holy Triduum.' The word "triduum" comes from the Latin word 'tris (three) + dies (day)', which literally means- 'a space of three days.' In other words, the Sacred Triduum marks and recounts the last three days of Jesus' life on earth - the events of Christ's Passion and Resurrection from the dead. Although chronologically the events of the Sacred Triduum are celebrated over three days, it is liturgically one celebration unfolding over The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, Passion and death on Good Friday and Resurrection on Holy Saturday. These three separate but connected celebrations or ceremonies together capture and reveal for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. It is known as the "Paschal Mystery" because it is the ultimate fulfillment of the ancient Jewish Passover (or Pasch) which itself was a remembrance of how God, in His infinite love and

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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: No Mass—School Holidays

Thu: 9.00am **Sat:** 6:00pm **Sun:** 9:30am

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mercy, brought the Jewish people out of their slavery in Egypt. As part of the preparation to celebrate the Passover night, God said to Moses and Aaron: "This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover. On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt," (Exodus 12:11-13). With Christ we will begin this solemn journey into Jerusalem and, as we continue, may we relive more deeply the salvific mission Christ has won for us. We are invited to join in the celebrations not just on Palm Sunday but also over the Sacred Triduum. Please, I implore you all to take a copy of the newsletter home to ensure you and your family know the varied times of the celebrations over Holy Week.

We are in the most solemn and glorious week in our liturgical calendar. Whatever crosses we carry in our lives, whatever hardships we face, may we know that Jesus is walking with us. May Mary our Blessed Mother go with us this week, as we carry our cross with her Son, that we might join Christ in His glorious resurrection.

Have a spirit-filled and most solemn Holy Week.

God bless you all.
Fr. John

Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed from **3.00pm Thursday, 6th April** and will re-open **9.00am Thursday 13th April**.

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Lyla Henwood

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 - 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**

Brief Messages

Parking Notice

St Gerard's—Extra parking is available at the property (White House) next to the church during the Easter Masses.

Easter Offering

Easter Offering may be placed on the plate during Easter Masses.

Holy Thursday Mass

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

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Review and Update of Current Covid-19 Guidelines:

Anointings: It is no longer deemed necessary to wipe hands between individual anointings for Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick unless those gathered have requested it.

Face mask: It not a requirement for the presider to wear a face mask at Communion. Some may choose to continue this practice in certain circumstances, it remains a personal choice.

Sign of Peace: People may choose to shake hands or embrace if they wish to do so.

Veneration of the Cross: It is recommended that parishioners be encouraged not to kiss the cross during this time (alternatively, wipes could be provided to be used if necessary).

Other practices that were limited during COVID may be relaxed, if you have not already done so, including:

- Regularly scheduled times should be offered for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Hospitality (such as morning teas) may resume after Mass
- Holy water fonts may be filled
- Washing of the Feet may take place
- The passing of collection plates can resume.

We will reintroduce the reception of communion from the chalice from Second Sunday of Easter, 16 April. Please we emphasize that parishioners who are unwell should refrain from the chalice or receiving communion on the tongue. We are aware that there may be some parishioners who may be uncomfortable with relaxing some of these requirements as COVID-19 remains a health risk in the community. We encourage parishioners to do what they feel comfortable enough to do. May we continue to make the health and wellbeing of all in parish community a priority during this time.

Blue Card News – March 2023

Linking Requirements

Organisations must ensure they link any new blue or exemption card holder before volunteers or employees start in any child-related work.

'Linking' a card holder means that the Archdiocese will be notified of any important notifications about a card holder's status. This could include if a blue or exemption card is suspended or cancelled due to a change in police information.

Remember, card holders and applicants are monitored daily by the Queensland Police Service and if there is a change in a person's police information, the Blue Card Authority are notified and will assess their eligibility to continue to hold a blue card. If an organisation is not linked, the Blue Card Authority will not know who to tell if the card holder is no longer eligible to work within a child-related employment.

You should also know that **not** linking a blue or exemption card holder to your organisation before starting a person in child-related regulated activities is an offence and **penalties** may apply.

Updated Customer Reference Numbers

If you have had to **change your Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) drivers licence** due to the Optus data breach and hold a Blue Card provided through the Archdiocese of Brisbane, please contact me to update our records to reflect your new Drivers Licence Customer Reference Number (CRN).

Carmela Knauth

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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

9 April 2023 - SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm: Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

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Weekend	1st Env	2nd Env	Loose	TOTAL
26/03/23	277.60	522.60	1783.90	\$2614.10

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: 3 - 7 Apr 2023

Mon 3/4 Christian Meditation St P 5:45pm

Thurs 6/4 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10:00am

Holy Week/Easter Mass schedule can be found inside the Newsletter or on the Parish website.

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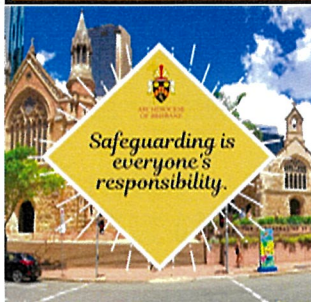
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