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Chermside West Wavell Heights

St Gerard Majella

146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermside West

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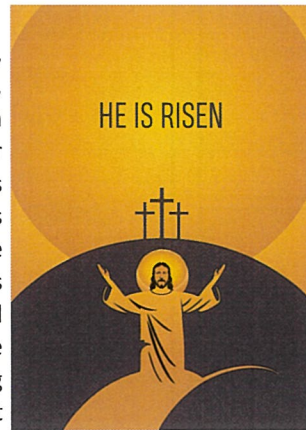
30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

SUNDAY 9th April 2023

Easter Sunday Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

Since we started our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, and decided on the things we were giving up for Lent, there may have been times when we have had to push ourselves to remain focused and committed to our Lenten promises. It can sometimes seem like an endless journey, especially when we are struggling. However, as we come to the end of the journey and look back, we are filled with joy as we count the blessings and graces of the Lenten season and recognise how much they add to the joy we share as Easter people, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ, having risen as he promised, will die no more; Death could not hold Him captive. Indeed, we are Easter people and 'Alleluia is our song.' The resurrection of Christ gives meaning to everything we do and say as Christians. Our Christian faith stands or falls on our ability to make sense of the truth of Christ's resurrection. "If Christ had not been raised from the dead, then our faith would have been in vain (1 Cor 15:14-15).



The resurrection accounts in the Gospels were reported with slight variations. In the Synoptic Gospels, that is, in the accounts of Matthew, Mark and Luke (Matthew 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-9) the journey of the women to the tomb was set at the dawn of the first day of the week, whereas in the gospel according to John (John 20:1-10), 'Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark.' For the evangelist John, 'darkness symbolises the absence of Jesus Christ - the Light of the world'. The fact that Mary Magdalene came to the tomb while it was still dark meant she came to an empty tomb and met the absence of Christ. However, regardless of whether the journey to the tomb was made at dawn or early on the first day of week while it was still dark, all the resurrection accounts have one thing in common. They all reported that the stone which had covered the tomb of Jesus Christ was rolled away before the women or Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb.

The displaced stone is not only symbolic and critical in making sense of the resurrection of Christ, but it also has wider implications for us as Christians. The resurrection of Christ opens up an entirely new form of life, a life of freedom and liberation. In the resurrection of Christ, a new possibility of human existence is attained. "They have taken the Lord away from the tomb and we don't know where they have put Him", Mary told Peter and the beloved disciples. Mary wouldn't have been able to make this affirmation if the stone was still covering the tomb. The absence of the stone offered Mary new words and a change of narrative. She was able to look into the tomb because the stone which sealed the tomb had been removed.

While the rolling away of the stone stands as one of the proofs of the resurrection, it also has existential implications for you and me - and every Christian. The metaphorical 'stone' stands for any obstacle or anything that limits our capacity to be free and embrace Easter life and joy to the fullest. Unless we roll away 'the stone', which has sealed our life, we will always live within the confinement of the tomb.

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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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Whatever robs us of the joy of life, or puts us under bondage or makes us feel as if we are imprisoned is like a massive stone which limits our life.

Thus, the question becomes; what is that metaphorical stone in our life which has left

us behind in the tomb of life for some time now? Could it be our inability to let go of past injuries and hurts, or could it be an unresolved family dispute or a falling out with a close friend? Could it be our unguarded appetites or addiction to gambling, pornography, or alcohol?

May the power of Christ's resurrection help us and give us the grace, determination, and strength to roll away from our lives any stone, which has kept us in the tomb of life and thereby denies us the joy of life - the joy of Easter.

I wish all the friends of the parish, visitors, those returning to the Church in this Easter season and regular parishioners, a happy and blessed Easter.

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**.

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

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

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

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Brief Messages

Meditation Group

There will be no meditation group at 5.45pm on Mondays for the rest of April. The group will start up again on Monday 1 May at St Paschal's. Any enquiries please contact Susie Jones 3359 8997.

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.

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Retreat opportunities. See noticeboard or website:

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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.

Pilgrimage – In the Hearts of Francis and Clare (Holy Cross Parish and Dragonfly Ministries')

An opportunity for 'slow pilgrimage', taking time to explore and reflect upon the heart of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. Experience the places in which they lived, prayed and learned to love God more each day.

Over 10/11 days and nights, we will walk the streets and fields, sit in the caves and chapels of Assisi, the Rieti Valley sanctuaries and the mountain of La Verna where Francis received the stigmata. Gathering in Rome on Friday 18 August 2023 and dispersing from Rome on Monday morning 28 August 2023.

Optional extension A: Adventures in Rome: 5 nights and 5 days pre-pilgrimage

Optional extension B: St Anthony of Padua: 2 nights and 3 days post-pilgrimage

For more information contact Grace Harwood

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Stewardship

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment — I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

(Accessed on April 3, 2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)

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Anniversaries: Please pray for Les Holman 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

16 April 2023 - Second SUNDAY of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

Psalm: Psalm 117: 2-4, 3-15, 22-24

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st Env	2nd Env	Loose	TOTAL
2/04/23	380.50	623.00	2285.90	\$3289.40

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: 10 - 14 Apr 2023

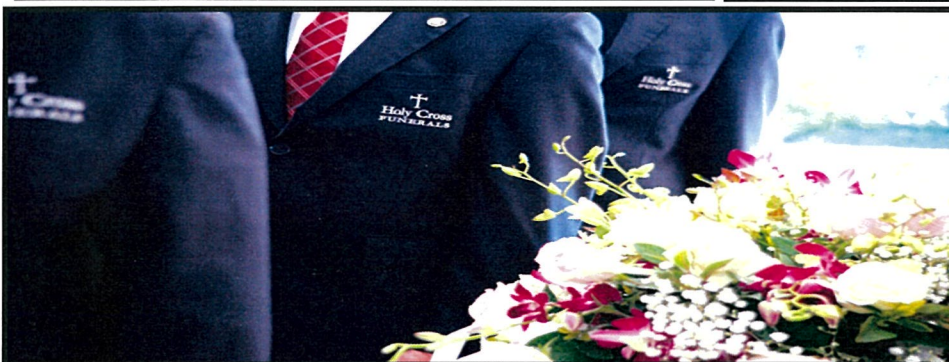
Thurs 13/4 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10:00am

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