

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 23rd April 2023
Third Sunday of Easter Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,
The journey of life, can sometimes be filled with overwhelming feelings of powerlessness, helplessness, abandonment, or isolation - especially in the midst of sickness, death, divorce or separation, loss of job or simply when life is not offering us what we had envisaged. The early disciples of Christ really had an experience of hopelessness and despair as they tried to navigate their way without His physical presence. Since Easter Sunday, they had heard the testimony of the women and other witnesses but they were not convinced. Feelings of hopelessness can be powerful emotions leading to dark and low moods and can adversely affect the way people see themselves, other people or even the world around them.



This was quite true of the early disciples of Christ - as we see in the story of the two disciples on their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus. This was a journey of despair, shocking disappointment and uncontrollable grief. The journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus was not just a long walk of seven miles, but also a sad walk.

Before Christ called His disciples, they each had a life and a daily routine filled with essential tasks. These they abandoned to follow Christ because they were impressed by His messages, teachings and deeds. Christ came across to them as a great prophet by the things He said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people. They had hoped He would be the One to set Israel free. However, since the events of Good Friday, when Jesus Christ was scourged, crucified and died, the disciples had been left in a state of shock and utter disbelief. All their hopes and dreams appeared to have been shattered. As previously said, they had heard the witness of the women, which they found unconvincing. Some of their fellow men had gone to the tomb themselves, and found the tomb as the women said - but they did not see Jesus.

The whole thing seemed inexplicable to the two disciples on the walk to Emmaus. There was all the poignant, wistful, bewildered regret in the world in their story of lament and sorrow. 'Our hope had been that He would be the One to set Israel free.' These were words of a people whose whole dreams, expectations and lives appeared to have fallen into pieces. Interestingly, as these disciples were wallowing in self-regret and disappointment, the Risen Lord appeared to them in a gentle way. The ability of Christ to make sense of things which might seem inexplicable was obvious as He engaged with them.

At any point in our journey of life, when heavy blows are thrown at us in the form of sickness, death, divorce, separation or financial difficulty, our faith in the risen Lord reassures us. Even in those bewildering times, Christ walks with us and He makes sense of the things we find inexplicable. The risen Lord will not abandon us. 'He promised to be with us till the end of time', (Matthew 28:20).

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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 (During School Term)

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

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The two disciples on the walk to Emmaus recognised the risen Lord at the breaking of the Bread.

In all our Eucharistic celebrations, we gather to remember and celebrate the sacrifice of Jesus, and to be nourished by His Body and Blood. Worthy of mention is the fact that we recognise Christ's presence not only in the Body and Blood but in the person of the minister; in the Word of God; and in every brother and sister in Christ with whom we have gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. We pray that that our eyes may be always opened and our hearts transformed as we encounter Christ in the many ways He is present to us. Then, the end of each Mass will see us going forth as joyful witnesses, glorying the Lord by our life of joy, love, compassion and generosity. Wishing us all a great and blessed week.

God bless you all.
Fr. John

ANZAC Day Mass

Tuesday 25 April at 7:00am, St Gerards
Sausage Sizzle B/fast to follow Mass

ALL welcome.



ANZAC DAY
Lest We Forget
25 APRIL

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities
for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Two: Reshaping Parish Communities

"Our current structures are based upon the facts of an earlier time and our current mode of provision is unsustainable. In the cities at least we have too many parishes and too many churches. Urban parishes were established on the assumption that people had to be able to walk to church and at a time when the numbers attending Mass were much larger. Many of our parishes are pressed financially and cannot provide the range of services which a missionary Church requires. Therefore, we need - sensibly and over time - to move towards larger configurations of a community of communities where the concentration of personnel and the sharing of resources would allow a greater range of services for the sake of the Gospel."



Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

Genevieve Lily Magnay Clancy

Liam Antonio Jenkinson

Oluomachi Adaora Echewodo

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.

Reflection Day

New Date - 3rd May



Attention Ladies, The Reflection Day which was planned for Lent is now going to happen on Wednesday 3rd May

9.30 am - 2.30 pm.

I know we did mention the 10th May but that also seemed to hold problems for people. SO -

DATE: 3rd May

VENUE: Parish Meeting Room.

COST: \$20 (if possible for you)

RSVP - very important: Thursday 27th April to the Parish Office.

Sr. Carmel

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Brief Messages

Name Badges

If you ordered a name badge please collect your badge from the Office.

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.

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Retreat opportunities. See noticeboard or website:
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Reception of Communion from the Chalice

We are now able to re-introduce the practice of receiving communion from the chalice.

We are aware that some parishioners may not be comfortable with the relaxation of these practices as COVID-19 still remains a health risk in the community. Please only do what you are comfortable with. The health of all in our Parish Community is our highest priority. Of course, if you are unwell, you should really stay home and in any case, should refrain from receiving from the chalice or on the tongue.

Process

To begin with, we shall start with 2 ministers of the Precious Blood at each Mass with a limited quantity of wine to be consecrated. We shall amend the arrangements as time goes by depending on demand.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Stewardship

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" LUKE24:32

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

(Accessed on April 17, 2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weeklybible-reflections)

Safeguarding Updates. 18 April 2023

This week parishes received, from the Archdiocese, updated information on safeguarding training effective from April 17, 2023. In short, there are now two training modules, Safeguarding Training Essentials (Level 1), and Safeguarding Training (Level 2) *Working with Children*. The Safeguarding Trainings are required to be refreshed every 2 years.

You can find these training modules by accessing the Archdiocesan website: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>

Safeguarding Essentials (Level 1):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOHA_4Ls2jw

Safeguarding Training (Level 2):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AASkl-SrIA>

After viewing the training module, volunteers are to complete the 'Safeguarding Training – Confirmation of Completion Form' and return it to the parish office for verification and registering with the People & Culture (HR) office.

The Archdiocese informs that:

Safeguarding training must be completed at least every 2 years. Those who are due to complete the training are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Compliance with safeguarding training requirements is reviewed regularly and assessed during safeguarding audits. Non-compliance is reported to the Vicar-General.

Compliance

The Archdiocese also informs that those volunteer roles that require Police Checks are reviewed by the Office for Safeguarding Services regularly and assessed during safeguarding audits. Non-compliance is reported to the Vicar-General. And, of course, you must have a current Blue Card if you are working and interacting with children or deliberating on any child-related issues and decisions.

I will contact those volunteers who need to update their Safeguarding Training and identify which module you need to refresh and/or complete.

Carmela Knauth – Local Safeguarding Representative

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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

30 April 2023 - Fourth SUNDAY of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Psalm: Psalm 22: 1-6,

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 20-25

Gospel: John 10: 1-10

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
16/04/23	273.00	572.00	1552.70	\$2397.70

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: 24 - 28 Apr 2023

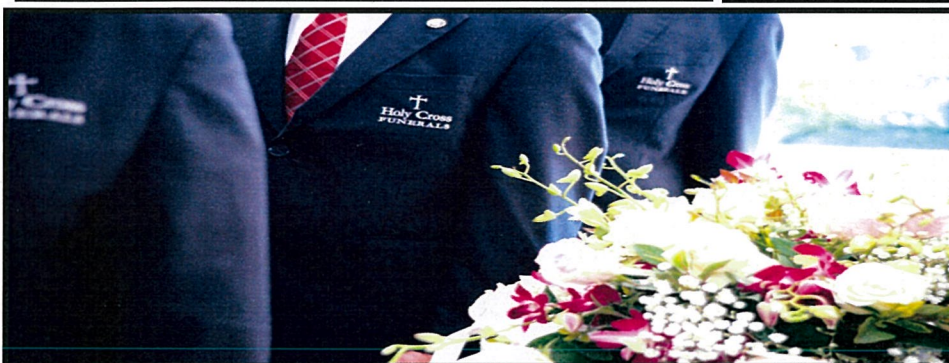
Thurs 27/4 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10:00am

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Monday to Friday 9:30am to 1:30pm

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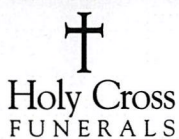
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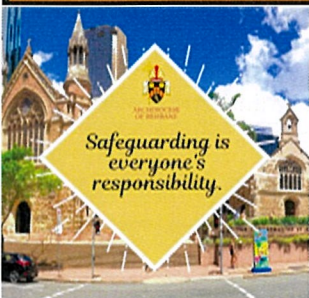
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