

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 30th April 2023 *Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A*

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,
Traditionally, the fourth Sunday of Easter is known as "Good Shepherd Sunday". The allegory of the good shepherd has a strongly paschal character and, for this reason, the Church proposes it for our reflection during this Easter season. The readings, especially the gospel, elaborate on this theme of shepherding. The Old Testament is replete with images of God as the shepherd, and the people as God's flock. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want," (Psalm 23:1). "You led your people like a flock. You led them by the hands of Moses and Aaron," (Psalm 77:20). "Shepherd of Israel, hear us. You lead the people of Joseph like a flock. You sit on your throne between the cherubim. Show your glory," (Psalm 80:1). "He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His Hand," (Psalm 95:7). "We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture," (100:3). The depiction of God as the shepherd was not limited to God alone but it was also extended to the Messiah, God's Anointed. Isaiah prophesized of the Messiah thus: "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are young" (Isaiah 40:11).



In the gospel of this weekend, Christ not only refers to Himself as the Good Shepherd but also as the door of the sheep. As the door of the sheep, Christ is the only legitimate way in and out of the sheepfold. It is only through Christ that we, the sheep, can safely enter into the sheepfold, and it is through Christ that we can go out in search of nurturing pasture. Jesus Christ is our protection and shield. Sickness, adversities, problems and challenges are bound to come to us (John 16: 33), but with Christ as our Good Shepherd and the door of the sheep, we can be sure that nothing can harm or destroy us. This indeed is a great news and a cause of joy for us as we continue every day to navigate our way through transient life.

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter too, we also celebrate Vocation Sunday. When we hear of the word 'vocation,' we often think of the special calling some people have received to serve God and humanity either as priests, deacons, religious sisters or brothers, or as consecrated brothers and sisters.

While this is true in one sense, it is important to note that it is a very limited understanding of what vocation means. From its etymological meaning, vocation has its root in the Latin word, '*vocatio*,' which means 'a call, summons.' None of us is here by chance. There is a reason and purpose for our life. God brought us into life for that reason and that purpose. "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born, I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations," (Jeremiah 1:5). The God who knew us right from the moment of conception has a plan for our life and reason for our existence.

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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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We go through life every day trying to figure out why we are here, who we are and what we have been called to do. Whether as an ordained minister, married, single or religious brother or sister, we live our life each day trying to know and live out our vocation, for it is in knowing and living out our vocation that we find fulfilment in life. In fact, we are truly alive when we 'know, embrace, and live out' our vocation - our calling and the reason and purpose behind our existence.

May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire us as we continue to discern our vocation everyday - whatever it might be, and may we always find joy in the great realisation that each of us is important and has significant contributions to make in the growth of humanity.

God bless you all.
Fr. John

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Three: Bringing Cultural Communities to the Centre

"The face of the Church around the world is changing as the centre of gravity shifts from places like Europe and North America (and Australia) to Africa, Asia and Latin America...

Certainly in the Archdiocese the presence of people who have come from overseas - from Vietnam, the Philippines, the Pacific islands, India, Sri Lanka, Latin America, Africa - is growing stronger...

These large and growing communities have gifts for the whole Church, and increasingly the centre of gravity in the Church here is moving in their direction. Therefore, they have to be brought more to centre-stage in the life and mission of the Archdiocese, since much of the real spiritual energy in the Church here is found among them. This again will involve significant cultural change for the whole Church in this part of the world."



Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

CHILDRENS LITURGY - St Gerard's

Children's Liturgy has re-commenced at St Gerard's at the 8:00am Mass from Sunday 23rd of April. Parents & grandparents bring the little ones along to begin their journey to knowing God better.



Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

Charlotte Burger

Jacob Saxby

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

Reminder to those attending the reflection day next Wednesday. Morning tea, tea and coffee provided, **BYO lunch**.



TIME: 9.30 am - 2.30 pm approx.

VENUE: Parish Meeting Room.

COST: \$20 (if possible for you)

Sr. Carmel

Volunteers needed for Morning Tea

We are looking to re-commence Morning Tea after 8.00am Mass on Sundays. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office. Thank You.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

"HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS" - JOHN 8:12

2PM SUNDAY 11 JUNE 2023

Cathedral of St Stephen, BRISBANE CITY



Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

ALSO INCLUDES:

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition (10th - 11th June, Manly Room)

Vigil night Adoration (10th June 7pm - 11th June 8am, Mary Mackillop Chapel)

To watch the livestream of the procession and for information regarding parish bus timetables, visit the website or call 0412 802 122.



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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Brief Messages

Meditation Group will start up again on Monday 1st 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. **The best practice for receiving from the chalice is to take and drink. Intinction/dipping of the sacred host is not allowed.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

Stewardship

“And Peter said to them, Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...” Acts 2:38

The word “repent” means to turn from sin-to change our thoughts, words, and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

(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 Donna Gaske 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

7 May 2023 - Fifth SUNDAY of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 6: 1-7

Psalm: Psalm 32: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4-9

Gospel: John 14: 1-12

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
23/04/23				\$2723.05

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: 1 - 5 May 2023

Wed 3/5 Ladies Reflection Day St G 9.30am
 Thurs 4/5 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10:00am

Op-Shop OPEN

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 (Closed Monday 1st May Labor Day)

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Turrbal Peoples, who have walked this Country in ages past, who walk it now and will walk it in the future. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge their profound connection and respect for the land and waterways of this Country. Spirit and Creator God, may you guide us in the traditions of this land as we walk gently and humbly, in kinship with all of creation.



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