

OUR *Lady* OF THE *Angels* PARISH

Chermside West Wavell Heights

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146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermside West

St Paschal Baylon
30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

SUNDAY 7th May 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

In the gospel of this weekend, we have the farewell speech Jesus gave to His early disciples on the night of His passion, crucifixion and death on the cross. The gospel opens with Jesus saying to them: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and still trust in me." Each time I am at the airport for whatever reason, I am always fascinated and often filled with an overwhelming sense of awe at the depth of emotions shown by family and friends. Every arrival brings with it moments of joy, whereas departure can be a painful experience. I can resonate with these mixed emotions often associated with travelling. The first time I left Nigeria to come to Australia, I appreciated what a painful experience it was for my family, especially my Mum. It was as hard for them as it was for me. My mum died eighteen months after I arrived in Australia, but I think she started dying from the very day I left Nigeria.



The pain often associated with departure can weigh heavily on the human soul and spirit and can create worries and anxieties as we can see in the gospel of this weekend. Jesus knew that in a very short time, the sun was going to set at midday for His disciples and their world was going to collapse into chaos. Christ's consoling words to them were: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still; and trust in me too. In my Father's house there are many rooms. If there were not, I should have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me, so that where I am, you may be," (John 14:1-3).

Anxiety and worry are all parts of the realities of human life. We are prone to fear, distress and apprehension in the face of uncertainty; however, as human beings, we also have an innate capability to trust. In fact, human life would be impossible without this inherent capacity to trust. By nature, we are dependant creatures - this is understandable as no human being has got it all together. We rely on others for the things we are incapable of doing for ourselves. Most of us sleep in houses we have not constructed. We either bought the house or we bought the land and paid some home builders to build it for us. We drive cars we have not manufactured; we rely on the manufacturer's manual for our understanding of its function and operation. Thus, if we can live in houses built by others and drive cars we

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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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Please approach Fr John

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did not manufacture, despite the inconsistencies inherent in humans, then we can trust God, who is ever faithful, reliable and dependable.

The antidote for living life with its constant challenges, is to trust God, 'who keeps in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Him', (Isaiah 26:3). God never abandons nor forsakes those who put their trust in Him. When we are tempted to give up, let us keep our eyes fixed on Christ. "Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still and trust in Him," carries an enduring truth which makes this farewell speech of Christ a living message for all disciples of all times.

As once for the disciples of old, Christ speaks to us daily as we continue on our pilgrimage through this transient life.

**God bless you all.
Fr. John**

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.

St Gerard's Ladies Group

*Invites you to
Biggest Morning Tea
to support Cancer Research*

Date: Thursday 18th May 2023

Time: 10.00am

Venue: In the Parish Hall



Entry \$10 includes Morning Tea & a ticket in the Lucky Door Prize

Raffle tickets available on the day—3 for \$5.00
Come along to support a worthy cause.



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Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Four: Responding to Abuse and the Abused

"In responding to abuse and the abused, we need to move beyond considerations of law and finance... Of course we need to attend to legal and financial matters, but the paramount concern needs to be the good of those abused. Not all victims and survivors look to the Church for spiritual and pastoral accompaniment and care, but some do and others may in time, if ever trust can be established. We can learn from experience elsewhere in seeking to respond more effectively to abuse and the abused. Unless we do, this will remain a gaping wound - certainly for victims and survivors but for the whole Church as well - which makes it hard for us to move in the future."



Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

Extra Ministers of Communion

With the return to the reception of both Body and Blood of Christ, we need extra Ministers to distribute Communion at Mass.

If you would like to volunteer for this important ministry, please take one of the forms at the door of the Church, complete it and hand it in after Mass. Please note that you do not need any special qualifications to undertake this ministry. All Parishioners who regularly receive communion are welcome to volunteer. Some training will be provided and a new roster will be prepared by June.

Please consider if YOU can help. Thank You.

CHILDRENS LITURGY - St Gerard's

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



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Brief Messages

Baptism classes for school aged children will take place on 3 & 10 June at St Gerards' at 3.00pm.

Please contact the Parish office to book in.

JISA FABER—Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality
Retreat opportunities. See noticeboard or website:

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 3359 0239.

Stewardship

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they maybe unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember-no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

(Accessed on April 29,2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weeklybible-reflections)

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

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

On the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 11, over 4000 Catholics will make a public testimony of faith by walking in a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Brisbane city. It will be a colourful display as groups gather from all across the Archdiocese of Brisbane to represent their parish or cultural community.

The Corpus Christi Procession will start and end at the Cathedral of St Stephen and feature prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

The weekend will also feature a Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition (10th-11th June in the Cathedral precinct's Francis Rush Centre) and a vigil night of adoration (10th June from 7pm—11th June 8am, in the Mary MacKillop Chapel).

When: 2pm Sunday 11 June

Where: Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane City

Find out more at www.corpuschristibrisbane.com

VERSE FOR VINNIES - MARCO GLIORI

It's Marco Gliori who's coming,
he's coming on May 28.

He's really a high profiled poet,
with verse you will rank as first-rate.
He'll hold you with awe and with rapture,
he's done it for nigh thirty years.

From Tenterfield, Gympie to Tamworth,
just listen, you'll still hear the cheers.
There's pathos, there's humour and laughter,
applause for our Marco is loud.

But if your not there you won't hear it,
make sure that you're part of the crowd.

And come to this concert for battlers,
those people who struggle with life.

Join Marco as he makes the effort,
so Vinnies can help those in strife.

1.30pm Sunday May 28

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Recently Deceased: Maria Gina Bassi

Anniversaries: Please pray for Peter Trudgian, Brian Martin 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

14 May 2023 - Sixth SUNDAY of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

Psalm: Psalm 65: 1-7, 16, 20

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 15-18

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
30/04/23	262.00	705.00	1793.0	\$2760.90

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: 8 - 12 May 2023

Mon 8/05 Christian Meditation St P 5.30pm

Thurs 11/5 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10:00am

Op-Shop OPEN

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

First Saturday of the Month 8.00am to 12 noon

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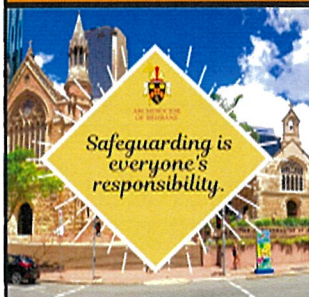
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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Turrbal Peoples, who have walked this Country in ages past, who walk it now and will walk it in the future. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge their profound 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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