

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 4th June 2023 The Most Holy Trinity Year A

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast forms the foundation of our faith as Christians. In fact, it sums up God's revelation which was brought about through the Paschal Mysteries: Christ's death and resurrection, Christ's ascension to the right hand of the Father and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Christianity appears to be the only religion, whose God is a family. God reveals Godself as a communion of persons - one God in three persons. God is not a solitude but a communion, in which the ocean of God's being vibrates with an infinite movement of love, reciprocity, exchange, encounter, family and celebration.

Nowhere in the whole Christian Bible is the word, 'Trinity', explicitly mentioned. However, the entire Bible is replete with the idea or understanding of God as a communion of persons. With amazement we contemplate the mystery of the Trinity when "at the beginning of creation" God says, 'let us make the human persons in our image and likeness'. The image God speaks about before the creation of the human beings is not that of the exclusive image of the Creator, nor of the Spirit, nor of the eternal Word of God, but it is of all the three persons in the Godhead.

In the second reading of this weekend, Saint Paul concludes his letter to the Corinthians thus: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." This is a very familiar passage for us. It is often used as the greeting at the beginning of Mass. While this is a greeting *cum* prayer, it is also a profession of faith in the God who reveals Himself as 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit.'

Our entire celebration of the mass is focussed on the Trinitarian mystery. When we were baptised, we were baptised "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". Every time we cross ourselves with the sign of the Cross, we remember God's name in which we were baptized. Remarking on the profound significance of the sign of the Cross, a one-time German Catholic priest, philosopher and theologian, Romano Guardini, wrote: "we do it before praying so that... we may put ourselves spiritually in order; focus thoughts, heart and will on God; after praying, so that what God has given us may remain within us.... It embraces the whole being, body and soul... and everything is consecrated in the name of the Triune God".

The doctrine of the Trinity has remained for us a mystery which puzzles and doesn't always seem to capture our imagination. This is why we can easily be drawn into the impression that the doctrine is nothing more than a truth to be believed but with little or no existential implications in our daily life. The doctrine of the Trinity, when

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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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life for every believer. Whenever we reflect on the life of the God who reveals Himself as the Father (the source of love), the Son (the Beloved) and the Holy Spirit (Love), we catch a glimpse of how we can live and dwell in unity and love with people who might be different from us. This is the beginning of our understanding of God, and it is here that we can find and discover ourselves as human beings who are made in God's image and likeness. By nature, we are not made to be alone. Regardless of how much we sometimes cling to our personal space, the fact remains that there is also in every human being an irrepressible yearning for community, solidarity and love.

May the grace, which flows from our celebration of the feast of the Most Blessed Trinity, bring love and unity into the life of every Christian, our families, our Church and our world.

God bless you all
Fr. John

Funeral Notice

Requiem Mass for the late
Mr Gilbert Luk

St Paschal's Catholic Church

11.00am Wednesday, 7th June 2023

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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.

Majella Early Years Centre News

This week we have been celebrating Reconciliation week. Our children have engaged in many activities including a nature themed sensory tray! Our friends spent most of the morning gathered around the tray scooping rice with seedpods, arranging the wood chips and shiny stones, examining the painted leaves, and engaging with the different Australian animals. One of our other rooms have celebrated by looking at indigenous culture through music, clapping, books and musical instruments. Our older children read the book the rainbow snake. They painted the paper plate using the rainbow colours and brushes using their imagination. They also crawled like snakes.

We love to celebrate and recognise many cultures at our centre each week. If you have any special activities or cultural activities you would like to do with our children you are more than welcome to come in and volunteer to do this with the children.

Please call 0428 667 349 or
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Save the Date

Christmas in July Dinner

Friday 21 July



A St Gerard's Parish Community Social Event.

More details coming soon.

Stewardship

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son"

JOHN 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

(Accessed on May 26, 2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weeklybible-reflections)

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Brief Messages

Morning tea after 8.00am mass has recommenced.
Please join us for a cuppa.

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www.jisa.org.au

Office Phone Issue

The office phone is currently not working. Until this issue is sorted the office can be contacted on the Parish Emergency Number **0493 636 632**.

St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal has commenced and on behalf of our members we ask for your support in helping those in need by making a donation to this appeal.

Members of both St Gerard and St Paschal Conferences would like to sincerely thank parishioners who have contributed so generously already.

All your donations will go directly to where they are needed in Chermside, Chermside West, and Wavell Heights area.

Throughout the year the St Vincent de Paul Society members in our parish strive to be the hand and heart of Christ to those living in poverty. Please give generously to our appeal by placing a donation in the Society's envelopes.

Envelopes will be on the seats and at the back of the church for the next 3 weeks. Please include your postal address if you require a receipt for taxation purposes.

Health and Safety - 02-06-2023

Although the Parish appreciates that dogs and pets are an important part of life for many of OLA's families and volunteers, however, it also acknowledges that bringing dogs into a child-focused environment and around elderly, unsteady people, carries with it the risk of physical injury to children and adults, no matter how friendly or well-controlled those dogs may be. Having dogs on Parish property may create anxiety for those children or adults who may find contact with dogs frightening.

Those involved in the care and use of animals should be aware of the potential disease hazards and other associated occupational health and safety issues and manage risks according to the Parish's risk management process. Apart from injuries which may occur due to trip hazards and falls caused by dogs being underfoot, unruly, animated, and lively, there are a variety of infectious diseases (Zoonotic diseases) that are transmissible from various animals to humans. There is also the issue of appropriate dog and animal hygiene.

Service dogs (seeing-eye, hearing assistance, etc) are allowed on Parish property with their owners.

Carmela Knauth – WH&S coordinator with authorization and support from Father John.

Blue Card News – May 2023 Issue

Blue Card Obligations

Just like blue card holders and applicants have obligations they must comply with under the Blue Card system, so too do employer organisations.

Obligations for regulated employer organisations (our employer organisation is The Archdiocese of Brisbane) include:

- not starting a person in any child-related work without a valid blue or exemption card,
- taking reasonable steps to confirm the card holder's identity,
- linking a card holder when they start as a volunteer in Our Lady of the Angels' Parish, Chermside,
- de-linking a card holder when they leave their volunteer role in OLA Parish,
- for the Archdiocese, through information and support from the Parishes, to maintain a register of people engaged in interacting with children,
- developing and implementing a child and youth risk management strategy, and
- letting Blue Card Services know when there is a change in the organisational protocols.

Failure to comply with the Blue Card laws can be an offence and could result in penalties for non-compliance – not only to the employer organisation, but also to the individual.

Carmela Knauth – Local Safeguarding Representative and Work Health & Safety Coordinator – 30 May 2023

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Please pray for Alfonso Daglo, Gilbert Luk, Sebastian Paul 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

11 June 2023 - Corpus Christi

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16

Psalm: Psalm 147: 12-15, 19-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

Gospel: John 6: 51-58

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Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
28/05/23	276.50	596.50	1707.75	\$2580.75

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: 5 - 9 June 2023

Mon 5/06 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm

Thurs 8/06 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10:00am

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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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