

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 11th June 2023

Corpus Christi Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

Following the celebration of the Feast of the Most Holy Blessed Trinity last weekend, we celebrate this weekend the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as 'Corpus Christi'. The Solemnity of 'Corpus Christi' originated in France in the mid-13th century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. Since its inauguration, the feast of 'Corpus Christi' has been celebrated as an act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who, by instituting the Holy Eucharist, gave us our greatest treasure-the gifts of His Body and Blood.



We believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament, a profound mystery and doctrine of the Church, which is based upon the words of Christ Himself. As an official doctrine of the Church, it states that, with the words of consecration, the whole of Christ is truly present – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – under the appearances of bread and wine. "God is not a human being, that He should lie, not a human being, that He should change His mind. Does God speak and then not act? Does God promise and not fulfill?" (Numbers 23:19).

While there is no scientific evidence, or definite proof or factual explanation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, our belief has its origin and foundation on the words of Christ Himself. On the night of the Last Supper, Christ took a piece of bread and said, "This is my body" (Mt 26:26), and He also took a cup filled with wine and said, "This is my blood" (Mt 26:28). Christ couldn't have said what He didn't mean and it's because of our belief in what He said that we accept and uphold our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Christ is the truth (Jn 14:6). Saint Cyril of Alexandria once wrote, 'do not doubt whether it's true that Christ is truly present – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – under the appearances of bread and wine, but rather receive the words of the Saviour in faith, for since He is truth, He cannot lie.'

The inexhaustible richness of the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood is expressed in the different names we give it. Each name evokes certain aspects of it. It is called "Eucharist," because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. It is also called: 'The Last Supper,' because of its connection with the supper Jesus Christ had with His disciples on the eve of His Passion and because it also anticipates the wedding feast of the Lamb in the heavenly Jerusalem. At every Mass, we are connected to the Last Supper and we share in that wonderful meal in which Jesus Christ made present, in a unique way, what He was to achieve through His death and resurrection.

Without the eye of faith, it can be difficult to believe that the ordinary bread and wine we use in the Mass can become the Body and Blood of Jesus - there is no physical change, there is no difference in the taste; the bread still tastes like bread and the wine still tastes like wine. In fact, it simply goes against logic to say that the bread and wine do change into the Body and Blood of Jesus without any physical change. However, after epiclesis or invocations of the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine, the bread ceases to be ordinary bread and the wine ceases to be ordinary wine. They become the Body and Blood of Christ, a work of the Holy Spirit and a mystery of our faith. When we open ourselves to the effects of God's spirit within the liturgical action, we bring the Liturgy into our lives; and we become transformed too.

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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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In the gospel of this weekend, the Jews who were listening to Jesus knew that Jesus was not speaking in metaphors and symbols; otherwise, they would not have 'quarrelled among themselves, saying, "how can this man give us His flesh to eat?" (John 6:52). They knew what Jesus was offering them but they could not embrace and accept it then - due to their lack of faith.

As Christians, like the Jews in this gospel, we can struggle to understand the 'Real Presence' of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament if we do not walk by faith. Saint Paul says, in the Christian life 'we walk by faith and not by sight' (2 Cor 5:7). We need to have faith to be able to experience the miracles performed every day around the world, through the celebration of the Eucharist. Going to mass and receiving Holy Communion offers us a unique moment of encounter with Jesus Christ.

However, our deep and personal encounter with Christ becomes more real and profound if we go beyond the surface of memorised prayers, and gestures in the Mass, and become another Body and Blood of Christ as we are commissioned at the end of each Mass to 'Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life' of love and service to others.

God bless you all
Fr. John

150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen

The Archbishop has launched a year of celebration for the 150th anniversary of the Opening and Blessing of the Cathedral of St. Stephen. There will be a number of celebrations throughout the next twelve months.

This month of June we will be celebrating the story of Ordinations in the Cathedral. Parishioners are invited to attend **10am Mass on Wednesday, June 28th**, at the Cathedral as we celebrate and acknowledge all those who have been ordained in the Cathedral throughout



its history. Archbishop Coleridge will preside and refreshments will be provided afterwards. Come along and give thanks for the gift of service of the ordained ministers of our local church.

Stay tuned for news about more commemorations over the course of this year-long celebration.

Corpus Christi Procession 2PM Sunday 11TH JUNE 2023

The bus will call at Holy Spirit Church Bray Park at 12 noon, then to St Flannan's Church Zillmere by 12.15pm and finally at Church of Our Lady and St Dymphna around 12.20pm. Please arrive early to catch the bus as these times are approximate only.

Enquiries to Louise Mobile no. 0407 023 603.

The bus will return at 4pm in reverse order.

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

Alegra Compay

Margot, Evie & Harry Shaw

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.

Thank You

A big thank you to all those who helped out with Gilbert Luk's funeral. Your support and kindness is very much appreciated.

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**.

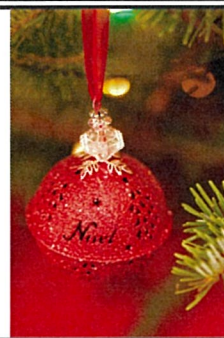
Communion to the Housebound

There is a lady from the St Paschal's community who is now housebound and would like to receive communion at home. If there is anyone from either St Paschal's (preferable as she attended mass at St Paschal's) or St Gerard's who can take communion to this lady on a regular basis, please phone the Parish Office on 0493 636 632 if you can assist and to get further information. Thank you in anticipation.

Save the Date

**Christmas in July Dinner
Friday 21 July**

*An Our Lady of the Angels' Parish
Community Social Event.
More details coming soon.*



Stewardship

"Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." | CORINTHIANS 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. We are called to be fed and to feed others. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our road map to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

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

Brief Messages

Tax Receipts for **CARITAS** can be collected from the entrance at both churches.

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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 Chermshire, Chermshire 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.

Majella Early Years Centre News

This week at Majella Early Years Centre we have been *super Busy*.

Our Nursery children have enjoyed exploring cause and effect with bubbles, sound toys and push and pull toys. They have discovered that the bubble machine moves around and the bubbles come out for them to play with.

Our Junior Toddlers have enjoyed their sensory tray, our friends enjoyed scooping, pouring, mixing, sorting and experimenting with the mix of colourful lentils and beans. Many of our friends happily chanted 'beans beans beans!' as they worked. It was very satisfying to fill a cup or container with them and slowly pour them out again causing them to trickle back into the tray

Our Junior Kindy children have been busy learning about colours. They have spoken about different colours and how to mix colours together. They have been doing surveys at group times to see what was the popular colour with all the children.

Our Kindy children have been doing measurement/mathematical activities. They have been doing some number recognition with their names and have identified how many letters are in their names and to which friends have short names and who has long names. They used some m & m's to associate how many letters are in their name to the number.

We also had an incursion of Surfer Sam who came and spoke to the children about sun and ocean safety for ocean week.

We currently have some vaccines in our rooms. Please give us a call on 0428667349 if you are looking for child care.

The Majella Early Years Team



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

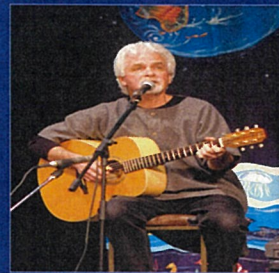
Sacramental News



To all the children who received **1st Holy Communion** this weekend. The parish community of Our Lady of the Angels congratulates you. We pray that this is just the beginning of a wonderful faith-filled life.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Dianne and the sacramental team for all their hard work in preparing the children for this very special time.

For students in year 3 or others not yet confirmed, the enrolment form will be available from 16th June on our website, at Mass or from the school office.



Composer of 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes, Where is your Song, my Lord'

PETER KEARNEY
Concert-Reflection

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Recently Deceased: Stephen Gerard Smith

Anniversaries: Please pray for Alfonso Daglo, Sebastian Paul, Joan Morton 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

18 June 2023 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 19: 2-6

Psalm: Psalm 99: 2-3, 5

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 6-11

Gospel: Matthew 9:36—10:8

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
4/06/23	\$351.30	\$646.00	\$2068.40	\$3065.70

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: 12 - 16 June 2023

Mon 12/06 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm

Thurs 15/06 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10:00am

Fri 16/06 Youth Group St G 6.00pm

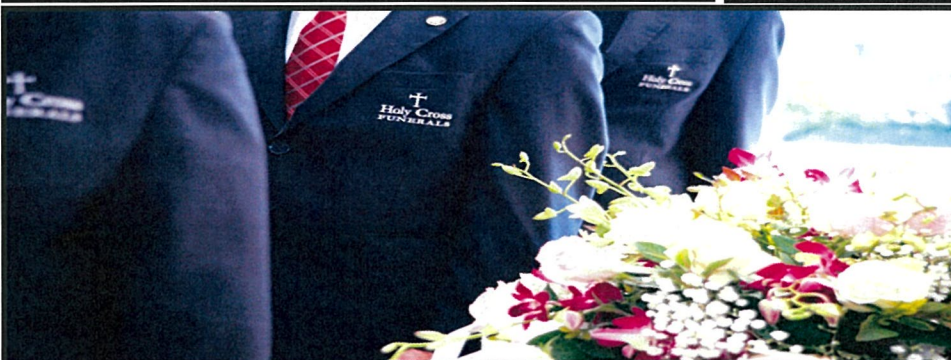
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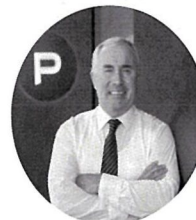
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