

# 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 25th June 2023 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

It is indisputable that the whole world is still suffering from the devastating after-effects of the Covid-19 pandemic - and these ongoing effects, in addition to global conflicts and many other forms of natural disasters are making cost of living more and more expensive.



While speaking with one of my nephews few weeks ago, he remarked how 'the cost of living is killing the living' in Nigeria. It sounded like a joke but it is true that the cost of living is actually killing the living. However, it is not only in Nigeria that the high of cost of living is killing the living; it is a global phenomenon. We are witnessing firsthand how people in Australia are struggling to afford basic necessities of life like food, clothing and shelter. These days people are forced into homelessness by increasing cost of living pressures, sickness, loss of job, death of a loved one, mental illness, break down in marriage or relationship. A combination of these problems leaves families unable to pay their rent and at risk of homelessness. Interestingly, as the Saint Vincent de Paul members embark on their winter appeal, we are challenged to reflect on this fundamental question: "What if your Mum, grandma or sister became homeless?" Homelessness is all around us, and it is happening to a lot of people through no fault of their own.

And yet the gospel of this weekend encourages us amongst other things to reflect on the detailed care of God. "Do not be afraid, you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows," Jesus says (Matthew 10:31). In this gospel pericope, Christ used the imagery from the world of nature to illustrate the providence of God. The cost of living might be metaphorically killing the living and plunging many families into untold suffering and poverty; but the good news is that God still loves and cares for us. The God who made heaven and earth, (Psalm 146:6) and who controls the history of human race, is the God who can and will provide for all our needs. The provision of our daily needs is just as much as an act of God as the act of creation of heaven and earth. The first reading portrayed the challenges and opposition Prophet Jeremiah faced in fulfilling his vocation as a prophet. Despite these challenges, Jeremiah remained steadfast, exemplifying unwavering faith and trust in God's love and capacity to provide. It's the same theme of reliance on God's providence and care which is being stressed in the gospel.

For a world that is stifled with fear and where many people go to bed uncertain about what the morning will bring, Christ knew we needed to hear these words: "Do not be afraid." It is said that fear is the greatest enemy of the human person. We sometimes become afraid and worried about life in general. With the dangerously high cost of living, our fears have increased.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is good news to those who believe. The good news is meant to encourage and strengthen our resolve to stand firm in our journey of faith, even in the face of daily rise of cost of living. Everything will be okay as we know God will stand by us even in the darkest times. Change is the only constant. Global inflation and the rising cost of living will eventually pass away.

In the words of Saint Teresa of Avila, "Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things are passing, God is unchanging. Patience gains all; nothing is lacking to those who have God: God alone is sufficient."

God bless you all

Fr. John

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### PARISH SCHOOL

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### Leadership Team:

Principal: Mr Matthew Beacroft

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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

RECONCILIATION is available after Parish Mass  
Please approach Fr John

### STOPline Service 1300 304 550

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**Christmas In July** last year was a resounding success. Come *celebrate* again this year.

### **Aussie Christmas in July**

**Friday 21, July at 6:30pm**

**At St Gerard's Church**

A sumptuous hot Christmas Buffet including dessert. BYO drinks and glasses.

**Adults \$40**

**Children 4-14yo \$20**

Bookings now open on the Parish website

[www.olaparishchermide.org.au](http://www.olaparishchermide.org.au)

or collect a Booking Form from the Church Entrance.



### **Our Lady of the Angels' Parish**

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

*Jack Phillipott*

*Vincent Serisier*

*Niamh Farrell*

*Aoife Hampson*

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.

*Baptism preparation sessions will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at St Paschal's Church following a Welcome Mass at 9:30 a.m. During mass the family will be presented with their child(ren)'s Baptismal candle to keep for the day of their baptism.*

### **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**.

### **Sacramental News**

**For students in year 3 or others not yet confirmed, the enrolment forms are available on our website, at Mass or from the school office.**



### **MAX2023 BEHOLD**

A National Gathering of Catholic Men.

See the date claimer attached—**July 14/16**.

Use this link for registration—

### **Stewardship**

*"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."*

**MATTHEW 10:32**

*Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!*

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



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Mancini Magic  
Salute to the Big Bands  
Fantasia on Greensleeves  
Titanic Medley

### **GUEST ARTISTS**

Our Lady of the Angels  
Primary School Choir  
Conducted by  
Debra Todhunter

## **FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST, 7PM**

St Paschal's Catholic Church  
30 Warraba Ave.  
Wavell Heights

Tickets purchased at:  
[www.olaparishchermide.org.au](http://www.olaparishchermide.org.au)

or contact the office

**0493 636 632**

Tickets - \$35 (inc. light supper)

Tickets at the door if not previously sold out

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## Brief Messages

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

### Position Vacant—Sacramental Coordinator

Chermside Catholic Parish is seeking applications for the position of a Parish Sacramental Coordinator. This is a casual position offering flexible hours.

To apply, please use this link -

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=718538>

### Attention – Ladies of the Parish

For those of you who attended the recent shortened reflection day and who wish to continue what we began, this will happen on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> July from 9.30 – 12.30pm. Anyone else who couldn't come to that day is welcome to join the group for this shortened version.

**RSVP:** by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July to Parish Office

**Venue:** Meeting Room at St. Gerard's Church  
Sr. Carmel

### How the Local Safeguarding Representative works in the Parish.

The LSR's role works across 3 Archdiocesan Services:

People & Culture (HR),  
Office for Safeguarding Services, and  
Work Health and Safety.



The LSR helps and keeps our parish community safe from harm and abuse by creating safe environments where everyone can flourish and participate in Parish activities happily and safely, especially those considered vulnerable like children, young people, and/or adults at risk. This is achieved by incorporating the codes of practices of the Services of People & Culture, Office for Safeguarding, and Work Health and Safety.

Carmela Knauth – LSR – 20 June 2023

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility**

## Christian Meditation Group

You are invited to attend the Christian Meditation Group on Monday afternoons at St Paschal's Church from 5.45pm to 6.30pm. After listening to a short taped teaching by Fr Laurence Freeman (Director of World Community of Christian Meditation-WCCM), there is about 20 minutes of silent meditation where you are encouraged to recite a prayer word/mantra to help still your mind and then there is closing scripture and prayer.

**Any enquiries, please call Susie on 33598997.**



**Peter Kearney Concert-Reflection**

**SIGNS of HOPE – PEOPLE of FAITH**

**SONGS & STORIES**

Songs linked by stories and reflections about people whose faithful lives have brought compassion, hope and justice into our world.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 6.30pm**  
**St. Paschal's Catholic Church**  
**30 Warraba Ave**  
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**Recently Deceased:** Ron James

**Anniversaries:** Please pray for Derek Parkinson, and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

**Sick:** Please pray for Greg Kelly and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of the Sick.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2 July 2023 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Psalm: Psalm 88:2-3, 16-19

2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

## OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
18/06/23	\$	\$	\$	<b>\$3016.90</b>

*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: 26 - 30 June 2023

Mon 26/06 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm

Thurs 29/06 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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<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>



*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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