

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 9th July 2023 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

It is often said that experience is the best teacher. This old-time proverb which was first attributed to Julius Caesar, appears to be obvious in the first part of the gospel this weekend, as Jesus speaks out of experience of rejection on the one hand from the Scribes and Pharisees and, on the other hand, of appreciation, warmth reception and acceptance from those who have the compliance of infants and the child-like eagerness for knowledge. The proud and haughty scribes and Pharisees could not warm to Jesus and the message of the good news. They were narrow-minded and egotistical. They thought they knew Christ well and they were convinced that nothing Christ said or did would ever make sense to them. After all, they belonged to the class of the rich and learned and Jesus was the son of the poor carpenter and Mary. What could the Galilean have to offer them? 'Perhaps nothing,' they maintained. However, while they who 'claimed to belong to the class of the rich and learned' turned their backs against Jesus, the poor and the lowliest in the land embraced and accepted Him. Therefore, overwhelmed by this whole mixture of experiences, Jesus exclaimed: "I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children."

A literal reading and interpretation of this passage might suggest that Jesus was connecting ignorance with faith or condemning intellectual power or even belittling the rich and the clever. This is far from being the case. What Jesus was condemning in this gospel pericope was intellectual pride and arrogance. As it has been said, 'it is not cleverness which shuts out; it is pride. It is not stupidity which admits; it is humility. Someone may be as wise as Solomon, but lack the simplicity, the trust, the innocence of the childlike heart.' In the Christian journey, humility and faith must always go hand in hand. If someone is exceptionally brilliant and gifted, but lacks true simplicity and a childlike mind, that person has just missed the mark.

The history of the world is replete with stories of people who saw religion as an enemy of real learning. I once read a book titled: "Answering the new atheism: dismantling Dawkins' case against God" written by Scott Hann & Benjamin Wiker. They set out to achieve in their book to expose and debunk Dawkins' unwavering confidence in the non-existence of God - and the basic tools they employed were natural reason, and their individual sense of faith in God.

Christian faith has never just been a matter of subscribing to statements made by past believers. The faith is intelligible and rational. 1 Peter 1:15 says; '... honour the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a rational defence, (account) to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you. But do this with gentleness and respect'. Faith and reason have often been seen as the twin elements out of which many theological systems have emerged. In 1998, Pope Saint John Paul II, wrote an encyclical letter entitled: Fides et Ratio (Faith and Reason), where he argued that they are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth—in a word, to know oneself—so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves". Jesus says that true knowledge of God can only come from Him. Those who rest on their intellectual prowess will always miss out on the ultimate wisdom Jesus bestows on all who truly come to Him. Jesus is wisdom par excellence - the ultimate desire of the human heart and the only real longing of the human soul.

May Jesus Christ always be for us, the ultimate longing of our souls and the 'one and only desire' of our hearts.

Wishing you all a blessed new week ahead.

God bless you all, Fr. John

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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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The issue with the office phone has now been fixed. Please call the landline instead of the Emergency Mobile.

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.olaparishchermside.org.au

or collect a Booking Form from the Church Entrance.

Please respond by **Friday 14 July** to enable numbers for catering to be finalised.

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 12th 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 7th July to Parish Office

Venue: Meeting Room at St. Gerard's Church

Sr. Carmel

Please bring along your book.

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.

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>

Reception of the Sacred Blood of Christ

During the colder weather with the threat of Covid and the Flu still with us, we have taken the decision to discontinue the reception of the Sacred Blood during communion at all Masses as from this weekend.

The position will be reviewed later in the year.

MAX2023 BEHOLD

A National Gathering of Catholic Men.

July 14/16.

Use this link for registration--

<https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2023BNE>

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

Charlotte Yorke

Lincoln & Felicity White

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 1st 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.

Annual Mass

Annual Mass for all Marist St Joseph, St Mary's and St Pope Paul VI College Old Pupils —Samoa.

Date: 16 July 2023

Time: 11.30am

Venue: St Gerard's Catholic Church



Brisbane City Pops Orchestra
Conducted by Neil Flottmann

Golden Memories

HIGHLIGHTS

Golden Wedding
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.olaparishchermside.org.au
or contact the office
Ph: 33590239

Tickets - \$35 (inc. light supper)

Tickets at the door if not previously sold out

www.bcpo.org.au



Stewardship

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Matthew 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

(Accessed on June 23, 2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weeklybible-reflections)

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 mantra to help still your mind and then there is closing scripture and prayer.

"This exercise of meditation, exercising this muscle of attention is something that works, even though you may not feel at the time that it is working. But the fruit of the Spirit begins to, to grow and express itself afterwards."

Fr Laurence Freeman.

Any enquiries, please call Susie on 3359 8997.

Blue Card News – June 2023 Replacement Cards

Has your blue or exemption card been misplaced or stolen? Card holders must notify us within **14 days** if this happens. By notifying Blue Card Services, we can immediately disable the blue or exemption card and issue a replacement card if requested. This ensures that the card holder's information remains secure and allows the card holder to continue working with kids while the new card is making its way to them in the post.
Carmela Knauth – Local Safeguarding Representative and Work Health and Safety Coordinator – 30 June 2023

New Volunteers Needed for Wheller Gardens

Additional volunteers are needed to visit and take communion to residents at Wheller Gardens. Commitment would be for fortnightly visits usually on Tuesday mornings.

If you are interested in finding out more about this much-needed local ministry, please add your name to the list at the doors of the Church this weekend. Those who respond will be invited to an information session where the requirements and procedures will be explained. Thank You.

Women's Night of Spirituality

Tuesday 25 July at 7.00PM—St Ignatius Church, Kensington Tce, Toowong.

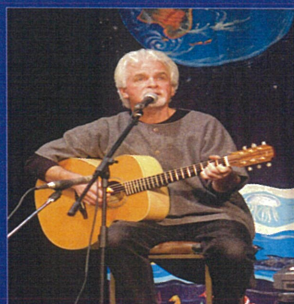
The event will take the format of a panel to discuss "Nurturing the nurturer" – how does a person in a nurturing role, sustain their own spirit?

Entry by donation & supper provided.

Please mark the date in your calendar.

See further details on event flyer available on parish website www.stignatiustoowong.org.au

This event will be livestreamed on the night and the link will be available via parish website www.stignatiustoowong.org.au



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

PETER KEARNEY
Concert-Reflection

**SIGNS OF HOPE
PEOPLE OF FAITH**

- Songs & Stories

Thursday 3rd August, 6.30pm
St. Paschal's Catholic Church
30 Warraba Ave

WAVELL HEIGHTS
Donations welcome.

St Rita's College—Clayfield

Open Day

Friday 14th July 2023 - 3.30pm—6.30pm

RCIA Team

I am forming a new team of Parish volunteers (RCIA Team) to support adult enquirers in their spiritual journey towards joining the Catholic Church. If you are drawn towards sharing your giftedness in this vital ministry, please speak to me or email the Parish Office providing contact details and a brief outline of your personal background and I will contact you.

God Bless,

Fr John

Queensland Irish Choir

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A Celtic Winter

An afternoon filled with Songs and Music

CHERMESIDE

2.00PM Sunday 23 July 2023

Chermside-Kedron Community Church

CAMP HILL

2.00PM Sunday 30 July 2023

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WE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Stephen Ash, John Collins, Ron James, Janice Rushton, Debbie Elliott, Anna Uechtritz, Pam Treacy.

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

16 July 2023 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm: Psalm 64:10-14

2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

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Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
2/07/23	\$244.85	\$564.00	\$2002.75	\$2811.60

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: 10 - 14 July 2023

Mon 10/07 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm

Thurs 13/07 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

Piety Shop OPEN

Monday to Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm

Shortly before and after weekend masses



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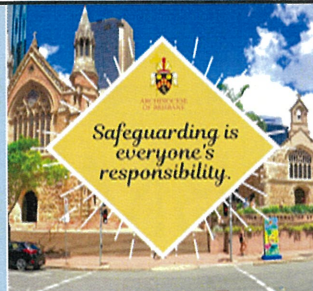
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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Turrbal Peoples, who have walked this Country in ages past, who walk it now and will walk it in the future. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge their profound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