

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 16th July 2023 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

The gospel of last weekend opened with Jesus saying, "...I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children," (Matthew 11:25). Worthy of mention is the fact that God has no favourites, neither does God exclude the learned and the wise from discovering the inexhaustible riches and mysteries of His Kingdom. However, in making this cry of exultation, Christ affirms that the poor, the lowly and the humble were the first to welcome and receive the good news - and it is for them that Christ found, in the use of parables, appropriate pedagogy and teaching tools.



In the next three weekends, we will be reading and reflecting on the 13th Chapter of Matthew's gospel which contains the seven parables about the kingdom of God. In this weekend's gospel, we contemplate the first of these - the parable of the sower. Scripture tells us that Christ says: "a farmer went out to sow his seeds. As he was scattering the seeds, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Some fell on rocky places, where they did not have much soil, and sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, they were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked them. Still other seeds fell on rich soil, where they produced their crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear," (Matthew 13:3-9).

Christ told this parable at a difficult moment in His life - when He was thrown out of His home country of Nazareth; when He was treated like a mad person at Capernaum; when His disciples were trying to desert Him; and when His teachings seemed to have met with opposition and rejection. For Him, conditions were extremely harsh. However, despite all obstacles, the word of God still yields abundant fruit because the Word holds in itself the irresistible force of life.

God speaks to us every day in a variety of ways. However, in the Mass, during the Liturgy of the Word, God speaks to us through the proclamation and preaching of the word. The fruitfulness of the word of God proclaimed and preached depends on our internal disposition. The human heart is the soil of the gospel. It has been said that the human heart is the engine of the human body, responsible for pumping life-sustaining blood via a 60,000-mile (97,000 km)-long network of vessels. It works ceaselessly, beating 100,000 times a day, 40 million times a year—in total clocking up to three billion heartbeats over an average lifetime. The human heart is to the human body, what the spiritual heart is to the seeds of the Word of God – rich soil for growth. As we can take care of our physical heart through good diet, exercise and routine check-ups, we can also take care of our heart spiritually. There are many things which can prevent the human heart from being a fertile ground for the word - such as worry, distractions, sin, pride, or even prejudice.

In the days of this coming week, may we take care to guard our hearts with due diligence and ensure that we make them fertile soil where the seed of life grows and bears fruit – thirty fold, sixty fold and even a hundred fold.

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

**RECONCILIATION is available after Parish Mass
Please approach Fr John**

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Youth Group NEWS

The youth group will be sending kids to the Ignite Conference coming up in September. This conference is a great opportunity for the young people in our community to experience faith and connect with other young Catholics.

Tickets to the conference cost \$325 so we are reaching out to ask parishioners if they could generously sponsor part of a ticket to make it more accessible for our youth to attend this event. Thank you for all the support the youth group has received over the last two years. If you would like to read more about the conference visit the website at:

<https://igniteconference.squarespace.com/>

The July 2023 Standard for Volunteer Safeguarding Accreditation Requirements

The Archdiocese has just released the July 2023 Standard for Volunteer Safeguarding Accreditation Requirements. Following are the main points that interests the Parish:

1. Parish, ministries, and services are to reserve the right to request any individual satisfy safeguarding accreditation requirements, at any time, if deemed necessary or appropriate.
A) *The primary consideration in determining volunteer safeguarding accreditation requirements must be the safety, protection, and well-being of the children and adults-at-risk.*
2. Children 14 years of age or older may be appointed to a volunteer role with the **prior written consent of the parents/guardians**. Parents are required to register their children as volunteers and have both the child and their parents/guardians co-sign the volunteer registration form.

Legal Compliance

Parishes, ministries, and services must comply with all statutory/legal screening or accreditation requirements.

Working with Children Clearances (Blue Cards)

All 'religious representatives' are required to hold a current working with children Blue Card.

Parishes, ministries and services must not engage or employ, or continue to engage or employ a person (including a volunteer) in child-related work or activities until that person's application for a working with children Blue Card is approved by Blue Card Services and they can produce their Blue Card or official correspondence to that effect (i.e. No Card -No Start). The person's Blue Card or official correspondence from Blue Card Services must be sighted before parishes, ministries or services can allow a person to commence child-related work or activities. If there is doubt about the status of a person's Blue Card parishes, ministries and services should contact the People & Culture (HR) office to confirm the validity of the Blue Card before allowing the person to commence or continue in child-related work or activities.

Parishes, ministries, and services must not engage or employ, or continue to engage or employ a Queensland registered teacher or Queensland police officer in child-related work or activities unless the person holds a working with children Blue Card or has made a working with children Blue Card exemption application. Where an exemption application is made, parishes, ministries and services are to confirm the application has been lodged with Blue Card Services before allowing the person to commence child-related work or activities.

Parishes, ministries, and services must not allow a 'restricted person' (including a volunteer) to be involved in child-related work or activities.

Section 176H - Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000

National Police Checks

All volunteers who are: Counters, Finance Council Members, Admin Personal, and Key-holders to Parish property, must have a national police check, not more than 3 years old.

Aged Care Accountability Principles 1998 made pursuant to the Aged Care Act 1997

(Archdiocese of Brisbane, Office for Safeguarding Services, Version – July 2023)

Carmela Knauth – LSR & WH&S.

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.

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.

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

SPAMMING CONTINUES

A series of text messages is being sent to staff and parishioners to come from various parish priests. This offers a timely reminder to check all electronic communications carefully.

The number is usually an international phone number and not Fathers number.

The follow up messages attempt to persuade you that the priests' urgent need can only be solved by the purchase of iTunes or Amazon cards or similar. Please be assured that the Archbishop or any clergy operating within the Archdiocese of Brisbane would never have need to approach you in this way or be seeking monetary help via the purchase of gift or store retail cards.

We recommend if you or anyone you know receives a message like this, to not engage with the sender and instead forward the message to 0429 999 888 (this is the Australian Government's spam reporting line).

Stewardship

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

(Accessed on July 7, 2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weeklybible-reflections)

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.

Office Phone WORKING

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

From eSafety Commission – July 2023 Protecting our (increasingly younger) children from cyberbullying

The internet has given children and young people new opportunities to learn, play and socialise. However, this increased online presence, especially since the Covid-19 pandemic, also exposes them to new harms and risks.

Concerningly, reports to eSafety's cyberbullying complaints team show younger children are increasingly experiencing negative online behaviour. Reports of serious cyberbullying of children between the ages of eight and 13 years has more than tripled compared to pre-pandemic 2019 – jumping from a little over 200 complaints in 2019 to almost 740 in 2022.

With Term 3 just around the corner, take a few minutes to [learn more about cyberbullying](#) – what it is, ways to protect your child, and how to get help if your child experiences it.

Tools and resources to safeguard children from cyberbullying

eSafety is here to help with advice and resources to help you support your family's online safety.

Set up a [family tech agreement](#) and [parental controls](#)

Explore ways to stay safe online for [parents](#), [kids](#) and [young people](#)

Learn digital skills for staying safe in games and apps using [The eSafety Guide](#)

Get help for online issues by [reporting to eSafety](#)

Join an [eSafety webinar](#) to help your children have positive online experiences

Download [online safety resources](#), including this [guide to reporting cyberbullying](#) at <https://www.esafety.gov.au>.

HELP NEEDED

Volunteers needed to assist with setting up for

Aussie Christmas in July

Friday 21st July 2023 from 9:30am after mass

Move tables from the hall and arrange set up

Saturday 22nd July 2023 from 9.00am

Move tables back to the hall and set up for Mass

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.

Queensland Irish Choir

Presents 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

St Thomas Catholic Primary School Hall

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HIGHLIGHTS

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Salute to the Big Bands
Fantasia on Greensleeves
Titanic Medley

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

FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST, 7PM

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Wavell Heights

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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 Antonio Cirsten 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

23 July 2023 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm: Psalm 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

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Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
9/07/23	\$	\$	\$	\$3294.10

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: 17 - 22 July 2023

Mon 17/07 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm
Thurs 20/07 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10:00am
Sat 22/07 Youth Group—Saturday night Outing

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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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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