

# 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 23rd July 2023 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

In this weekend's gospel, Christ continues to use His easy way of explaining the mysteries of the Kingdom of God through parables. Closely connected to the parable of the sower, (Matthew 13:3-8) which we heard in the gospel of last weekend, are the parables of the wheat and weed (Matthew 13:24-30); the mustard seed (Matthew 13:31-32); and the yeast (Matthew 13:33). Each of these parables has a significant lesson to teach us about the mysteries of the kingdom of God. The parable of the wheat and weed, which will be the focal point of this reflection, is paradigmatic of the experiences of human life, our Church and our world.



Good and evil grow in us, in the Church and in our world. Interestingly, from the beginning of creation, neither the world nor the people in the world were created to be a mixed bag. The world and the people in it were created to be 'good'. Hence, the first account of creation concluded with: "and God looked upon all that He had made, and indeed, it was very good..." (Genesis 1:31) However, Genesis 3 then explains the ongoing presence of evil in the world in the story of the fall of Adam and Eve.

In the parable of the wheat and the weed, Christ identifies something which is universally true and innate in us as humans. There is, in almost every individual, a fundamental and inherent desire to point out the 'weed' in a vast farm full of flourishing 'wheat'. We find it so much easier to notice what has been poorly executed rather than what has been done very well. This is why we can be very quick to criticise rather than compliment. The servants in the parable painstakingly cared for the farm and cultivated it but they couldn't wait to get rid of the weeds, thinking it a wonderful idea to uproot them so that the wheat would have better chance to grow and flourish. While their idea was good, the owner of the farm knew better. He foresaw that in the process of uprooting the weeds, the wheat might be uprooted as well.

The attitude of the field owner reveals to us the attitude of God towards the evils that exist in all aspects of our world. Evil will always be present in life, even in the most devoted and spiritual people. In his letter to the Romans, Saint Paul wrote: "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate, I do." (Romans 7: 15) Evil is so corrosive that it spreads into the Church and our world and will continue permanently. The separation of good and evil will not be the handwork of people, but what our righteous God will determine at the end of time. Hence, as humans, we have no reason to play God. While we don't condone evil, judging people or advocating for their elimination is not up to us.

Again, we don't always need to focus on evil. Despite its presence in people and the routine denigration of failures and scandals in the church and the world, there are still shining examples of beautiful things. Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said, "the world is full of good people. If you can't find one, be one". The patience of the farmer in letting the weeds grow exemplifies the infinite love, mercy and kindness of God towards every human person - good and flawed alike.

In the coming days, may our eyes and hearts be open to see goodness in others and to develop the patience to allow God to be God in all things and to all people - regardless of the circumstances of their lives.

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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## 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

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

*Joella McMurry*

*Patrick & William Marsh*

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.*

## Youth Mass

Youth Mass will be celebrated at St Paschal's at 9.30am on the **6th August 2023**. There will be a sausage sizzle fundraiser following the mass for the youth group.

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.olaparishchermide.org.au](http://www.olaparishchermide.org.au)  
or contact the office  
Ph: 33590239

Tickets - \$35 (inc. light supper)

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## Stewardship

**"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field... He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - Matthew 13:24,37-38**

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

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

## NO MASS ON MONDAY

There will be **NO** Mass or Liturgy on **Monday 24th July**. You are welcome to attend Mass at Wheller on the Park Retirement Village — The Cinema, 25 The Blvd, Chermside at 2pm on Monday.

**Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!**  
to the great team who organised the wonderful  
**Aussie Christmas in July.**

### 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. **Enrolments Close 29th July.**

### 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

### Altar Servers

Anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server please take a form from the front of the church.

### Verse for Vinnies

There'll be thirteen young people performing,  
they're the cream of a comp they were in.  
It's your chance to applaud youthful talent,  
give encouragement, help them to grin.  
They will take you to realms of adventure,  
have you laugh, there'll be pathos and farce.  
There'll be classics, Mackellar's, *My Country*  
or the *Lipstick* on School toilet's glass.  
There's the *Dawn of the Rugby League Dolphins*,  
how the kids celebrate *Mother's Day*;  
there'll be poems on *Witches* and *Christmas*,  
and of course *Cricket* must get a say.  
We are quick to condemn misbehaviour  
when our youth don't behave like they should,  
let's be equally quick in supporting,  
these young kids when displaying what's good.  
So we'd love you come to this concert,  
and it's all Aussie Verse you will get.  
All the doo from this show is to go,  
to those battlers we're prone to forget.

**Sunday July 30 1.30pm \$15 - Cash Only.**

St. Williams School Hall, Dawson Parade, Grovely.

Book seats [noel@noelstallard.com](mailto:noel@noelstallard.com)

### 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](http://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](http://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au)

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### Cleaner Needed

Cleaner required 4 hrs per week to clean a 4 bedroom house. Contact Michelle Prentice on 31611647 or 0401 060 676.

### CHILDRENS LITURGY - St Gerard's

Children's Liturgy has re-commenced at St Gerard's at the 8:00am Sunday Mass. Parents & grandparents bring the little ones along to begin their journey to knowing God



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**Recently Deceased:** Juliana Barreto, Anna Uechtritz, Pam Treacy.

**Anniversaries:** Please pray for Kelvin McCourt, Frank Celledoni, Celine Fernandes, 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

30 July 2023 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
Psalm: Psalm 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130  
2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30  
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

## OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
16/07/23	\$291.00	\$712.00	\$1655.05	\$2658.05

*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: 24 - 28 July 2023

Mon 24/07 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm  
Thurs 27/07 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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