

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 6th August 2023 The TRANSFIGURATION of the Lord Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. It is one of the feasts of the Lord - and it is one of the important ones. Its importance is obvious given the fact that when it falls on a Sunday, its liturgy is not combined with the Sunday liturgy, but completely replaces it. As one of the feasts of the Lord, the Feast of the Transfiguration underlines the fact that in Jesus Christ is salvation, joy and glory; and the fullness of God's revelation is pleased to dwell in Him. The mystery of the transfiguration is a pivotal moment in the life of Christ and His disciples. It appears as a foretaste of the Paschal Mystery, and it offers a moment of change which is both fundamental and supernatural.

The gospel pericope which has been offered for our reading and reflection this weekend opens with 'Christ took with Him Peter, James and John to a high mountain. On this mountain, Jesus was transfigured before them. The face of Jesus shone like the sun, and Jesus' clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus', (Matthew 17: 1-3). Peter, James and John would have been shocked and amazed at what they had experienced on the mountain. As they were watching, the poor Galilean, the Son of Mary and the Son of the carpenter was transfigured. The event wasn't reported to them. They saw it when it happened and they experienced it firsthand. They saw as Jesus was conversing with Moses who represented the law as well as Elijah who represented the prophets. Finally, there was also a voice which echoed from heaven and identified Jesus Christ as the beloved Son of God. The voice did not only reveal the identity of Christ; the voice also directed them to listen to Him.

They had no further reason to doubt the messianic mission of Christ. In Matthew 16: 21-22, "... Jesus began to explain to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" (Matthew 16:21-22). This experience on the mountain must have banished from the minds of Peter and the other disciples any confusion and doubt they might have had on the identity and mission of Christ as the Suffering Messiah.

As 21st century disciples of Christ, the Feast of Transfiguration invites us to open the eyes of our hearts to the mystery of our faith and the transformation which can happen in us through our liturgies, especially the Mass. The three disciples who were on the mountain with Christ were never the same after their encounter with transfigured Christ. "Lord, it is good that we are here," Peter exclaimed. (Matthew 17: 4) 'In God's presence there is fullness of joy,' (Psalm 16:11). Peter, James and John had a sense of the glory of the resurrection, a glimpse of heaven on earth, a taste of paradise. This experience of joy should be our collective experience whenever we come to Mass, participate fully in the prayers and share in the gifts of Christ's Body and Blood. Joy is an infallible sign of Christ's presence amongst His people. In his apostolic exhortation, *Evangeli Gaudium*, the Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis said: "the joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept His offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew."

Like Peter, James and John, may our faith in the risen and glorified Lord always stir up in us the joy which comes from the gospel and from a deep and personal experience of Jesus Christ.

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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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

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/>

Stewardship

"...then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' -

Matthew 17:5

When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they "were very much afraid." We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God's voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters of God; Jesus is there to help us, but we need to listen.

(Accessed on July 21, 2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

Samuel O'Brien

Miya Moore

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.

Ladies Group News

Ladies group has been **cancelled** for **Thursday 10th August.**

Op Shop NEWS

All Op Shop Volunteers are invited to attend a meeting in the Church Hall on **Wednesday 9th August at 2.00pm.** Please write your name on the list in the Op Shop for afternoon tea catering purposes. Thank You.

Name Badges

Anyone needing a name badge please put your order in at the office. Cost—\$15.00

Annual Catholic Campaign

The 2023 Annual Catholic Campaign, will take place on the weekend of **19—20 August 2023.**



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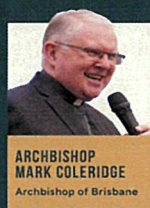
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No Mass on Wednesday & Thursday

There will be no Mass on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th of August.

Mass for the Feast of the Assumption

Date: Monday 14th August
Time: 7:00pm
Venue: St Gerard's Church

Welcome

The Parish would like to welcome Larissa Skuce who is our new Sacramental Co-ordinator.

Sacramental News

Information sessions for parents of children who are commencing the new 2023/24 Sacramental program are as follows:
Saturday 19th August at 3:00pm—St Gerard's
Sunday 20th August at 10:30am—St Paschal's
Parents who have not yet enrolled their child(ren) need to contact the Parish Office urgently.

OLA Redevelopment Plans

The redevelopment plans for the Parish will be going ahead as planned. Please be patient as we are still liaising with the builders and Architect.

NEW Altar Servers

Training for new Altar Servers will commence in both churches shortly. Invitation especially to children who have recently received First Communion but also to older children and even adults.
Please take a form from the front of the church.

Multicultural Mass 2023

Mass will be presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. Cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds will follow.

When: 2:30pm, Sunday 24th September 2023

Where: Cathedral of St Stephen
(249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane City)

RSVP: app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23

All are invited and all are welcome!

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.

"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.

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Anniversaries: Please pray for Bryan Atchison, Ines Dwyer, 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

6 August 2023 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13
 Psalm: Psalm 84:9-14
 2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5
 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
30/07/23	\$	\$	\$	\$3246.75

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: 7 -11 Aug 2023

Mon 7/08 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm

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