

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 27th August 2023
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

Saint Oscar Romero, was a Salvadoran Archbishop, who was shot dead on 24 March 1980, aged 62, while celebrating Mass. In one of his eloquent testimonies about Christianity he said that: "Christianity is not a collection of truths to be believed, laws to be obeyed, ... Christianity is a person, one who loved us so much, one who calls for our love. Christianity is Christ." Christianity is indeed Christ, who is not once upon a time but an active and living presence to be encountered. However, for us to have a deep and personal encounter with Christ, our knowledge of Christ must go beyond the level of hearsay to a level of personal and intimate discovery of who Christ is and what faith in Christ means to us.



In the gospel this weekend, as Jesus stepped into the districts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Given the miraculous acts Jesus had performed, people likened Christ to former prophets like Elijah, Jeremiah or John the Baptist. It's important to note that when people identified Jesus with Elijah, Jeremiah or John the Baptist, they were paying Him a real compliment and setting Him in a high place - because these were great people who accomplished great tasks. The general opinion about Jesus was not wrong; however, no merely human description of Jesus was adequate. Jesus is more than a prophet or miracle worker. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed Son of the Living God.

After Jesus heard all the popular verdicts of the people, He directed the same question to His disciples. 'And you, Jesus said, who do you say I am?' People can read all the books on Christology, have all the head knowledge about Jesus, and still not be Christians. Christianity will never consist in knowing about Jesus, it will always consist in knowing Jesus Christ intimately and personally. Peter was inspired when he answered that: 'Christ is the Son of the living God (Matthew 13:16)'. It is on this personal response and confession of Peter that the Church we are all part of was built.

The authority given by Jesus Christ to Peter and his successors to lead the Church is rather clear in this passage. Jesus gave Peter and the Apostles the authority to "bind and loose", when He entrusted Peter with the keys of the kingdom. Perhaps, it might be fair to say that the Pearly Gates are not kept under lock and key. However, the image of the keys is symbolic of the authority Christ gave to Peter, as leader of the apostles and ultimately the leader of the pilgrim Church. Peter and his successors are to act in the name of Christ. Bishops as successors of the Apostles have the same authority to "bind and loose", but it is only the Pope who holds the keys. Today, bishops function in union with, and under the authority of the Pope.

Since the Second Vatican Council, the "principle of collegiality," which emphasizes collegial responsibility for the unity of the church, has been an integral part of the church. This principle is of utmost

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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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(Continued from P1.) importance in protecting those values which excessive centralization of authority would tend to stifle. The collegial principle calls all levels of the church to share in the concern and responsibilities of leadership for the good and life of the church. What this means is that there are no more spectators in the journey of faith. By virtue of baptism, we are all together with our Holy Father, our bishops, our priests, religious brothers and sisters, and deacons in the great work of evangelisation and making Jesus Christ known in our world. We are in the task of evangelization together.

Let no one feel left out or unworthy. By virtue of baptism we have all been called by the one who asks us daily: "Who do you say that I am?" The answer we give individually determines how we engage in the task of evangelisation and how we live out our faith wherever we find ourselves in the days of our week.

Wishing you all a blessed new week ahead.

God bless you all, Fr. John

Season of Creation Mass and Discussion

Catholic Earthcare and the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, invites you to celebrate the Season of Creation with Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen, presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Parishes and community groups are encouraged to bring a jar of water (river, sea or rainwater) from their area to add to an Archdiocesan urn that will be blessed and used to bless the congregation. Mass will be followed by a free workshop in the Hanly Room (in the Francis Rush Centre next to the Cathedral) from 7pm to 8pm.

Date: Saturday, 9th September 2023 **Time:** 6:00pm Mass
Location: Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth, Brisbane
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SOCMass23>

Past Mothers' of Gregory Terrace Students

Are warmly invited to a Mass and Morning Tea to be held at 10.30am on Sunday 10 September in the Chapel of the Holy Family, Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill.

The cost is \$25 per head which includes a light lunch. For more information or to RSVP please contact Anna Wright via email at TLG@terrace.qld.edu.au or call on 0458 153 103

Stewardship

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" – Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything – He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

(Accessed on August 18, 2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)

Op Shop NEWS

If there are any Parishioners that can spare a bit of time to help out at the Op Shop it would be very much appreciated. Please email or phone the office on 3359 0239. **Thank you.**

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

Samara Farquhar

Toren Farquhar

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.**

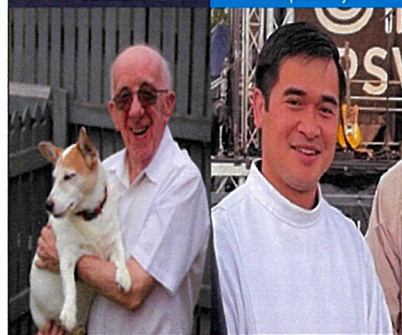
Please check the Parish website for documentation required when making a booking.

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.



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Choir NEWS

Choir practice takes place on the first and third Mondays from 7pm—8pm at St Gerard's Church.

All Welcome.



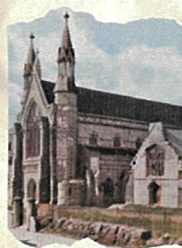
In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites couples together with family and friends

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, 30th September 2023
Mass at 11:30am

followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

Other couples married at the Cathedral or Chapel are also invited to attend with family and friends to celebrate 150 years of weddings at the Cathedral.



To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please
RSVP: Friday 22nd September 2023
cathedral@bnc.catholic.net.au
3324 3030

If you have photos or stories to share of your wedding at the Cathedral, please contact David Todd, email: todd@bnc.catholic.net.au telephone: 3324 3030 by 1st September 2023



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New Training Platform

Our cohort of volunteers play an invaluable role in our community, and the Archdiocese would like to take this opportunity to recognise their enormous contribution around the Archdiocese.

The Archdiocese is committed to ensuring that our volunteers access the necessary ongoing training that supports their work, creates a record of the training undertaken, and protects both the volunteers and our organisation.

It's critical that our volunteers complete the necessary training, which can be accessed using our learning and development platform, ArcheLearn.

The Archdiocesan Organisational Development team are pleased to announce that the ArcheLearn system has undergone a significant upgrade to provide our volunteers with a simple user experience.

Volunteers will need to log into the Volunteer Portal to access the refreshed ArcheLearn system. The Archdiocese informs that this is a new way for volunteers to log into the Safeguarding Training system.

ArcheLearn will be available on the Volunteer Portal. The key things volunteers need to know about the ArcheLearn upgrade is that the refreshed system is very easy to use, even for people who aren't confident on computers.

Over the coming weeks, the Archdiocese will provide a range of resources, including a step-by-step guide and a list of Frequently Asked Questions.

If you don't feel confident to use the ArcheLearn training portal, the Parish will be happy to host an evening for those interested and provide an opportunity for volunteers to ask questions about the ArcheLearn system. The Archdiocesan Organisational Development team is there to support the Parishes through this change.

Carmela Knauth – LSR – 203-08-24

Social Justice Sunday 2023—August 27

Bishop's Social Justice Statement for 2023-24 is titled "Listen, Learn, Love – A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples". It is available online at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/6475/2023-24-social-justice-statement-listen-learn-love-final.pdf>

Listen, Learn, Love

A New Engagement with
Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Peoples

Social Justice Statement
2023-2024



Religious Statues

If anyone has old/worn/unused or sitting in a cupboard religious statues, I am happy to collect them. During the floods in Lismore lots of people lost statues. These will be given to the Carmelite Nuns Goonellabah Lismore who will restore/paint them. Phone Annette 0404 247 958.

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Anniversaries: Please pray for Ailsa Mousdale, Suzanne King, Angela-Maria Trovato, Mark PieKut, John Kelly and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

3 September 2023 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm: Psalm 62:2-6, 8-9

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
20/08/23	\$386.00	\$705.80	\$1646.20	\$2738.00

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: 28 Aug -1 Sept 2023

Mon 28/08 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm

Thurs 231/08 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10.00am

Fri 01/09 Youth Group St G 6.00pm

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