

# 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 10th September 2023**  
**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

## ARCHBISHOP MARK'S PASTORAL STATEMENT ON THE REFERENDUM

The Referendum on the Voice brings Australia to a threshold moment, since it looks not only to our past but to our future, not only to what we have been but to what we can become.

There is no doubt that Australia has achieved great things since European settlement, and that is a source of national pride. But Australians are increasingly coming to appreciate the devastation that European settlement has brought to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Australia's first Catholic bishop, the English Benedictine John Bede Polding, spoke plainly of their treatment. In 1842 he wrote, "The life of an (Aboriginal) human being is valued no more than the life of a kangaroo, and far less than that of a bullock". Later he wrote, "The Aborigine will demand, 'What right have you to come here? We have not asked you to come, and you take away our lands, you drive away our means of subsistence'." Polding went on to denounce "occupation by force, accompanied by murders, ill-treatment, ravishment of their women...the white man coming for his own advantage, without any regard to their rights". He concluded, "I am making myself [an Aborigine], putting myself in that position, taking away all that I know except that this is my country, that my father lived by pursuing the emu and the kangaroo, that I am driven away from my hunting grounds, that my children and tribe are subjected to the grossest barbarities."

There emerged in time a policy of assimilating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples into mainstream Australian culture. However well-intentioned it may have seemed, the policy led to the dissolution of Indigenous culture. We are now familiar with the concept of terra nullius (that before European settlement the land belonged to no-one), the tragedy of the Stolen Generation and the fact that the prior habitation of the First Nations peoples was not recognised in the Australian Constitution.

Australians are now being asked to consider a constitutionally enshrined Voice to Parliament and to executive government, which was asked for in the Uluru Statement from the Heart. The hope is that this will not only offer constitutional recognition but also assist towards a more just and equitable Australia, helping to tackle not just the symptoms but the causes of chronic disadvantage.

In response, we need first to see the truth of the suffering of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the disadvantage many experience today as a result. Justice demands that we seek to rectify this disadvantage and its consequences.

We also need to listen to the Indigenous peoples, in order to learn from them and learn to love them, not see them as "the other". Pope Francis has said of the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon, and how best

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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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(Continued from P1.) to engage with them on issues particular to them: "They are our principal dialogue partners, those from whom we have the most to learn. Their words, their hopes and their fears should be the most authoritative voice at the table. Otherwise, the result would be, once again, 'a plan drawn up by the few for the few'." The same could be said of the Indigenous peoples of Australia.

In 1986 at Alice Springs, Pope St John Paul II said to the Aboriginal people: "You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received". Pope Francis and Pope John Paul ask us to listen to the Indigenous peoples and to receive joyfully what they have to offer the whole nation and the world.

Regrettably, the debate on the Voice has been politicised to the point where it is being enacted, as Andrew Hamilton SJ has noted, "as a battle between the Yes and the No side in which the task is not to unite the nation but to smash the opposition". But the issues surrounding the Voice are not primarily political; they are at their heart moral and ethical, which makes this essentially a conscience vote.

For Christians, it is also a summons to see the issues through the lens of the Gospel and ultimately with the eye of Jesus who is not above or apart from the Referendum process.

Therefore, all Australians need to educate themselves on the issues, asking not so much what we might lose but what the nation might gain. One part of this would be a careful and open-minded reading of the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

The status quo is not an option, because the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia is growing wider rather than closing. Therefore, I urge everyone in the Archdiocese to prepare to vote in a way that looks to the Gospel and, whatever the result of the Referendum, to commit to redressing the chronic disadvantage suffered by the Indigenous peoples and promoting reconciliation for the good not just of some but of the whole nation.

**Mark Coleridge**  
Archbishop of Brisbane

## Stewardship

**"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel....."- Ezekiel 33:7**

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required. Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

(Accessed on September 4, 2023 from [www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections](http://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections))

***Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility***

## Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

*Harvey Gilbert*

*Oliver McKellar*

*William Jackson*

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.*

## Parish Building & Grounds Committee

The Parish is looking to form a Building and Maintenance Committee. This committee can be made up of 6 members, 3 members from each community. Please if you feel that you have the gift and the time to be part of this committee please speak with Fr John or contact the Parish office.

## Supporting Safe Communities

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023  
10 SEPTEMBER



## Safeguarding Sunday

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

[www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)

## 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](http://app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23)

***All are invited and all are welcome!***

## Choir NEWS

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

***All Welcome.***



### VERSE FOR VINNIES

I have heard there are some  
who are still yet to come  
to St Williams on Dawson Parade.  
Verse for Vinnies' the show  
and you know that your dough  
goes to battlers who struggle for aid.  
And **Veronica Weal**  
has a bush poet's spiel  
that will captivate, hold you in awe.  
She's a Mount Isa girl  
and her verse she'll unfurl  
at St Williams on Sep. 24  
And four times she has won,  
far above anyone,  
the prestigious Bronze Swagman Award.  
So please be a good sport,  
come and give your support,  
show Veronica how you applaud.  
This will be the first time  
that her metre and rhyme  
will appear at our V-4-V gig.  
So we'd love you to come,  
to this Sunday of fun  
for we're hoping this concert is big.  
**Sunday Sept. 24 1.30pm \$15 (cash only)**  
**67 Dawson Parade Grovelly**  
to book seats use [noel@noelstallard.com](mailto:noel@noelstallard.com)

**Building Maintenance—St Paschal's**  
Parishioners can be advised that there will be some building maintenance works at the rear of St Paschal's church starting in the first week of the school holidays. The ramp will not be accessible during this time.

### Position Vacant—Youth Coordinator

Chermside Catholic Parish is seeking applications for the position of a Parish Youth Coordinator. This is a part-time position offering flexible hours.

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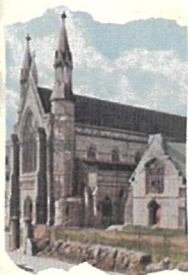
In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen  
Archbishop Mark Coleridge  
invites couples together with family and friends

### 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@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.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@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:todd@bne.catholic.net.au)  
telephone: 3324 3030  
by 1st September 2023

### Ageing Wisely

The greying years are often a difficult time for parishioners as we try to navigate changing living arrangements, health and financial circumstances.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane's free **Ageing Wisely seminar** provides advice and information on a range of pertinent matters, as a service to older parishioners. The seminar will feature professional guest speakers and a range of information sessions on estate planning and legal advice, retirement planning and financial advice, charitable gifts in Wills and perpetual endowments, funeral planning and in-home community support services.

#### Agenda

- 9:30am Morning Tea and Registration
- 10:00am Welcome by Parish Priest
- 10:15am Charitable gifts in Wills & memorial Endowments
- 10:35am Legal advice and Estate Planning
- 11:00am Retirement Planning - financial
- 11:30am Lunch and fellowship
- 12:30pm Pre-arranging funerals
- 12:45pm In-home support services
- 1:15pm Give us your feedback    1.30pm Finish

#### Please join us

Date: Tuesday, 26th September Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm

Venue: Sandgate Brighton Parish Hall 108, Brighton Road, Sandgate

Morning tea and lunch will be provided free of charge. For catering purposes, please RSVP names of attendees on or before

Thursday, 21 September by email to

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### WE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Patricia Condon, James Kelso, Maree Metcalf, Rosemary Somerville, James Walker, Emily Borg

**Anniversaries:** Please pray for Olive James 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

**17 September 2023 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7

Psalm: Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12

2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

### OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
3/09/23	\$594.60	\$832.50	\$2147.50	<b>\$3574.60</b>

*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: 11 – 15 Sept 2023

Mon	11/09	Christian Meditation	St P	5.45pm
Thurs	7/09	Thursday Ladies Group	St G	10.00am
Fri	15/09	Youth Group	St G	6.00pm

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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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