

# 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 17th September 2023 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,



Forgiveness is not always an easy thing to do. This is because we don't easily discard things which have hurt our feelings and wounded our spirit. - and the bigger the hurt or the injury the more difficult it is to forgive and let go. Until someone has personal things to forgive, it might not be really understand what a hard process it is. In the gospel this weekend, it appeared Peter had some difficulty with this. It was obvious in Peter's question to Jesus, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother or sister if he or she wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Perhaps, Peter got to a point where he felt sick of forgiving people, who continued to hurt him deeply. The common teaching at the time was that one must forgive an offender at least three times. Although the prescribed norm was three times, Peter appeared happy to go beyond the prescribed norm to a point where revenge would seem absolutely justifiable. In the Bible, the number seven often symbolizes perfection, completeness, and fullness. When Peter suggested seven, he thought Jesus would have commended him. He would have been startled that Jesus instead said: "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." In other words, there is no limit to the number of times that we must be prepared to forgive. It was as if Jesus said to Peter, 'the number 'seven' might be the number of perfection and completion but it does not apply to the supernatural and enormous liberating power of the Holy Spirit which touches hearts to forgive and let go.

As Christians, the appeal to forgive and let go might be coming to some of us perhaps in the face of many injuries and hurts we have harboured for years. These wounds might be because of resentment we have continued to carry toward our parents, siblings, friends or neighbours. It is obviously true that people have done things to hurt others. How can a paedophile be forgiven for manipulative behaviour which denies children their innocence and undermines their chances for healthy intimacy? What about a murderer who has killed the joy of a family when one of their loved ones was brutally murdered? In the week of the anniversary of 9/11, would the world ever forgive the terrorists who blew up innocent people in New York and left many families permanently shattered? As a people and as individuals, we have been offended and we probably nurse anger. We have treasured this anger, maybe even to the extent of allowing it to become hatred. But what the anger or hatred we retain has done to us, is to hold us back from forgiving. Ironically, we have been imprisoned and oppressed. No one grows while held down or in bondage of any sort. Nelson Mandela understood the power of forgiveness, when he said: "as I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison." He made this comment after over two decades of being in jail because he stood for truth and justice.

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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.) We can set ourselves free if we choose to forgive and let go. Forgiveness follows from a conscious decision to let go and move on. Forgiveness liberates and sets people free. It is not what we do for the people who have offended us but what we do for ourselves - so that we can be released to move forward. When we have been hurt and we choose not to forgive, we simply remain in the power and control of whoever has hurt and injured us. Whenever we have been hurt, in making the choice to forgive, we are not expected to blot out painful memories, rather we can act on them in creative and life-giving ways.

Let us pray for the grace, courage and strength to forgive and let go when we have been deeply hurt and wounded.

Wishing you all a blessed new week ahead.

God bless you all,

Fr. John

### Parish Pastoral Council

I would like to thank the immediate past members of the Parish Leadership Team for their generous support and leadership, especially in the years when the Parish had no resident Pastor. While the Leadership Team Model was good, I would like to constitute a Parish Pastoral Council, which will see each member assigned with an area of ministry. These areas of ministry would include: Liturgy and worship, Music, Outreach, Youth ministry, Social, Media, IT and communication, School Board and P&F, Hospitality and welcome, Child Protection and Workplace Health & Safety, Faith Formation and many more.

If you are happy to share the gifts of your Time, Talents and Treasure or if you know someone else who would, please pray, discern and email the parish office with details.

Thank you and God bless,

Fr John

### Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

#### RickyLee Window

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.*

### Stewardship

**'For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.' - Romans 14:8**

This is the essence of stewardship - everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

(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))

### 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.

To apply, please use the link below -

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=762686>

### Choir NEWS

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

*All Welcome.*

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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  
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of your wedding at the Cathedral,  
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telephone: 3324 3030  
by 1st September 2023



## Sacramental News

The next workshop and Mass are as follows:

**Saturday 7th October—St Gerard's**

3:00pm Workshop / 4:30pm Mass

**Sunday 8th October—St Paschal's**

9:30am Mass / 10:30am Workshop

## Building Maintenance—St Paschal's

Parishioners are 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.



## Women of The Way Retreat.

**13-15th October**

Ladies would you like to take time out to Reflect and Recharge?

Treat yourself to some quality time with God.

**BOOK NOW for The Women of The Way Retreat.**  
**Theme: "Open the eyes of My Heart, Lord"**

Retreat Facilitators: Sr Therese Mills, Leader of The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters and Sr Judy Bowe, are inspirational speakers, with a passion for sharing God's love.

**Where:** Watson Park Convention Centre, 337 Old Gympie Rd, Dakabin.

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Redcliffe City Parish 1 Day Retreat  
Women of the Way Retreat 2023

## MULTICULTURAL MASS

FREE TO CHOOSE WHETHER TO MIGRATE OR TO STAY  
POPE FRANCIS



This year's Multicultural Mass will be held on Sunday 24th September, presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. The Mass is held annually in recognition of World Day of Migrant and Refugees and will this year highlight the 2023 theme "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay".

**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)**

Mass will be followed by cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds. Parishioners from any and all cultural backgrounds are encouraged to attend to celebrate the richness of Brisbane's diverse Archdiocese.

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



**Catholic Medical  
Association Australia**  
*National Conference*

*'That They May Have Life'*

Jn 10:10

## Catholic Medical Association Australia Annual Conference—November 2023

The Catholic Medical Association Australia invites medical professionals and concerned Catholics to attend their National Conference, under the theme "That They May Have Life" (Jn 10:10), in northwest Sydney at Baulkham Hills. The conference will be exploring issues of life and truth emerging in modern health care, including VAD, transgenderism and conscientious objection in medicine. Keynotes will be delivered by Dr Maria Cigolini, Bishop Richard Umbers, Deacon Dr Michael Tan and Dr Elisabeth Taylor.

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### WE PRAY FOR

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

**Anniversaries:** Please pray for Donald Burnes, Irene & Rudy Winkelmuller, Olive Heilscher, Vincenzo Marinucci, Emma Raglione, Vincenza Bovo 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

**24 September 2023 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9  
Psalm: Psalm 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18  
2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27  
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

### OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
10/09/23	\$	\$	\$	<b>\$2961.95</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: 18 – 22 Sept 2023

Mon 18/09 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm  
Thurs 21/09 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10.00am

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