

# 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 24th September 2023 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,



The parable of the landowner narrated by Christ in the gospel this weekend may sound like an imaginary or unrealistic situation to many modern readers, but it is not. The Parable describes what was a lived-experience of people. Interestingly, in my village in Nigeria for example, labourers still gather at the village square or village motor park every day except Sunday - waiting to be hired for the day's work. Like the workers in the parable, when the labourers in my village gather at the market square with their tools, they might appear like people who are lazing away their time, or people with nothing to fill up their day. Again, they are not an idle mob. As a matter of fact, they are rather desperate people who have an urgent need to be hired. They and their families could face imminent danger of starvation if they don't work and get paid each day. The day's pay for many of them with so many responsibilities hardly allows them to make any savings. Like the Gospel story, the workers in my village gather as early as 6 am waiting to be hired and they could be still there till late in the evening.

This parable like any other parable of Christ has a lot of lessons for us. It contains within itself truths which go to the heart of Christianity and of human life. That the owner of the vineyard went out at 6 a.m. and hired workers, and did the same at the third hour which is 9 a.m., sixth hour (midday), the eleventh hour (5pm) and at the end of the day's job paid each worker the agreed wage means that all services rank the same before God. It is not often the amount of service given which matters, but the love with which it is done. In our journey of life, there can a real danger in attempting to earn what God gives us gratuitously. No one can earn what God gives us freely as His children - gifts which God gives from the goodness of God's heart. No one can merit them.

The first set of labourers who were hired had an agreement with the owner of the vineyard; they had a contract. They worked for pay, and their conduct showed that they were very concerned to get as much as possible from their work. They felt entitled to earn what they had worked for. Entitlement is not just the enemy of gratitude, but it is like a life sentence, which can trap the human person in a state of dissatisfaction. It is poisonous mindset which can breed disappointment and resentment and can also stifle and even destroy human personal growth and development. It is interesting that those who were hired later, never mentioned a wage or payment or contract or any agreement. They never felt entitled to anything. They were just happy to work for the day and they got on with the job.

The owner of the vineyard is our loving God and Father, who like one Biblical author once said: 'does not *make* contracts with us, as if we could bargain or negotiate for a better deal. God makes covenants, in which He promises us everything and asks of us everything in return. When God keeps

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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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God's promises, God is not rewarding us for our efforts, rather God is doing what comes naturally to God's over-flowingly generous nature.' It is easy sometimes for us to indulge in regrets of things we do not have, rather than counting our blessings and celebrating the countless gifts God has given and continues to give us.

As we weave the lessons from this parable into the tapestry of our individual lives, may we pray to develop a mindset of gratitude. It is a paradox of life that people whose aim is always reward and entitlement, often receive less and are disappointed; but people who care less for reward, reap many benefits - and they are also people with grateful hearts.

Wishing you all a blessed new week ahead.

God bless you all,

Fr. John

## Fr John Wallis Memorial Lecture SUNDAY 22nd October at 1.30pm



Rev Tim Costello has been invited to deliver this memorial lecture by the Missionary Sisters of Service and their mission entity "Highways and Byways". This congregation of Sisters was founded in Tasmania by Fr John Wallis in 1944 to reach out to the isolated and marginalised. Their unique ministry was quite visionary, and their numbers were never large, but they had a vast outreach in Australia. Like many religious congregations, their members are aging. In 2010 they established Highways and Byways which funds projects in the spirit of the Sisters' vision. Each year Highways and Byways provides small grants to community-led organisations for projects that address disadvantage and exclusion within towns and communities, especially in rural and regional Australia.

**WHERE:** St Theresa's Parish Centre

Cnr Campbell & Curzon Streets  
Toowoomba

**WHEN:** Sunday October 22 1.30pm for a 2.00pm start

**COST:** \$25 afternoon tea included children 14 and under free

Bookings & Payment by Thursday October 12 using the following TryBooking link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1082911>

This event is sponsored by the Missionary Sisters of Service and their mission entity 'Highways and Byways' which continues the work of the Sisters. Tim will share his thoughts on "The Big Picture" Living in hope and awareness.

## Name Badges

Name Badges have arrived and can be collected from the Office.

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*

## Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

*Rafael Keene  
Rosanna Favaro*

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.*

## Multicultural Mass

Celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese.

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

**Where: Cathedral of St Stephen**

**(249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane City)**

**RSVP: [app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23](https://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.

## Stewardship

**"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last".-**

**Matthew 20:16**

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

(Accessed on September 13, 2023 from [www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections](http://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections))

## RETREAT DAY SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> October

**(Sponsored by the Knights of the Southern Cross)**

We are holding our annual retreat day, open to all adults, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October in Nolan Hall, Leslie St Nundah, adjacent to Corpus Christi Church.

Fr. Chris Hanlon will conduct the retreat with the theme the 'Discipleship in Jesus'.

The day begins with morning tea (supplied) at 10am. The first session is from 10.30 until 11.30am followed by Mass at noon. Lunch follows, with the second session from 1.30 until 2.30pm.

After summing up and questions the day concludes before 3pm. BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

For info and booking contact **John James 0459 950 070, John Carr 07 3266 1119 or Tom Cusack 0419 643 987**

## Learning about the Gospel of St Mark October 2023

Last year, Mother of Mercy Parish explored the Gospel of Matthew in some detail in preparation for this liturgical year. Next year, we will use the Gospel of Mark as the predominant source of our Sunday Gospel readings. With this in mind, we have prepared a short (four week) course on Mark's Gospel which will be offered during October 2023. The dates and session time are:

**Wednesdays: 4, 11, 18, 25 October at 9:30am** in the Mother of Mercy Parish Centre at 9 Bowman Street, Hendra.

*The session will be repeated as below:*

**Wednesdays: 4, 11, 18, 25 October at 7:00pm** in the Parish Centre.

Come and increase your appreciation and knowledge of Mark's picture of Jesus' life and ministry. You might be surprised.  
(Adult Formation Team)

## Journey for Women

Are you facing a big life decision but don't know which direction to take? Is your vocation, career or something else weighing on your heart? Need help to figure out where God is calling you?

Join the Journey community, a discernment group led by Sr Theresa Maria Dao for single women aged 18—40 years. Each month, the group gathers to share their life situation with one another while going for a walk, praying and sharing a drink.

The next gathering will be held on Saturday 7 October from 8:30am—12:00pm at Marian Valley (2541 Beechmont Rd, Witheren) to celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Participants will enjoy an outdoor walk, visit the shrines around the grounds and attend Mass together, followed by an optional light brunch.

Find out more and register at:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/JourneyOctober23>

## Melbourne Cup Function

Melbourne Cup celebrations have been part of our Parish tradition and culture. We do not want to lose it – but time has slipped by and it is getting very late to organize it for this year. If we are to keep this tradition going, we have to start this week.

As a first step, if you are able to help in any way, would you please note your contact details on the sheet at the door today and we'll assess next week.



## 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.

*Weekend includes Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise and Worship, inspirational teachings, prayer ministry and time for fellowship.*

**For brochure or info phone Rosa Montegrando - Mobile 0400755516 or email wowqld@gmail.com**

Redcliffe City Parish 1 Day Retreat

Women of the Way Retreat 2023

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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)  
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**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

**1 October 2023**      **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading:      Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Psalm:            Psalm 24:4-9  
2nd Reading:    Philippians 2:1-11  
Gospel:            Matthew 21:28-32

## OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
17/09/23	\$449.00	\$1147.00	\$2058.30	<b>\$3654.30</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: 25 – 29 Sept 2023

Mon 25/09 Christian Meditation      St P      5.45pm  
Thurs 28/09 Thursday Ladies Group      St G      10.00am

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