

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 8th October 2023 **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

As creatures made in God's image and likeness, God always places an incredible amount of trust in us. In reflecting on this trust as well as the enviable place we have been given in the larger scheme of God's plans, the Psalmist exclaims: "what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than the angels, and crowned them with glory and honour. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet," (Psalm 8: 4-6). As we reflect on the gospel of this weekend, we are reminded among other things that we are trusted to look after the works of God's hands. The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it, (Psalm 24:1 & 1 Cor 10:26). Although the earth is the Lord's, God has given the earth to humans to nurture and look after. The earth, which God created, beautified and gave to us, is like the vineyard in the gospel of this weekend.



The gospel opens with Christ saying to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'there was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country,' (Matthew 21:33-34). The owner of the vineyard ensured that all the hard work in the vineyard was done before it was given away. Those who were entrusted with looking after the vineyard did not have to fence it, neither did they have to dig a wine press or even build a watchtower. Everything needed to get the vineyard ready was completed before it was leased out. Once leased, the owner did not stay around to supervise those who had been charged with the responsibility of looking after it - he went abroad.

As human beings, one of the most important gifts God has given us is the gift of life. Every human life is fundamentally a gift from God. In the beginning, "the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person. Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there He placed the man he had made", (Genesis 2:7-8). God has entrusted us with this massive vineyard called life. The founder, CEO and pastor of the Christian Cultural Centre Megachurch in Brooklyn, New York, Alfonso R. Bernard, aptly captured the sense of life as gift when he said: "life is God's gift to us. What we do with it is our gift to God."

What we do with the life God has given us matters. God wants us to cultivate and nurture 'grapes, sweet smelling grapes, bundles of grapes' - bundles of love - in the vineyard of our lives. In the second reading, as he writes to the Philippians, Saint Paul, in a sense, underlines the fact that human life is like a vineyard which has been given to us. In that vineyard, Saint Paul believes that human life needs to be nurtured and cultivated producing

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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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good fruits, when he says: "finally brothers and sisters, fill your minds (lives) with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that is admirable or worthy of praise." (Philippians 4:8)

May the good God who finds us worthy to be tenants of His vineyards, especially the earth and our lives, give us the grace to be faithful tenants who care and nurture them devotedly - so that at the end of this mortal life, we will be considered worthy to share in the eternal bliss of heaven.

Wishing you all a blessed new week ahead.

God bless you all,

Fr. John

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Tuesday 7 November 2023

Melbourne Cup is just a month away.

Come and enjoy a scrumptious lunch, delectable desserts and sparkling wine. **Price is \$40 per head.**



Fashions on the Field, Lucky door prizes, and sweeps.

Bookings are now open. Booking forms can be found on the parish website: olaparishchermside.org.au or you can pick one up from the church or parish office. Payment can be made via credit-card or directly to the Parish a/c, all details are on the Booking Form.

BOOKINGS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 1st November.

MEN'S GATHERING

BBQ LUNCH and INSPIRING TALK

WHEN

Saturday 4th November

BBQ 12:00pm

SPEAKER 1:00pm

WHERE

"Glendalough"

St Kevins Parish Hall Geebung
251 Newman Rd, Geebung QLD

COST

\$10 - Steak Burger, Sausage



PRESENTER

Br. Damien Price is a Christian Brother and has taught for over thirty years in schools throughout Australia and New Zealand. Over the past twenty years he has worked with disadvantaged youth, homeless men and women, refugees, and asylum seekers.

TOPIC

Br. Damien will talk about ways we can stand up in a changing world. Not in big ways, but just in simple, practical ways, to be there for the world, in little things.

RSVP — Monday 30 October

Ian Colwell - 3861 4974

Peter De Voss - 3263 2769

Email -

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Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

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.

Thank You

The SVDP West Chermside Conference would like to **thank** the organising committee of the Christmas in July Celebration for their donation to the conference funds. This gift of money will help us to help those families in our parish area, who are experiencing financial hardship, loss of a job, illness or homelessness.

God Bless you and thank you again for your continued support.

RETREAT DAY

SATURDAY 4th November (new date)

(Sponsored by the Knights of the Southern Cross)

We are holding our annual retreat day, open to all adults, on Saturday 6th 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, or Tom Cusack 0419 643 987**

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Saturday 11th November 2023

12:00PM-4:00PM

All Souls Day **Thursday 2nd November**

This year's commemoration of All Souls falls on Thursday 2nd November. There will be the usual 9am morning Mass at Saint Paschal's and another Mass at Saint Gerard's at 7pm in the evening. At the evening Mass at Saint Gerard's, Parishioners will be invited to bring spare copies of funeral booklet, framed, or unframed pictures of deceased family members, relatives, and friends. These items will be displayed on a decorated table and parishioners are encouraged to light a candle as they drop these photos/items on the table.

As from this weekend, the November Mass envelopes will be available for parishioners who would like their deceased family members, relatives, and friends to be remembered in all the Masses throughout the month of November. These names would be typed out, put into PowerPoint, and be displayed before each weekend Mass in November. Since the names of the dead will not be limited to those who have died this year, the office will need time to type and get these names ready before All Souls Day Mass. Parishioners can write on the envelope or write on a separate paper and insert it into the envelope. There is no fee but a donation. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, our prayers for the dead "are capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercessions for us effective." Furthermore, "it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins," (2 Maccabees 12:46). May eternal rest grant and perpetual rest be granted to the dead as we pray for them.

Name Badges

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

St Don Bosco's Relic Visit to Brisbane

The Salesians of St Don Bosco are celebrating 100 years since they arrived in Australia to work in the spirit of St Don Bosco. The Relic is touring Australia to give people the opportunity to pray to St Don Bosco in a special way with the relic. Brisbane is its last stop!

Brisbane Program - 13th to 22nd October, 2023

FRIDAY 13th - Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane City - 8am to 6pm

SATURDAY 14th - Stella Maris, Maroochydore - 9am to 6.30pm

SUNDAY 15th - Mary Immaculate, Annerley - 6.30am to 7pm

MONDAY 16th - Mary Immaculate, Annerley - 8.30am to 11am and 3pm to 8.30pm

TUESDAY 17th - Holy Spirit, Bray Park - 11am to 9pm

WEDNESDAY 18th - Little Flower, Kedron - 8am to 7pm

THURSDAY 19th - Guardian Angels, Wynnum - 4pm to 7pm

FRIDAY 20th - Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills - 4pm to 9pm

SATURDAY 21st - Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills - 6.30am to 10am and 1pm to 3pm

SUNDAY 22nd - Marian Valley Shrine, Canungra - 9am to 6pm

Up to date information at

www.stdonboscobrisbane.weebly.com

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

Stewardship

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone...." - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

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WE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Jocelyn Kreis, Anne Bouchier, Rowan Bird

Anniversaries: Please pray for Kelvin & Sharon McCourt, and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

Sick: Please pray for Pat O'Shea and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of the Sick.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

15 October 2023 **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalm: Psalm 22

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
1/10/23	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2979.35

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: 9 – 13 Oct 2023

Mon 9/10 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm
Thurs 13/10 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10.00am

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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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