

# 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 15th October 2023** **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

Over the last couple of weekends, we have been reading and reflecting on some of the parables which Jesus Christ directed against the chief priests and elders of the people. In the gospel chosen for this weekend, Christ likened the kingdom of God to a king who threw a feast for his son's wedding. Undoubtedly the invited guests in this parable, who refused to honour the invitation stand for the Jewish people. God chose the Jewish people to be God's own, yet when God's Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to be the saviour of the world, the Jews refused to accept Him or believe in Him. In other words, they contemptuously refused the invitation Jesus Christ offered them. They refused to accept Christ as the Messiah - because they wrongly assumed that Christ did not fulfill the messianic prophecies, nor embody the qualities they expected in the Messiah.



According to the Jewish eschatology, the Messiah would be a future Jewish king from the Davidic line, someone anointed with holy oil to rule the Jewish people during the Messianic Age and world to come. The Jews expected the Messiah to be a political leader who would overthrow the Roman rulers and establish Jerusalem as the centre of power and government. Also, the Messiah was not expected to associate with tax-collectors, sinners or gentiles. In His ministry, Christ associated and ate with all these outcasts. As a result of Christ's inclusive form of ministry which did not meet any of their Messianic expectations, the Jews could find no reason to accept Christ as the Messiah.

On the contrary, the people on the highways and byways who represent the tax-collectors, prostitutes, sinners and the Gentiles with no formal invitation into the kingdom of God, were open to Christ's invitation to be part of the wedding feast. They were the ones who received surprised invitations which they wholeheartedly accepted - and were admitted into the wedding feast in the kingdom of God.

During the 2021 Census, it was reported that almost 40 per cent (38.9 per cent) of Australia's population reported having no religion. This shows that about 10 million people have no religious affiliation in a country that is nominally Christian. While 'no religion' might not necessarily mean 'not having in faith God', it is indisputably true that Christianity which used to be dominant is in serious decline. Today it appears that Christianity or the Good News has been reduced to mere rumour with no tangible, existential implications on everyday living. God's gracious invitation is an invitation to a feast as joyous as any wedding feast. God invites us to a life of joy and it is joy we reject when we refuse that loving invitation. What else could keep and sustain human life with its apparent challenges and problems but an active and living faith in God. As human beings, who are created in God's image and likeness, we don't just want to have God as part and parcel of every-day life - rather we need a 'God in whom we live, move and' (Contd. P2)

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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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(Contd. from P1.) have our being' (Acts 17:28). In one of His metaphorical sayings, Christ said: "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing," (John 15:5). I know I am preaching to the converted but the converted can change the popular perception of the people who have clicked 'no religion' on the census form. It pays to know God and have a personal relationship with God. However, a personal relationship with God finds tangible expressions not only in daily prayer, adoration and worship but also in the way we live and love. While faith in God does not make life easy, faith makes life possible. The greatest pain felt by people who have vehemently declined the invitation and refused to see the point of developing a relationship with God will lie, not in the things they have unknowingly missed, but in the realisation of what they were offered and chose to decline.

As a Nigerian, who lived over 3 decades of his life in Nigeria and who has lived in Australia for over a decade now, I can unequivocally say that this is one of the best countries in the world. But in this beautiful country, I am sometimes puzzled by the apparent emptiness and desolation which manifests itself in people's lives in so many shapes and forms.

How much do we feel in our lives the inner blessedness, peace, calmness and joy that begins on earth and continues into eternal life with the Lord? As Christians, the joy to which we are invited, is not devoid of pain and sorrow but is a lasting joy which stands unmoved and unshaken in the midst of the vicissitudes of life. Therefore, the choice between accepting or declining the invitation to be part of the feast of heaven on earth which our Catholic participation in the Mass makes possible, is not just a choice between what we want and what we do not want. In fact, it is choice between the most fundamental and essential elements which give authentic and enduring meaning, purpose and direction to life and those which rob human life of its authenticity.

Wishing you all a blessed new week ahead.

God bless you all, Fr John

## Time to Renew Roster Commitment

New Mass Rosters will start in December.

We need many volunteers. If you would like to be included, please fill in a form (on the seat or at the door).

Training will be provided during November and it will be necessary for ALL volunteers to attend so that there is a common understanding of the roles.

You may be involved in more than one ministry—but they will be rostered at different Masses.

### Example—Additional Numbers Required

Time	4.30	6	8	9.30	5.30
Readers		4	1		3
Communion	6	8	8	10	12
Altar	4	4	1+	5	1+

## Book Order for 2024

Anyone interested in ordering the books listed below please fill in the order form at the front of the church.

**Break open the Word 2024—\$32**

**2024 Daily Mass Book—\$32**

**God's Word 2024: Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary—\$22**

## Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

*Angus Victor Kent*

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.*

## 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: [olaparishchermshire.org.au](http://olaparishchermshire.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.**

## 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](http://www.stdonboscobrisbane.weebly.com)

## November Mass

Parishioners who have taken the Mass envelopes, are kindly encouraged to please put them in the collection baskets or return them to the Parish Office.

## Catholic Mission Appeal

Catholic Mission appeal will be held in the parish on the weekend of 21/22 October. Envelopes will be available.

## Name Badges

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

## Experience Cappella Chorale

Come and sing in a fun and relaxed environment! No prior experience necessary—all are welcome.

**Date:** Saturday 28th October

**Time:** 11:00am—12:30pm followed by light refreshments

**Venue:** St Vincent's Chapel, 131 Queens Rd, Nudgee

Cappaella Chorale is an inclusive Brisbane Choir bringing people together to build community, make music and celebrate the power of our collective voices. The choir sings a wide range of inspirational repertoire from the canon of Western art music to folk, work music, music from the stage and screen and popular, gospel and jazz styles.

The name 'cappaella' (Italian for 'chapel') points to our choir's home: a place of refuge, serenity, hope and community.

## Stewardship

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last" - Matthew 20:16 "My God will fully supply whatever you need.." - Philippians 4:19 God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month - be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

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

## 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 we can see, the November Mass envelopes are 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.

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## 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**

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### WE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Brian Egan, Cherryl McRae, Jocelyn Kreis, Anne Bouchier, Rowan Bird

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

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

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**22 October 2023**      **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading:      Isaiah 45:1, 4-6  
Psalm:              Psalm 95:1, 3-5, 7-10  
2nd Reading:      1 Thessalonians 1:1-5  
Gospel:              Matthew 22:15-21

### OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
8/10/23	\$	\$	\$	<b>\$ 3114.30</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: 16 – 20 Oct 2023

Mon 16/10 Christian Meditation      St P      5.45pm  
Thurs 19/10 Thursday Ladies Group      St G      10.00am

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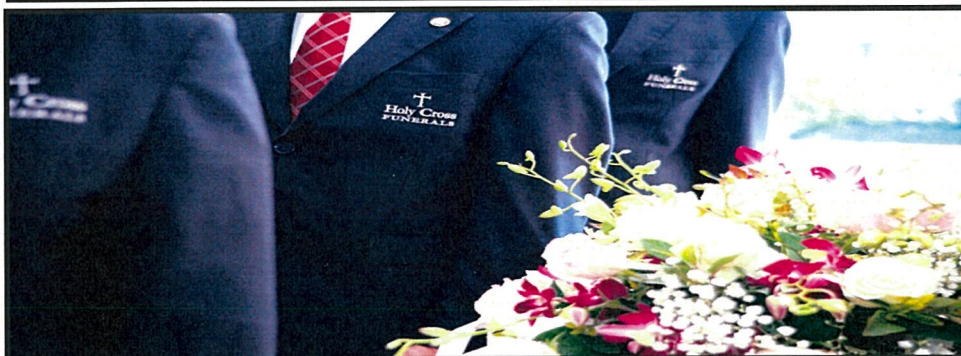
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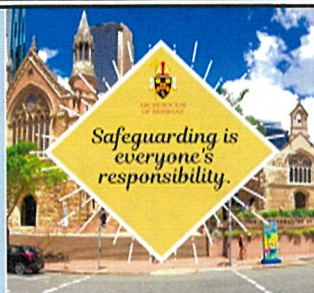
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Our Lady of the Angels' Parish



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