

OUR *Lady* OF THE *Angels* PARISH

Chermside West Wavell Heights

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146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermside West

St Paschal Baylon
30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

SUNDAY 22nd October 2023 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

It is obvious that Christ has been challenging the orthodox Jewish leaders through the different parables which have been the focal points of our gospel readings and reflections for some time now. In the parable of the two sons (Matthew 21:28-32), the Jewish leaders appear under the guise of the unsatisfactory son who did not do his father's will. In the parable of the landowner (Matthew 21:33-46), they are the wicked tenants. In the parable of the king who threw a feast for his son's wedding (Matthew 22:1-14), the Jewish leaders were the condemned guests who refused the invitation. However, in the gospel of this weekend, it appeared that the Jewish orthodox leaders intended to launch their own counter-attack, and they were trying to do so through a carefully crafted question.



This weekend's gospel pericope opens with: "the Pharisees went away to work out between themselves how to trap Jesus in what He said," (Matthew 22:15). Even as they went away, they could not confront Jesus directly, and so they decided to use their own disciples, together with the Herodians. Their question to Jesus was whether it was permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not.

This question was intended to put Jesus in a no-win-situation. If Jesus said it was okay to pay taxes to Caesar, He would stand being discredited in the eyes of many Jewish people, and if Jesus said it was unlawful to pay taxes to Caesar, Jesus would be reported to the Roman authorities as a seditious person. This was a carefully crafted *gotcha* question to Jesus. The strange thing about this alliance between the Pharisees and the Herodians was that they were two opposing groups. While the Pharisees and their disciples were opposed to the Roman Empire meddling in Palestine and opposed to paying taxes to Rome, the Herodians supported the local Roman ruler in Palestine and also supported paying taxes to Rome.

Notwithstanding the malicious intent behind the question, it is clear that out of what was a trick question came an answer which lays down a norm to solve, for all time, the problems which may arise from our dual roles as citizens on this earth. In some families, politics and religion mix rather uncomfortably. In fact, in some Catholic families, there is an unwritten rule, which forbids people from talking about religion and politics over the dinner table. But Jesus reminds us that we cannot forget one or the other. Jesus says, 'give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.' It is a question of applying priorities. In the society in which we live, we have a moral as well as a civic responsibility to contribute to the common good through payment of just taxes. We each have a duty and an obligation to play an active part in the smooth running of the society in which we live. Thus, there can be a harmonious relationship between religion and politics.

In the first reading, we see how God used a pagan king, Cyrus, to set the Jewish exiles free. For God to accomplish God's plan for the Jewish exiles, God raised up a king who did not know God (Isaiah 45:4).

In the gospel, Jesus did not stop at saying, "give back to Caesar what belong to Caesar". He also said, 'give back to God what belongs to God.' "The world and all its people belong to God," (Psalm 24:1). And if the world and everything in it, human beings included, belong to God, then all human life including the lives of the unborn, the sick, the aged and the most vulnerable, fundamentally belongs to God,

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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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(Contd. from P1.) and therefore must be respected and preserved. Any legislation, which does not give to God what belongs to God, is a contradiction. In other words, while making decisions which affect human lives, be it lives of the unborn, the elderly, or the sick, we must take greater care to ensure that God who is the origin and source of all human lives is in the picture.

The coin had an image of Caesar on it and that was why Jesus's advice was to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. Every human person regardless of condition has the image of God on him or her. We are all created in God's image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27). Therefore, putting God first in everything should be the daily goal of every human person - our main pursuit in the midst of all others. "Know that the LORD is God. It is God who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture," (Psalm 100:3).

As we continue in our daily pilgrimage through this transient world, may we always ensure that God governs the claims of our lives, the demands of our time, the interests we pursue and the ordering of our priorities.

Wishing you all a blessed new week ahead.

God bless you all,

Fr. John

STATEMENT ON THE VOTE

Now that the referendum result is known, it's time to look forward rather than look back. There will be a time for looking back, but a cooling off period may be needed if we are to see more clearly. Now is the time to ask not how we got here but where this result leaves us as a nation, where we need to go from here and how we might get there.

One thing is clear: the nation is more divided than ever and in many ways. It's ironic that a process supposed to unite the nation has done just the opposite. There's an urgent need now to create a new kind of national unity, and that can't be left to the politicians, because there's more to this than politics. The task belongs to all of us.

A second thing is still clearer and more urgent: the search for reconciliation based on truth and justice must continue, even if the referendum process and result have made that more difficult. This too is something that can't be left to the politicians, because again there's more to it than politics.

After this result at Federal level, the focus will have to move to the States. But it will also have to move to non-government organisations like the Churches. The Australian Catholic bishops have spoken of the need for a new engagement with Indigenous peoples, and that now becomes more pressing. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane we will commit ourselves more resolutely to our Reconciliation Action Plan and keep asking what else we can do. Fine words and symbolic gestures are not enough.

The process leading to this vote has been a highly politicised slog that has changed Australia, and not for the better. Now the real work begins. It's up to all of us to ensure that what we do from here serves national unity and racial justice, because we'll never have the first unless we have the second.

The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

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.

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

Harper Dwyer

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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.

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 envelop. 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.

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+

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.

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.

Stewardship

“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s. - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

(Accessed on October 16, 2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)

A Morning's Prayer Retreat

Evangelisation Brisbane’s Adult Formation team will host its final A Morning’s Prayer Retreat for 2023 this month, with a focus on the road to sainthood and what God is calling us to in this life-time. The 3-hour retreat will include personal prayer, meditation, input and fellowship, providing a revitalising opportunity to get away and spend some quality time with God before the end-of-year busyness begins.

Date: Saturday 28 October 2023

Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm

Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre
(267 Wellington Street, Ormiston)

Cost: \$25

RSVP: Friday 27 October

Register online at tinyurl.com/amorningsprayeroct2023

Both groups and individuals are most welcome, so if you would like to attend with family or friends, please invite them along!

Catholic Mission Weekend

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina’s, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

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12:00PM - 4:00PM

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Anniversaries: Please pray for Joan Morton 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

29 October 2023 **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
Psalm: Psalm 17:2-4, 47, 51
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
15/10/23	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3225.40

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: 23 – 27 Oct 2023

Mon 23/10 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm
Thurs 27/10 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10.00am

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