

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 29th October 2023
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

The drama between Christ and the Jewish Orthodoxy appears to be unending. The Jewish leaders in Jesus' time were very determined to trap Jesus. In the gospel this weekend, there is a mention of the Pharisees and Sadducees, who were religious leaders of the Jewish people during Jesus' day. While these two groups were "experts in the law", they didn't always agree on what the law meant or how it should be interpreted. Jesus had numerous disagreements with these groups due to the disparity and inconsistencies in their interpretation and application of the law.



This weekend's Gospel says that 'when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they got together and to disconcert Jesus, one of them put forward the question to Him, "Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?"' Their malicious intent is glaringly obvious. They want to trap Jesus into making a damaging statement against the law. But Jesus cuts the ground from under their feet with His response. The verse Jesus quoted was part of the *Shema*, which is the basic and essential creed of Judaism, and a sentence which every Jewish child is expected to commit to memory. The *Shema* is like the Christian 'Sign of Cross' in that every Jewish service opens with it. There are about 613 commandments, which, in theory, are supposed to be observed with the same importance. In reality, there are distinctions among the laws - higher and lesser commandments - and there was no common understanding between the groups of the interpretations and observances of these laws.

Jesus surprised the orthodox Jews when He summarised the entire law into 'love of God and love of neighbour'. The first part of Jesus' response comes from the Book of Deuteronomy (6:5), which is central to Jewish faith: "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." Jesus puts love for God as the first of all the commandments. What this means is that to love God, entails giving a total and undivided loyalty to God. As human beings, who are made in God's image and likeness, our love of God should dominate our emotions, direct our thoughts and feelings and should be the driving force of all our actions. Love of God simply means living a life that shows itself in total commitment and devotion to God. Following from the love of God is love for our fellow human beings. 'You must love your neighbour as yourself,' (Leviticus 19:18). Our love of God and the love of our fellow human beings are closely interwoven. The tangible proof of our love for God is in the love we have for our fellow human beings. The order of the commandments is our love for God which is followed by our love for our fellow human beings. God is love, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God (1 John 4:7). It is only when we have first known God and love God, that we can love our fellow human beings. As human beings, we are not an amalgamation of chemical substances or mere objects. We are all sons and daughters of God and we are all created in God's image and likeness.

Jesus did something quite radical when He summed up all the commandments as 'love of God and love of neighbour'. These two commandments were not new to Jewish law. What was new was the proposition that the two formerly distinct laws should be combined into one. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or

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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.) the Prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them," (Matthew 5:17). Love of God and love of neighbour can no longer be observed as two separate laws. Jesus has made them one and the same, unable to be separated. We cannot claim to love God when we struggle to love other human beings who are made in God's image and likeness.

As we journey on our pilgrimage through this transient life, may our love of God always grow and extend into the love we have for our fellow human beings.

Wishing you all a blessed new week ahead.

God bless you all,

Fr. John

Blue Card News – October 2023

When it comes to any job involving kids, safety is always the top priority.

For regulated organisations employing people to work with kids, it's crucial that they comply with their legal obligations under the blue card system.

Most organisations know that they cannot start a person in regulated employment without first checking that they have a current and valid blue card.

But it's also a legal requirement that organisations notify us of their intention to engage new people in regulated employment with their organisation before they start any child-related work. This notification "links" the blue card holder to the organisation in our database, allowing us to notify the organisation of any changes to the person's blue card status, such as a suspension or cancellation.

Without it, we cannot advise your organisation of any change in the person's blue card status.

Not only does this pose a risk to children at your organisation, under blue card laws the employer is committing an offence. Penalties may apply if an organisation doesn't follow this important step.

Carmela Knauth – Local Safeguarding Representative
2023-10-24

HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist with the setting up for the Melbourne Cup Luncheon.

Monday 6th November after 9am Mass (*access to the church will be from 10.30am*)

Move tables from hall and set up tables and chairs in the church.

Tuesday 7th November around 2.45pm.

Move tables back to hall and set up church.

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and God Bless. Melbourne Cup Organisers.

Stewardship

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

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

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

Luca McGregor

Isla Bagay

Ella Godfrey

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.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Come and enjoy a scrumptious lunch, delectable desserts and sparkling wine.

Tuesday 7th November

Arrival at 10.30am for 11:00am start

At St Gerard's Church

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.



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

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
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Confirmation Congratulations



Congratulation to all the children who were confirmed over the last 2 weeks. The ceremonies were wonderful celebrations of the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives and the promise of guidance through the rest of their faith journey.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Archbishop Mark, Larissa and the sacramental team for all their hard work in preparing the children for this very special time.

The Commemoration of ALL the Faithful Departed

Mass of All Soul's—2nd November

Thursday 9am—St Paschal's Church

Thursday 7pm—St Gerard's Church

At the evening Mass, 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.

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.

Thank you from Catholic Mission

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If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

Renew Roster Commitment URGENT

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+

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Saturday 11TH November 2023

12:00PM-4:00PM

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's Liturgy at St Gerard's is at the 8:00am Sunday Mass and St Paschal's at the 9:30am Mass. Parents & grandparents bring the little ones along to begin their journey to knowing God better.



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WE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Alfred Halverson, John Egan

Anniversaries: Please pray for Benedict and Hyacinth Pereira, Paul, David & Patrick O'Brian and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

5 November 2023 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Malachi 1:14—2:2, 8-10

Psalm: Psalm 130

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
22/10/23	\$422.45	\$786.80	\$1976.60	\$3185.85

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: 30 Oct – 3 Nov 2023

Mon 30/10 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm

Thurs 2/11 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10.00am

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