

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 19th November 2023 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

In the gospel this weekend, Jesus told the parable of a master, who, before going abroad, summoned his servants and gave each of them talents according to their individual abilities. In this parable, the word 'talent' means money and not skills. When the master called his three servants and gave each of them money, the first two servants took the accounts they got and invested them, and the value was doubled when the master returned. However, the third servant was rather odd, he chose to bury the money his master had given him and simply did nothing with it. God never demands from us things we are incapable of doing but only things we can do. The three servants were given gifts according their individual capabilities. One was given five dollars, another two and another one. They were simply given an amount of money according to their abilities. While the servants who received five and two respectively used their talents diligently and doubled the amount received, the third servant just buried his own in the ground.



Pope St. Pius X composed this prayer to Saint Joseph which is worth praying and reflecting upon. The prayer says: "Glorious St. Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labour, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my many sins; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honour to employ and develop, by means of labour, the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, prudence and patience, never surrendering to weariness or difficulties; to work, above all, with purity of intention, and with detachment from self, having always death before my eyes and the account which I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success so fatal to the work of God." It's important that, as we continue on our pilgrimage through this transient life, we keep always before our eyes that at the end of this life, we will be asked about how well we utilised the time we had in life, what we did with the gifts God gave us and how much good we did, by touching the lives of others and making a difference in their lives.

The Christian faith flourishes and diminishes on the truth of this parable. As Christians when we were baptised, we were all given a priceless gift of faith - a gift we ought to put into daily use and not hide away in a cupboard. Faith is not only a foundational gift, but also one that opens the door to others such as: Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety and Awe of the Lord. These are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. We received these gifts when we were confirmed. Like every good gift, we need to ensure that they are integral parts of our daily life. There is a correlation between the first reading and the gospel. The worthy or perfect wife in the first reading is someone who received many talents and put all of them to good use.

In appreciation of these readings, I hope we can take stock of the many gifts God has given us, and still gives us in this life. When we use our gifts from God, we are not only making ourselves good and faithful servants, but also missionary disciples of Christ in our world. When we do good to others, people who benefit from our God-given gifts can see Jesus Christ in and through us. There are many wonderful people whose gifts have brought significant blessings to our parish community and beyond. Our Lady of the Angels is very blessed with many generous and kind-hearted people who are just happy to share their God-given gifts and talents.

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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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As your priest and pastor, I am very grateful to God for the seeds of service, which have been sown in the lives of many of us. It is my hope and prayer that these seeds will continue to develop and flourish in deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ, who blesses us daily with the ultimate gift of life and many other wonderful gifts and talents.

Wishing you all a blessed new week ahead.

God bless you all,

Fr. John

Volunteer Thank You Evening

All volunteers in any ministry in our Parish are invited to attend the Parish Volunteers Thank You Evening to be held at St Gerard's on **Friday 24 November at 6pm**. These ministries include the usual Mass ministries as well as morning teas, children's liturgy, RCIA, Sacramental team, collections, counters, greeters, op shop volunteers, florists, musicians, maintenance, and any other task you can think of.

Please come along and enjoy an evening with refreshments and good company. **To assist with catering, please reply by adding names to the lists at the doors of the churches. Numbers need to be finalised by Monday 20th November.**

Altar Servers Roster Training for St Gerard's and St Paschal's

There are 2 Altar Server training sessions each an hour in duration.

It is essential that all who have nominated to be on the roster should attend **both sessions**. Anyone interested in becoming an altar server are also welcome.

Session 1 St Gerard's

Sunday 19th Nov 9.30am – 10.30am **OR** 3pm – 4pm

Session 1 St Paschal's

Saturday 18th Nov 4pm – 5pm **OR**

Sunday 19th Nov 11am – 11.30am

Session 2 St Gerard's

Sunday 3rd Dec 9.30am – 10.30am **OR** 3pm-4pm

Session 2 St Paschal's

Saturday 2nd Dec 4pm – 5pm **OR**

Sunday 3rd Dec 11am – 11.30am

Please select a time and date for Session 1 and Session 2 and mark it in your diary. Each session contains different content and so it is important that you attend each session at either church.

For all enquires and concerns please contact Julie Herden on 0419 795 561 or Margie Morton on 0407 009 676.

Stewardship

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

(Accessed on November 9, 2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

Diamond Daoe

Zander Cronin

Hamish McDonald

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.

ENCOUNTER NIGHT



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Join us and other youth groups for an **Encounter Night** at Kedron parish hosted by Encounter Youth. The night includes dinner, games, dance party, input and praise.

Details: **Fri 24 Nov, 6.30-8.30pm, Little Flower Church Kedron.**

Tickets are \$10 and includes dinner. Registration required

<https://bnecatholic.ucareapp.com/events/602/booknow> or scan the QR code in the image.

Verse for Vinnies Final Concert for 2023

Now you really should go to our next Vinnies Show
as it's Suzie and Mel from the West.

It's four years since they've been which is almost obscene
for this pair are up there with the best.

But this two-sheila show 'round Australia does go
and they even do cruises at sea.

So to get them at last has been really a blast
and who knows when the next time will be.

They've both been Aussie Champs done the Festival Camps
and perform with the top echelon.

They'll be humour galore for what they've got in store
will resemble a huge laugh-a-thon.

So it's Suzie Carcary that you're coming to see
and beside will be Melanie Hall.

They're a scream, they are fun and you'll see when you come
these two-sheilas are not very tall.

So we'd love you to come to this Sunday of fun
as it's all Aussie Verse that you'll get.

And the doe from this show will all go as you know
to those battlers we're prone to forget.

Sunday Nov. 26, 1.30pm Cost \$15 Cash Only
St. Williams School, 67 Dawson Parade, Grovelly
Book using noel@noelstallard.com

Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Concert Series
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 Christopher Trihillis (organ) | Sunday 10th December | 5:00pm
 Susan Collins (violin) | Sunday 17th December | 5:00pm

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St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2023

Next weekend, **25th and 26th November**, the **SVDP Christmas Appeal** will be held in both St Gerard's and St Paschal's Churches. Thank you for your past generous support for our Christmas Appeal, and ask again for your continued support this Christmas. There will be envelopes provided on the seats and if you can assist us with a donation, however small, it would be greatly appreciated. It is your gift which enables SVDP to add a little joy and happiness to the families who are struggling to survive. Our Christmas Tree will soon be up and it would be appreciated if any donations of food and gifts for children be left under the tree until the week before Christmas. Please do not wrap the gifts you kindly donate.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The RCIA team is looking forward to assisting people who may wish to become part of our Catholic community. These could be people with no previous religious commitment, ones who have been members of another Christian or non-Christian tradition or former Catholics who have been separated for some time. Please contact the Parish Office on 3359 0239 or email chermsidewest@bne.catholic.net.au.

Free Advent and Christmas Resources for kids

Evangelisation Brisbane's Children and Families team has created a collection of resources to help children engage with the upcoming liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas, including: - Advent candle holder and baby Jesus Christmas tree ornament craft activities - Little Nativity pray and play pack - Weekly Advent Minute video series - Christmas carol lyrics and action videos - Nativity story animated video - A printable Advent Calendar with daily activity ideas. All of these resources can be accessed for free at: tinyurl.com/adventchristmasresources2023

Queensland Irish Choir A Celtic Christmas Celebration

The *Queensland Irish Choir* presents its Christmas Concert to be held at the Chermide-Kedron Community Church, Gympie Rd, Kedron on Sunday, **26 November 2023 at 2 PM**.

Come along and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of Celtic song and music. The Choir will present a number of well-known Christmas carols and hymns (but with stunning arrangements) and also many carols of Celtic origin with which you may not be familiar.

It will be a wonderful way to prepare for the most beautiful time of the year which heralds the birth of Jesus Christ.

Tickets at \$20 per adult and \$10 children (U15) can be obtained online <https://www.trybooking.com/CLTCA> or at the door.

Enquiries **0493 455 487**

Christmas Mass Times

Sunday 24th December 2023

4:30pm St Gerard's & St Paschal's

6:30pm St Gerard's & St Paschal's

Midnight St Gerard's

Monday 25th December 2023

8:00am St Gerard's

9:30am St Paschal's

There will be a pageant at the 4:30pm masses at both churches. Please put the name and parent contact details of any child who would like to be involved on the list at the church door or ring the parish office. We will be in contact with further details.

Penitential Rite

Wednesday 13 December 7:00pm St Gerard's
 Thursday 14 December 7:00pm St Paschal's

Catholic Mission 2023 Annual Appeal

Thank you to all the very generous parishioners who donated to the Catholic Mission Appeal. Total raised was \$2450.50.

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Anniversaries: Please pray for Anne McMahon, John McKinlay, Dina Cutuli, Ken Barker, Tadgh Cormican and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

26 November 2023 Feast of CHRIST THE KING

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalm: Psalm 22:1-3, 5-6

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
12/11/23	\$	\$	\$	\$2954.50

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: 20 – 24 Nov 2023

Mon	20/11	Christian Meditation	St P	5.45pm
Thurs	23/11	Thursday Ladies Group	St G	10.00am
Fri	24/11	Volunteer Thank You	St G	6.00pm

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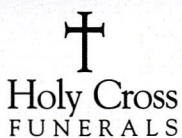
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