

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 26th November 2023 Feast of CHRIST the KING - Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

On this last weekend of the Church's liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. This solemn feast proclaims Christ's kingship and supremacy over the life of every human person, families, society, governments, nations and in fact over the whole world. Writing in the aftermath of World War I, Pope Pius XI, in his first encyclical '*Ubi arcano Dei consilio*,' written December 1922 (On the Peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ,) noted that while there had been a cessation of war and hostilities, there was no true peace in the world. He deplored the rise of class divisions and unbridled nationalism, and held that true peace can only be found under the Kingship of Christ as "Prince of Peace". "For Jesus Christ reigns over the minds of individuals by His teachings, in their hearts by His love, in each one's life by the living according to His law and the imitating of His example." Originally, the feast of Christ the King was celebrated on the last Sunday in October, but in the revised liturgical calendar promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1969 it was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time (immediately preceding the first weekend of Advent), where the theme of Christ's dominion made it a fitting end to the liturgical year. The feast of Christ the King is celebrated in the Roman Catholic calendar but also in the Lutheran and Anglican churches as well as amongst some other separated brethren.



The readings chosen for the feast of Christ the King not only take on Christological significance but they also underpin the nature and role of Christ as King of the universe. Christ is a King who rules over us as a shepherd tenderly looks after the sheep. Christ is a personal protective king and a provider. As a personal and protective King, the criterion of judgement for Christ the King will be based on concrete and practical acts of love shown to our fellow human beings. At the end of this mortal life, we will be either rewarded or punished for how we have cared or not cared or loved or not loved Christ who is present in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned (Matthew 25:35-40). As King, Christ easily identifies with the poor, the strangers and every aspect of human experience because He is like us in all things but sin (Hebrew 2:17 & 4:15). Christ is also called "Immanuel"-which means "God with us", (Matthew 1:23). He was born in a poor little village, Bethlehem, in a stable made only for animals' shelter. Christ though King from birth lived simply and purely. He lived graciously as He went around doing good for people (Acts 10:38). Christ the King is not a dead King but the first born from the dead. He reminds us that there is no authority outside of love. On the cross of Calvary, Christ demonstrated in a concrete manner what love is and how we can love.

As Christians, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, invites us to imitate Christ the King of the universe in the manner in which Christ loves us - in very concrete way. Therefore, how we love and care for the least of our sisters and brothers in Christ who are hungry, thirsty, homeless and strangers matter. Meanwhile, there is more to being hungry, thirsty, homeless or even being naked than we can imagine. In the words of Mother Teresa of Calcutta: "many people today are starving for ordinary bread. But there is another kind of hunger -the hunger to be wanted, the hunger to be loved, the hunger to be recognised. Nakedness too is not just the want of clothes, but also about loss of dignity, purity, and self-respect.

(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

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(Contd. from P1.) And homelessness is not just want of a house or shelter; there is the homelessness of being rejected, of being unwanted in a throwaway society. The biggest disease in the world today is the feeling of being unwanted and uncared for. The greatest evil in the world is lack of love, the terrible indifference towards one's neighbour."

"Lord, warm our cold hearts with your grace, so that we your disciples may produce the fruits of love as you have taught us and with this love, we shall overcome the world."

Wishing you all a blessed new week ahead.

God bless you all,

Fr. John

Early Office Closure - Friday 1 December
The Parish Office will close at 12.30pm on
Friday 1st December 2023.

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

Session 2 of Altar Server Training will be held on the following days:

St Paschal's

Saturday 2nd Dec 4:00pm – 5:00pm OR

Sunday 3rd Dec 11:00am – 12:00pm

St Gerard's

Sunday 3rd Dec 9.30am – 10.30am OR 3:00pm-4:00pm

If you have nominated to be an Altar Server, or interested in learning about this important ministry, please attend one of these sessions.

For those who were unable to attend Session 1 an alternate date will be advised.

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

Volunteer Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. Your generosity to share your time and service is greatly appreciated. All your volunteer work is what makes our Parish so special.

To all those volunteers who were unable to attend the thank you evening please collect a little gift from the church entrance at Mass. May God abundantly bless you all.



Youth News

End of Year youth party: 6-8pm Friday 1st December, St Gerard's Church. All youth 13-17yrs welcome. Share fun, faith, food & friendship! Gold coin donation welcome. Christmas coloured or themed clothing welcome.

Follow us on instagram: [Ola.chermsideyouth](https://www.instagram.com/Ola.chermsideyouth)

Youth Volunteers needed for Youth Mass 9:30am Sunday December 3rd St Paschal's Church. Youth 13-17yrs welcome as Readers, Gift bearers and more. Gentle training provided. contact Alice for more info: yc.chermsidewest@bne.catholic.net.au

Youth Team volunteers needed! Are you 18yrs+ (ideally 18-35yrs) and enjoy nurturing fun & faith with youth 13-17yrs? Please contact our Local Safeguarding Representative Carmela to explore joining our 2024 fortnightly Friday night roster during school terms. lsr.chermsidewest@bne.catholic.net.au

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.

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.

Stewardship

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

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

Mass Changes

From next weekend, 3 & 4 December, some changes will be introduced during the Mass.

1. The Readers and Ministers of Communion will gather at the door and enter the church in the entrance procession.
2. The first collection will be taken up after the homily (instead of before the first reading). The second collection will be in its usual position after the Prayers of the Faithful.
3. Music will cease when the distribution of communion has finished so that there is a period of silence for private reflection and prayer.
4. Distribution of the Holy Blood will re-commence for those who wish to receive it.

a) Note that the only accepted way for Catholics to receive the Holy Blood is by sharing the cup. **Dipping the host in the wine (intinction) is not approved.**

b) Please do not receive the Holy Blood if you are unwell.

c) To enable an efficient flow in the communion procession, the people in the "slanted" seats at St Gerard's will be asked to wait until communion has been received by those nearest the Sacred Heart Statue and then move in the opposite direction from usual ie towards the atrium and back by the aisle between the two sections of seating. An usher will direct.

Thank you for your help in implementing these changes.

Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Concert Series
 Dominic Perissinotto (organ) | Sunday 3rd December | 5:00pm
 Christopher Trihitis (organ) | Sunday 10th December | 5:00pm
 Susan Collins (violin) | Sunday 17th December | 5:00pm

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St Paschal's 6pm Mass - 25 November

The Goan Community will be celebrating the feast of St Francis at the 6pm Mass at St Paschal's. After mass it is a tradition in Goa to distribute (chickpeas & coconut) when a feast is celebrated. The Goan community plan to distribute (chickpeas & coconut) after mass for those who attend mass. There will also be singers singing some Konkani songs outside the church.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2023

Our Christmas Appeal has commenced and on behalf of the Society, we ask for your continued support in helping our vulnerable families have a happy Christmas this year.

There are envelopes provided on the seats, and if you can help 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 faith helps us to see hope, because we have the gift of our family, friends and the love of God within us. Many of the people we visit do not have the support we take for granted.

Our Christmas tree will soon be up and it would be appreciated if any donations of good and gifts for children be left under the tree. Please do not wrap the gifts you kindly donate.

Young Adult Events

RECLAIM, a monthly YA formation talk held on **5 December** at Emmanuel City Mission. A Christmas-themed free event.

The Saint Francis Social Christmas Dance will also be held on **9 December** at Bowen Hills Parish. This is the last dance of the year. The social is inspired by the Catholic parish dances held around Brisbane during the 1950s – 1970s, and all proceeds from the night are donated to local Catholic Charities. This is the Facebook event for the Saint Francis Social: <https://www.facebook.com/events/343348011537653>.

Please Join Us for the
HOUR OF GRACE

Friday 8th December 2023, 12 noon – 1:00p.m.

**FEAST of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION at
Little Flower Church, Turner Road, Kedron**

All Welcome

Centacare Pastoral Ministries Volunteer EOI

"Expressions of interest are welcomed for those willing to provide pastoral and spiritual care for people living with mental health challenges @ Centacare's Mental Health Hub in Fortitude Valley. If you would like to put your hand up for this ministry work (providing morning tea, companionship, prayer and mass support) alongside an existing team of pastoral carers and have Wednesday morning availability (each week), please contact Judy Norris (Director – Pastoral Ministries) on Ph 3324 3193 for more information."

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

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Anniversaries: Please pray for Dr Thomas Lynch, John D'Silva, Therese Debelak 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

3 December 2023 First SUNDAY of ADVENT

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17

Psalm: Psalm 79:2-3, 15-16

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Matthew 13:33-37

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Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
19/11/23	\$	\$	\$	\$3274.90

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: 27 Nov—1 Dec 2023

Mon 27/11 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm

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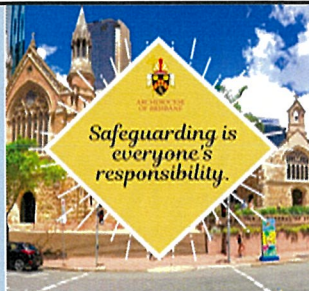
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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Turrbal Peoples, who have walked this Country in ages past, who walk it now and will walk it in the future. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge their profound 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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