

# 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 21st May 2023 *The Ascension of the Lord Year A*

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

Part of our credal statements as visibly enshrined both in the Apostles and Nicene creeds include belief in the ascension into heaven of our Lord Jesus Christ. We profess that: "He (Jesus Christ) ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead." For forty days after the resurrection, Christ made many appearances to His apostles and disciples to strengthen their faith and to ensure that they can take on His mission to the ends of the earth. After these series of appearances, Christ ascended into heaven. The ascension is inextricably linked to the resurrection and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the believers. "But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you," (John 16:7).



The readings of this weekend describe in subtle but similar fashions how the ascension of the Lord does not mark the end of the presence of Jesus Christ in our world and in the lives of believers. The feast of ascension rather celebrates Christ's on-going presence in the world. The presence of Christ is evident through the joyful life of every believer and through the many marvels which are inextricably associated with mission of the Church. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Luke the Evangelist, described how, through the power of the Holy Spirit, believers in Christ will become witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth. Luke said, as Christ gave this final instruction to His disciples, 'Christ was lifted up while the disciples looked on, and a cloud took Christ from their sight.' St Luke's graphic description was further explained by Saint Paul in the second reading. In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul prayed "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give believers the Spirit of wisdom and insight, so that we may know Him better. May the eyes of our minds be enlightened so that we may know the hope to which God has called us, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great power for us who believe," (Ephesians 1:17-19). Finally, the focal point of the gospel is not so much on the ascension of the Lord but rather on the great commission. As Jesus came to the Eleven, He said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age," (Matthew 28:18-20).

The extraordinary fact about Christianity is that it's not founded on the visions, dreams or aspirations of a dead hero but on a living Person- the Risen Christ. The Risen Christ is not once upon a time but an active and living presence amongst all who believe in His name. "Christ is the head of the body, the Church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything," (Colossians 1:18). Pope, Benedict XVI once said that the ascension is not so much the departure of Jesus as it is "the beginning of a new nearness." In the Ascension, Jesus becomes "the one who fills all things in every way,"

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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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and it is through the ascension that Christ's promise to be with us always, until the end of the age, has been fulfilled. Rather than seeing the ascension of the Lord as an occasion to mourn the departure of Jesus, the feast of the ascension is a day to rejoice and celebrate in the nearness of Christ to us. In the "Assembly, Minister, Word and Sacrament" and even in our daily life, Jesus Christ is present, alive and active.

As we continue to encounter Christ, let us continue to make Christ's active and living presence known to others through the ways we live and love.

God bless you all.

Fr. John

## Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

### Priority Six: Implementing Integral Ecology

Natural and human ecology interact in mysterious and unmistakable ways.

To interfere with one is to interfere with the other; to promote the good of one is to promote the good of the other.

Fratelli Tutti (a recent Papal Encyclical) focuses more upon human ecology in speaking of the radical interconnectedness of all human beings at a moment when alienation and polarisation are making disconnectedness seem the norm.

The Church is called in such a moment to be a sign of contradiction, speaking in a way that rises above politics and economics so that a genuinely biblical and Christian voice can be heard.



Download the whole document at [tinyurl.com/lampsablaze](https://tinyurl.com/lampsablaze)

### CHILDRENS LITURGY - St Gerard's

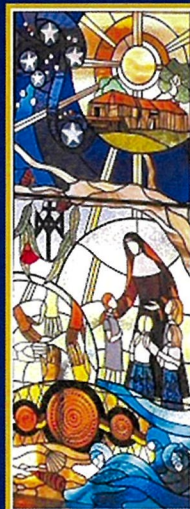
Children's Liturgy has re-commenced at St Gerard's at the 8:00am Sunday Mass. Parents & grandparents bring the little ones along to begin their journey to knowing God better.



**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility**

## Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism  
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.



### Peter Kearney Concert-Reflection

### SIGNS of HOPE – PEOPLE of FAITH

#### SONGS & STORIES

Songs linked by stories and reflections about people whose faithful lives have brought compassion, hope and justice into our world.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 6.30pm  
St. Paschal's Catholic Church  
30 Warraba Ave  
WAVELL HEIGHTS

Donations welcome

## CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

—THE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS— JOHN 8:12

### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

2PM Sunday 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

We are organising a bus to leave from the Church of Our Lady and St Dymphna's carpark at 479 Robinson Rd Aspley to go to St Stephen's Cathedral for the Corpus Christi procession. We need to confirm numbers of people who are interested in travelling on the bus within the next 3 weeks so that we can finalise arrangements for bus hire etc. The cost is \$5.00 per person, maximum \$20 per family.

Please ring Louise 0407 023 603 to book your seat.

### Retention and deletion of personal information collected in complying with Archdiocesan Safeguarding requirements and Legislation.

The Parish is mindful of our obligations in the Australian Privacy Principles (APP) which requires that reasonable steps be taken to protect personal information and for personal information to be destroyed or de-identified once it is no longer needed.

As a response to the Archdiocese's request for personal information to be obtained for Police Checks and to comply with Legislation: the *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000* (the Act) and the *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2020*, and if this personal information has been collected by the Parish for progressing onto the Archdiocese, the Parish, upon notification from the Archdiocese that the volunteer's personal information has been received, will delete any personal information as soon as it is no longer needed.

Carmela Knauth – Local Safeguarding Representative and Work Health & Safety Coordinator – 18 May 2023



## Brief Messages

Morning tea after 8.00am mass has recommenced.  
Please join us for a cuppa.

## Sacramental News

Year 4 students who were confirmed last year will start preparation for 1st Communion this week.

For students in year 3 or others not yet confirmed, enrolments for the next sacramental programme will be taken in June for Confirmation in October.

## Baptism Classes

**Baptism** classes for school aged children will take place on 3 & 10 June at St Gerard's at 3.00pm.

Please contact the Parish office to book in.

## Leadership Team Meeting Discussions

As part of the ongoing future developmental plans the Parish is looking at putting a Columbarium at each church.

In association with the school and taking into account safety issues, we are looking at some parking options in the front of St Paschal's church.

The planning for future development at St Gerard's is going ahead with the next stage being production of a master plan which will look at making options to provide funds to support the development.

## Extra Ministers of Communion

With the return to the reception of both Body and Blood of Christ, we need extra Ministers to distribute Communion at Mass.

If you would like to volunteer for this important ministry, please take one of the forms at the door of the Church, complete it and hand it in after Mass. Please note that you do not need any special qualifications to undertake this ministry. All Parishioners who regularly receive communion are welcome to volunteer. Some training will be provided and a new roster will be prepared by June.

Please consider if YOU can help. Thank You.

## A Morning's Prayer

The second "A Morning's Prayer" for 2023 will take place on Saturday June 3rd from 9am to 12pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston. The topic for the event will be "Knowing and Loving Our God."

We will delve into understanding who God is for us and the mystery of the Trinity, through input, personal prayer, meditation and fellowship in a space designed to facilitate an encounter with God.

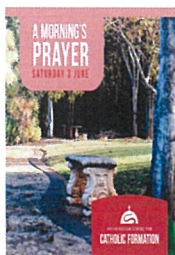
**When:** Saturday 3 June, 9am-12pm

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

**Cost:** \$20

Both parish groups and individuals are welcome to attend.

Register now at [app.tickets.org.au/eb/amp23\\_2](http://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amp23_2)



## VERSE FOR VINNIES - MARCO GLIORI

It's Marco Gliori who's coming,  
he's coming on May 28.

He's really a high profiled poet,  
with verse you will rank as first-rate.  
He'll hold you with awe and with rapture,  
he's done it for nigh thirty years.

From Tenterfield, Gympie to Tamworth,  
just listen, you'll still hear the cheers.  
There's pathos, there's humour and laughter,  
applause for our Marco is loud.

But if your not there you won't hear it,  
make sure that you're part of the crowd.

And come to this concert for battlers,  
those people who struggle with life.

Join Marco as he makes the effort,  
so Vinnies can help those in strife.

**1.30pm Sunday May 28**

**at 67 Dawson Parade Grovelly.**

**Cost \$15 includes Afternoon Tea**

**Book seats with [noel@noelstallard.com](mailto:noel@noelstallard.com)**

## Stewardship

**"I am praying for them." JOHN17:9**

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

(Accessed on April 29,2023from [www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weeklybible-reflections](http://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weeklybible-reflections))

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## WE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Betty Bell and Joan Palmer

**Anniversaries:** Please pray for Anthony Fernandes, Jude Lewis and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

**Sick:** Please pray for all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of the Sick.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

28 May 2023 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Psalm: Psalm 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34

2nd Reading: Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

## OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
14/05/23	432.00	950.00	1951.15	\$3333.15

*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: 22 - 26 May 2023

Mon 22/05 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm

Thurs 25/05 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10:00am

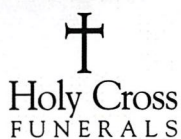
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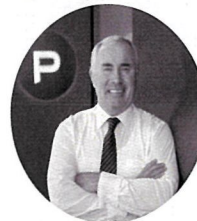
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*We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Turrbal Peoples, who have walked this Country in ages past, who walk it now and will walk it in the future. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge their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