

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 14th January 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

HOMILY by Richard Leonard

In recent years we have all had to learn to live with 'voice mail' as a necessary part of modern life. Sometimes it can be hard to get a human being on the other end of the telephone. The endless repetition of options and reassurances can be frustrating. But let's think about what it would be like if God decided to install voice mail in Heaven. Imagine praying and hearing this: 'Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following options: 1 for Requests; 2 for Thanksgiving; 3 for Complaints; 4 for All Other Inquiries.'

And, what if God used the familiar excuse, 'I'm sorry, we're busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us, so please stay on the line and we will attend to you as soon as possible.'

Worse still, imagine if we heard, 'Our computers show that you have already prayed three times today; Please hang up and try again tomorrow,' or, 'This office is closed for the Sabbath, please pray again on Monday at 12.01am. If you need emergency assistance when this office is closed, contact your local Priest, Rabbi or Imam.'

The readings from the First Book of Samuel and the Gospel of John all involve call and response. The first reading plays out what many people think the call of God is like – a booming voice telling us what to do. John's Gospel is more subtle. The earliest apostles are called in two ways and neither of them involves loud voices with grand requests. Andrew follows Jesus because of what John the Baptist says. Simon Peter comes to Jesus through word-of-mouth, his brother Andrew's recommendation.

What these readings collectively indicate is the various ways in which people are drawn into the life and service of God. Sometimes, because we want certainty, we hope and long for a more dramatic indication of God's will. Some people get it. Mostly, however, the experience of Andrew and Simon Peter is the more common one. We follow our desires, play our hunches and pursue what intrigues us. As time goes on, our experience indicates the path that will lead to the most hopeful, faithful and loving choice. What is especially encouraging about the Gospel is that Andrew goes after whatever it is that Jesus has. He lives with, or experiences, Jesus' company for a day and then becomes his recruiting officer.

In so many ways, of course, things are different for us now. Rather than us seeking out where Jesus lives, we are given opportunities to experience his life, and invite him to come and make a home with us. But whatever the



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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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differences in the process, the end result is the same. Just as Samuel, Andrew and Peter could have no idea where their response to God's call would lead them, so we cannot either. All we know is that it will cost us something, maybe everything.

Responding to God's call in Christ is not for the faint hearted and we shouldn't pretend it is. It involves loving our enemies, working for peace, forgiving those who have wronged us, and making the world a just place for all God's children. If these charges make no claim on us in our daily lives, then, chances are, we are listening to voices that endlessly give us the runaround, rather than being hooked up to the source of life which makes sense and gives meaning to all our connections in this world and the next.

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Named for the Cosmos

What's in a name? A Lot, if it is God who confers the name. Jesus of Nazareth, the embodiment of God-for-us, knew the power of naming in relation to calling and destiny.

What is the name which God the creator gives to human beings, to humanity, i.e. to you and to me?

In the beautiful imagery of the Jewish Scriptures, in the book of Genesis, God breathed into the nostrils of a figure made of clay, and names the first human being 'Adam', a name which means 'earth creature' (Gen 2:7).

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus using his Divine power to name in relation to vocation and destiny.

God delegated to my parents, to your parents, the privilege of conferring a name. God has known you by that name, and your divinely desired role for the cosmos, even before you were conceived. (Jer 1:5)

That is the name with which you will answer at death and at the end of time to the question:

'My beloved [name],

did you fulfil your role and vocation as an earth creature to garden the earth (Gen 2:15),

to act as 'salt of the earth', i.e. to make it life-giving over a long period of time, and to act as 'the light of the cosmos', i.e. to enable the cosmos, through your mind and heart, to love and praise its Creator. (Mat 5:13-16)'

How will you answer?

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Position Vacant—Sacramental Coordinator

Kedron Parish is seeking applications for the position of a Parish Sacramental Coordinator. This is a casual position offering flexible hours.

To apply, please use this link:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=828745>

Op Shop NEWS

The Op Shop will re-open on
Monday 22 January 2024.

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.

Attention all ALTAR SERVERS

According to the Archdiocesan Volunteer Safeguarding Accreditation Requirements, all **adult Altar Servers** are required to register with the Archdiocese as a volunteer of Our Lady of the Angels' Parish and possess a current Blue Card that is also linked to the Archdiocese. If you do not hold a current Working with Children Blue Card or are not registered with the Archdiocese, **please contact me as soon as possible** so that I can help in the registration process and completing a Blue Card application form.

Please remember that working with children legislation requires that all adults interacting with children are required to have a Blue Card – No Card, No Start.

If you have any **children under the age of 18, parents are required to complete a consent form.** Please contact me as soon as possible and I will email you a form.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Carmela Knauth, Local Safeguarding Representative
January 12 2024

Information Day for Cathedral Guides & Welcomers

Thursday
1st February 2024

9.30am -1:00pm
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FRANCE—PARIS AND LOURDES 2024

with Fr Dan Ryan

Would you like to travel to France mid May to mid June with me on a French Saints Pilgrimage, with a possible extension to Rome.

I have organised a pilgrimage with Harvest Journeys to travel through France and visit the Places of Saints.



The trip will include Paris(2nights), Rouen, Liseux(2), Mont-Saint-Michael(2), Chartes, Nevers(1), Taize, Paray le Monial(2), Ars, La Salette(1), Avignon, Lourdes(3), Montserrat(1), and Barcelona(1), Optional Rome Extension(3)

If you would like more information, you can contact Harvest Journeys on 1800 819 156 or harvestjourneys.com/pv2445. If you contact Harvest Journeys mention my name and the pilgrimage is French Saints Pilgrimage. There are a few brochures at the back of the church.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (QLD) is offering a marriage enrichment seminar for all couples - to encourage heartfelt commitment and improved connection - based on Gary Chapman's "5 Languages of Love"

Who: All couples, married, engaged, or thinking about commitment, who want to strengthen their relationship. There is always more. Come and join us.

What: Witness talks based on Gary Chapman's book "The 5 Love Languages."

When: 13th January 2024 from 9 am – 12 noon

RSVP: 10th January 2024 – formbyd@iprimus.com.au

Where: Our Lady of Mount Carmel community room, 312 Cavendish Road, Coorparoo.



Weekday Masses

During January and early February 2024, there will only be ONE weekday mass on Fridays at St Gerard's. Normal weekday masses will re-commence on Monday 12th of February 2024.

Stewardship

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

(Accessed on January 12, 2024 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)

VERSE FOR VINNIES

John O'Brien will be our next poet,
Father Hartigan was his real name.
He's the priest of the pioneer poets,
his *Said Hanrahan* brought him to fame.
And he captured those times in Australia,
facing bushfire, drought or a flood,
when the Irish migrated to settle,
found conditions of heat, rain and mud.
'Twas this culture that Fr. Pat captured,
as displayed in a Carey's foray,
hospitality was Casey's hallmark,
just the same as with Aussies today.

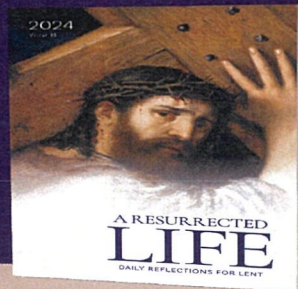
And the schooldays the kids then encountered,
when on horses they set off to school,
in those days the *Inspector* came calling,
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Anniversaries: Please pray for Robert Whyte and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.
Sick: Please pray for Raymond Bass, Amanda Whitfield, Pat O'Shea and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of the Sick.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

21 January 2024 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
 Psalm: Psalm 24:4-9
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

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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: 15 — 19 Jan 2024

Mon 15/01 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm

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First Saturday of the Month 8.00am to 12.00 noon

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