

# 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 January 2024**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

## HOMILY by Richard Leonard

Seeing today's Gospel is set by the water's edge, this story seems appropriate.

One day, three men were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large raging river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so. The first man prayed to God, 'Please God, give me the strength to cross this river.' In an instant God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, after almost drowning a couple of times.

Seeing this, the second man prayed to God, 'Please God, give me the strength and the resources to cross this river.' In an instant God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times.

The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, 'Please God, give me the strength and the resources ... and the intelligence ... to cross this river.' In an instant God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, went upstream a couple of hundred metres, then walked across the bridge!

The three men's prayers were all about gaining something: strength, resources and intelligence. Today's readings are about gaining things too. Unlike the instant answer to the hikers' prayers, Jonah, Paul and Mark know real gain usually comes less dramatically and quickly, and involves letting go of something as much as it involves taking it on. In the Christian life this is called conversion, and it's at the centre of our life of faith.

Christian conversion is not a once-in-a-lifetime moment. It can happen every day in a rich variety of ways. It involves a change in attitude as much as a change in lifestyle.

All three readings show a different facet of conversion. Jonah calls the Ninevites to social conversion. St Paul, who reveals a very strong expectation that the end of time is near, calls the people of Corinth to a conversion of mind. And through relating the call of Simon, Andrew, James and John, St Mark tells us about personal conversion.

These days we regularly hear God's call in personal terms. It's sometimes called 'me and God' theology. Modern hymns reflect it best. We regularly sing about how Jesus died 'for me', or that 'here I am Lord' or that 'I will follow you'. Individually these lines are all true, the problem is that they tend

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### Leadership Team:

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**APA:** Mr Paul McGlone

**APRE:** Mrs Kirsten Karey

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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

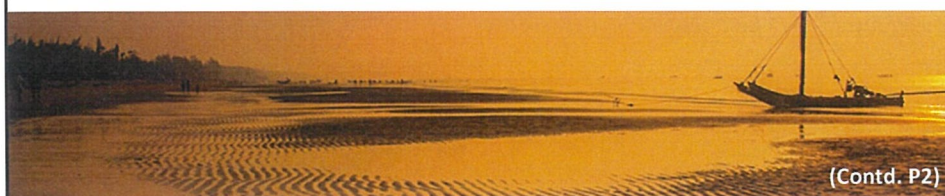
**St Paschal Baylon - 30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights**

**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.) to play down the more ancient and biblical social dimensions of our call to conversion. In the Bible even though God and Jesus call people to conversion through personal relationships, there is no hint that this is where it stops. Every call leads to the wider community, to the people of Israel in the Old Testament, and out to the entire world in the New Testament.

Today's readings provide a litmus test for our conversion. If our faith has become a self-help club, where we talk about 'my' God, 'my' prayers, 'my' Church, 'my' Mass, we are in need of conversion. We don't need to leave God's personal love for us behind, we just need to see it as a necessary preparation for belonging to the people of God as we engage with the world at every level. We are challenged to reject the idea that it's me-and-God-against-the-world, and welcome in the idea that it's us-and-God-in-the-world.

May this Eucharist give us the strength, resources and intelligence we need to be converted personally and socially again this Sunday.

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## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### The Eyes Have It

When Jesus says to Simon, Andrew, James and John 'I will make you into fishers of men', then, amongst the many levels of meaning they would have heard the allusion to Ezekiel 29:3-5.

Jesus was telling them that he was creating a society of liberated human beings, called the 'Kingdom of God'. This would involve struggle against powerful elites, the pharaohs of this world, who oppress and enslave people. It would be as dangerous and demand as much energy as required to haul a crocodile out of the Nile.

Yet they did so, 'straightaway'. Because of the call of Jesus? No. At least, not that alone. We read 'He saw Simon and his brother Andrew . . . He saw James and his brother John.' They were responding not to his voice alone but to his eyes. His is like the attentive gaze of a parent loving a baby into a beautiful future. Jesus looks at you and at me wanting to love us into a barely imaginable future.

We could pause for a moment to remember that when His call comes, demanding an 'aye' or a 'nay', the Eyes have it.

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## 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.**

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

## 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](http://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 entrance of the church.



## Thank You

I would like to say a huge thank you to the ladies who organised the Thanksgiving Mass and morning tea last Friday to celebrate my birthday. I am truly grateful for your generosity and kindness.

God Bless, Carmel McKay

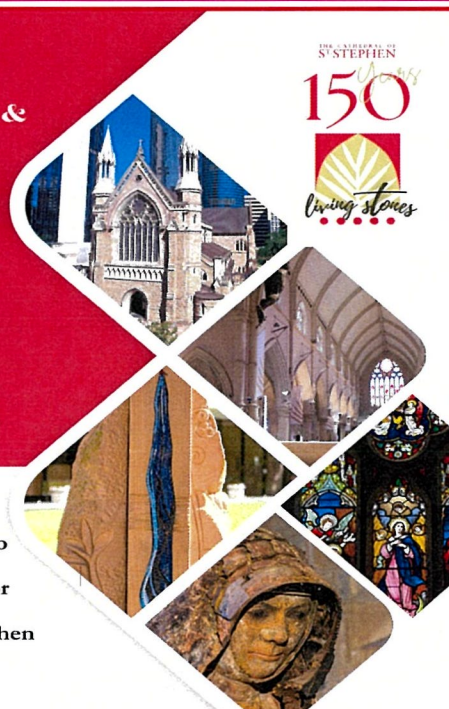
## Information Day for Cathedral Guides & Welcomers

Thursday  
1st February 2024

9.30am - 1:00pm  
Hanly Room,  
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## Attention all ALTAR SERVERS

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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

## Stewardship

*"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."*

**Mark 1:17**

Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

*(Accessed on January 17, 2024 from [www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections](http://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections))*

## Australia Day Mass

On Friday 26th January, the Australia Day Mass will be celebrated at St Gerard's at 9:00am.

## Name Badges

Anyone needing a name badge please put your order in at the office. Cost—\$15.00

## Healing of the Family Mass

Everyone is welcome to attend our first event for 2024 with a Healing of the Family Mass.

**When:** 11.00am, Saturday 3rd February 2024

**Where:** St John's Church, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate

**Enquiries:** Rose or Audrey

(04354 558 390 or [secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au](mailto:secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au))

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## 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,  
then the nuns convinced kids to be cool.  
Lindsay Gaffney, an outstanding singer,  
will enthral with some Irish loved songs,  
so please come, help the battling folk battle,  
give them hope, so they feel they belong.

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Sunday January 28

Book using [noel@noelstallard.com](mailto:noel@noelstallard.com)

## Position Vacant—Sacramental Coordinator

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

## CHILDRENS LITURGY Coordinator

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### WE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Peter Richards, Josephine Bass, Colleen van de Velde, Chimechefunam Matthew Echewodo Ajah

**Anniversaries:** Please pray for Robert Whyte and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

**Sick:** Please pray for Helen Mullins, Raymond Bass, Amanda Whitfield, Pat O'Shea and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of the Sick.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**28 January 2024 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm: Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

### OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
14/01/24	\$364.90	\$683.05	\$1864.95	<b>\$2912.90</b>

*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 Jan 2024**

Mon 22/01 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm

### OP-Shop OPEN

Phone No. **0493 755 642**

Monday to Friday 9:30am to 1:30pm

*First Saturday of the Month 8.00am to 12.00 noon*

### Piety Shop OPEN

Monday to Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm

Shortly before and after weekend masses

### STOpline Service 1300 304 550

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