

# 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 28th January 2024**

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

## **HOMILY by Fr Michael Tate** **Evil Spirits versus the Holy One of God**

I lecture at the nearby university on war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. Often, I find myself dealing with a blood-lust which seems to craze whole societies leading to the massacre of innocent civilians, the use of rape as an instrument of terror, torture and dehumanising on a systematic basis.

It has revived my belief in diabolical powers.

I suppose I had a rather infantile, Disney type image of the devil in my youth. I discarded that and saw human wickedness as the wellspring of evil in our world.

But I now think St Paul was correct when he said: 'Our battle is not against human forces but ... we are struggling against the spirits and supernatural forces of evil.'

There are powerful spirits at work in our world: good angelic forces and evil demonic forces – sometimes called diabolical forces.

The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, something torn apart, something shattered which should be whole.

Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is very powerful.

But that spirit harbours a certain fear: the fear that there could be a stronger spirit moving through human history, a spirit of wholeness, a spirit of holiness:

Could there be a Holy Spirit which could heal a person torn apart whether by illness or abuse or a deep sadness which divides body, mind and soul? Could there be a Holy Spirit which can integrate the personality and make it whole again?

Could there be a Holy Spirit which could heal a group or even an entire nation divided by racial hatred, class warfare, unjust discrimination based on sex, religious conflict? Could there be a Holy Spirit which can overcome such alienations and can make a society, a community out of the divided group?

The diabolical spirit found this fear to be well grounded when Jesus appeared at the synagogue at Capernaum, when the Holy One of God appeared on the scene of human history.

What did the 'unclean spirit' which possessed a man cry out?

Have you come to destroy us?' The fear was realised because they recognised Jesus as 'the Holy One of God'.



(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

**RECONCILIATION is available after Parish Mass**  
**Please approach Fr John**

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'They realised that they were in peril: 'Are you going to destroy us?' Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action.

He healed the man possessed. He made whole this gravely disturbed person being torn apart by the diabolical spirit.

Our Lord continued with this mission for three years. He invites you and me to share in this mission. He empowers you and me to share in this mission.

You and I are to use all our healing powers whenever we come across whatever it is which tears people apart: disease, long festering conflict within a family or some other group, deep loneliness – the most prevalent contemporary manifestation of apartness.

That is our mission at the personal level, but of course, there are tasks at the communal, social, political levels also.

These are all dimensions of a battle of immense scale going on: evil spirits versus the Holy One of God.

What gives us hope that the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ will prevail?

On Easter Sunday, Jesus Christ conquered the worst the diabolical power can inflict on you and me: the apparent finality of a death which wrenches body and soul apart.

Jesus' resurrection manifests the triumph of the Holy One of God: the reintegration of the human person – bodysoul.

Let us become allies of this Victor over Death.

That will put the fear of God into the devil!

© Fr Michael Tate

## 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.



## 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.

## 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.**

## Name Badges

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

## St Gerard's Ladies Group

The Ladies Group will recommence on Thursday 1st February at 10:00am in the Church Hall.

We look forward to catching up with everyone again.

## 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))

Prayer Support Teams available after Mass.

Followed by BYO Lunch.



## Information Day for Cathedral Guides & Welcomers

Thursday  
1st February 2024

9.30am -1:00pm  
Hanly Room,  
Francis Rush Centre.

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## ARCHBISHOP MARK'S AUSTRALIA DAY MESSAGE

Australia Day is marked in different ways by the different peoples who form the rich tapestry of this nation lying beneath the Southern Cross.

For some it is a moment to look back with pride on the many achievements of Australia since 26 January 1788. What began as a penal colony became in a relatively short time a peaceful and prosperous nation. It also became a stable democracy, sealed by Federation. None of this was easy, and Australia Day can be a time to give thanks for the sacrifices made.

For others who have come to this land more recently, often escaping the horrors of war, persecution and poverty, it is a moment to give thanks for the new home they have found in this country where they have been able to recover hope and rebuild their lives. Australia has given them much, but they too have given Australia much; and for that we all give thanks on the national day.

For the first inhabitants of the land Australia Day looks different. We cannot forget the injustice and dispossession they have known since 1788. Often they were displaced from their land; and Australia has slowly come to understand that to break the bond between Aboriginal peoples and the land was to do them great violence, communally and individually. The cornerstone of Aboriginal cultures was shaken, with devastating consequences for Aboriginal peoples' sense of identity. This was made worse when children were removed from their families. To this day, we see the effects of this, described at times as intergenerational trauma.

We who are not culpable are nonetheless responsible to do what we can to heal the wounds of injustice, since until those wounds are healed the claim that "all are equal" in this land will be little more than empty words. From 1788 until now, all have not been equal here; and they never will be until we remember in a way that reckons truthfully with the past and commits to doing what is necessary to heal the wounds. Until they are healed our national potential will never be fully realised, and Australia Day will not be the time of shared celebration it is meant to be.

A national day can be for us all a moment of deeper reflection when we recognise that Australia, with its many peoples, is capable of great compassion and of a wisdom that understands the truth. It can be a day to recognise what this country can be, a land where all are in fact equal and can walk together into the future God is preparing.

Mark Coleridge  
Archbishop of Brisbane

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God of all peoples, Lord of the journey  
who always walk with us,  
in this land you have blessed us  
with the first inhabitants of the land  
who have loved it through the ages:  
for them we give you thanks.  
You have blessed us in the settlers  
who made this land their home,  
and forged a nation with their toil:  
for them we give you thanks.  
You have blessed us in the many peoples  
of different languages and cultures  
who have found a new home here:  
for them we give you thanks.  
We ask that you make a home among us,  
so that justice and truth may flourish here  
and all Australians may walk together  
into the future you are preparing:  
for that we give you thanks.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+ Mark Coleridge  
Archbishop of Brisbane

## Stewardship

*"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."- 1 Corinthians 7:32*

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

(Accessed on January 24, 2024 from [www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections](http://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections))

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**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Please pray for 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**

**4 February 2024 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7  
 Psalm: Psalm 146:1-6  
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
 Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

**OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH**

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
21/01/24	\$377.45	\$790.30	\$1818.25	<b>\$2986.00</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: 29 Jan — 2 Feb 2024**

Mon 22/01 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm  
 Thurs 1/02 Ladies Morning Tea St G 10.00am  
 Fri 2/02 Youth Group St G 6.00pm

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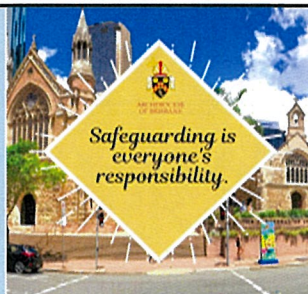
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