

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 11th February 2024
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

HOMILY by Richard Leonard

Sometimes translators of the Bible get it wrong for all the best reasons. We are used to hearing in today's Gospel that Jesus was 'filled with pity' when he encountered the leper, but the Greek word Mark uses is more accurately translated 'anger', not 'pity'. With the exception of the cleansing of the temple in John's Gospel, generations of translators found it hard to imagine Jesus angry. Jesus' anger, however, provides a wonderful insight into him, and a strong challenge to us.

Anger tells us that something is wrong. It is an important and valuable emotion. Anger is value-neutral. It's what we do with it that defines its effect in our lives. Some of us sit on it and stew. Others gain energy from their anger to right the wrong.

People who had any type of skin disease in first century Palestine were called lepers. They were treated shamefully. They had to live outside the villages and towns, call out 'unclean, unclean' when they came near others, could never attend the temple and were considered cursed by God and so excluded from the Chosen People. No wonder Jesus was angry when he encountered a man with leprosy. Here he also confronts a social class system that robbed this man of his human dignity and religious laws that robbed him of hope.

There are two details in this story that are especially important. The man with leprosy feels comfortable enough to go straight up to Jesus, to put his case, and ask for healing. We are told that Jesus touched him. Social and religious laws were being broken in this encounter. But Jesus' healing of the man isn't just about challenging social laws and taboos. Jesus tells the man to fulfil his religious obligations so that he can attend the temple again and rejoin the community. Jesus was interested in converting all those he met to the higher laws of love and compassion.

We are challenged this Sunday to trust our anger. This is not only about fighting for our rights when we have been wronged, but more so, it's fighting for the dignity and rights of others. It can take many forms: taking the life of those yet to be born, or who are near natural death, fighting for future generations by calling for a just care of the earth. And it can be about standing up for those people in our home, parish, workplace, neighbourhood, country and world who are treated shamefully, excluded, derided, or declared unclean.

Why should we bother? Because this Sunday Christ comes to us, again, and



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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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declares that despite what we might think about ourselves, or what we have been told, there is nothing in us which cannot be healed or is beyond hope.

May this Eucharist give us the love and compassion of Christ to fight for others' dignity because of the dignity we have received from Him. May we trust our anger and pray that it be like that of Jesus, and so turn us into agents of change for a more just church and for a more just world.

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Weekday Masses

Normal weekday masses will re-commence on
Monday 12th of February 2024.

FR RICHARD LEONARD SJ

*Guest Celebrant and Speaker
at Mother of Mercy Parish*

Time: **Mass at 5.00pm then 6.00pm talk**
(Topic: *Why Bother Praying?*)

Date: **Ash Wednesday 14 Feb 2024**

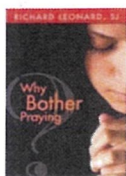
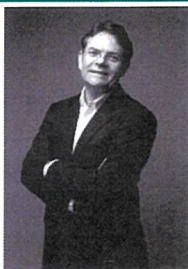
Place: **OLHC Church, Hendra**

Fr Richard is a wonderful speaker, author and YouTuber and has written many books (eg *Where the Hell is God?*) that are relevant and engaging.

Transport can be provided for those requiring assistance to attend.

Gold Coin Donation.

Open to all, family and friends most welcome!



OLA Altar Servers

For those servers who were unable to attend either Session 1 and/or Session 2 of the training conducted in Nov/Dec 2023 both training sessions will be combined and repeated on **Sunday, 18 February 2024.**

- ◆ **St Paschal's** – 10.45am – 12.15pm
- ◆ **St Gerard's** – 3.00pm – 4.30pm

All altar servers are welcome to attend if you would like a "refresher" or to go through some of the procedures you may be unsure of.

Julie and Margie

OLA Altar Server Coordinators

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)

Bookings for Fr Dan's trip to France are closing at the end of February. If you would like more information please contact Harvest Journeys on 1800 819 156 or harvestjourneys.com/pv2445.



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.

Message from Fr John

Dear Parishioners

I would like to say a big thank you for your Christmas wishes and wonderful gifts.

I also want to express my heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering support, prayers, and comforting thoughts during my family's difficult time. I am truly blessed to be part of such a caring and compassionate parish.

God Bless

Fr John

Pastoral care to the sick in hospitals (volunteer role).

Centacare, in conjunction with the Institute of Faith Education, will conduct a registered training course in spiritual and pastoral care to the sick in 2024.

Date of the information session:

Wednesday 6 March, 10am – 1pm,

Level 1, Cathedral House 229 Elizabeth St, Bne City.

For further information, or to attend the information morning please email judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au or phone 3324 3193.

CCR Bardon Healing Mass

Anyone needing healing prayer or a spiritual boost in their lives, is invited to attend the first Friday monthly Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, **Friday, 1st March, 2024 at 7.30pm.** Fr. Neville Yun will be the celebrant.

The Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass. Personal prayer will also be offered after Mass. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further info, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

God Bless LP Seow, On behalf of CCR Brisbane.

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And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore 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 that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:18-20

LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

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Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Ash Wednesday Mass

14 February 2024

St Paschal's — 8.45am

St Gerard's — 7.00pm



Young Adult Events

Come along and join in the Young Adults Mass
17 February, 6.00pm at St Paschal's.

There will be a Young Adults hangout following the mass. Please contact Antonio for more information.
Yc.chermsidewest@bne.catholic.net.au

CHILDRENS LITURGY Coordinator

The Parish is looking to fill the role of Children's Liturgy Coordinator at St Gerard's. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in fulfilling this role.

Stewardship

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

(Accessed on January 31, 2024 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)

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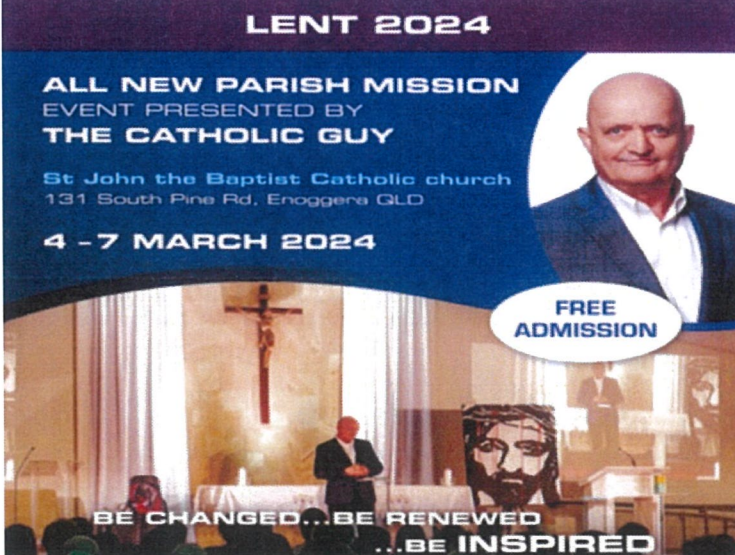
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4 - 7 MARCH 2024

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...BE INSPIRED**



WE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Caroline Briggs, Kathleen Watson, Denise Watson, Raymond Bass

Anniversaries: Please pray for Thelma D’Silva and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

Sick: Please pray for Amanda Whitfield, Pat O’Shea and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of the Sick.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

18 February 2024 First Sunday of LENT

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm: Psalm 24:4-9

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
4/02/24	\$277.00	\$683.50	\$2160.75	\$3121.25

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: 12 — 16 Feb 2024

Mon 12/02	Meditation Group	St P	5.45pm
Wed 14/02	Ash Wednesday Mass	St P	8.45am
		St G	7.00pm
Thurs 15/02	Ladies Morning Tea	St G	10.00am
Fri 16/02	Youth Group	St G	6.00pm

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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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