

# 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 18th February 2024** **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B**

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

We begin our Christian journey into of the Holy Season of Lent each year with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Coincidentally, this year's Ash Wednesday and Valentine Day were celebrated on the same day. It was impressive and heartwarming to see so many people, especially young people, attend Mass on Ash Wednesday. We almost ran out of holy Communion at the 7pm Mass at St. Gerard's. The high attendance showed that the day wasn't only spent in love gardens but also in chapels, places of prayers and worship.



Ash Wednesday and Valentine are mutually inclusive. They both celebrate the realities of human experience. Of course, no one can spell VALENTINE without LENT. This is why it's fitting to have one day of celebrating love in all its forms while also recognizing our mortality. 'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.' Sometimes when we speak about love, we think of emotions and feeling whereas real and genuine love goes beyond mere warmth or attractions. Genuine love is about making 'the decision to love another unconditionally' and being open to the grace from God that enables a person to sacrifice and to give oneself freely to God. This is nothing but the Good News as proclaimed by Jesus Christ and testified by its many messengers.

The gospel of this first weekend of Lent opens as Christ freely allowed Himself to be led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan. This event in Mark's gospel comes immediately after Jesus' baptism in the Jordan. After He was baptised, the heavens opened, the Spirit descended upon Jesus, and a voice came from heaven and said: "You are my beloved Son" (Mark 1: 11). No sooner was the glory, the statement of endorsement and affirmation over than the Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness where He was tempted.

As mortals, we are not immune from daily temptations. In our everyday life, we can be tricked, deceived, and lured into doing or saying things that do not reflect our true identity as beloved sons and daughters of God. When we are tempted, we can either fall into temptations or overcome them. In the Book of Genesis (Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7), Adam and Eve made the choice to give into the temptation, while Jesus in the Gospel made the choice to overcome it.

No one who is distracted can overcome temptation. Jesus was able to overcome the tempter because He was focused on prayer and meditation. He knew that the love of God was greater than any worldly gift. His mind, heart, soul and indeed His whole life was centred on God's love for Him. As we solemnly observe this Holy Season of Lent in preparation for the celebration of the Triduum and the feast of Easter, may we, like Jesus,

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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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journey into the wilderness in our individual lives. In our case, this wilderness may include our ugly appetites, emotions, feelings, desires, or areas of our lives where we feel terribly vulnerable, overwhelmed or challenged.

Lent is about putting our distracted life into perspective. Let's not be afraid of spending some time in these barren areas of our lives and making amends where necessary.

**God Bless you all,  
Fr John**

## 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](http://harvestjourneys.com/pv2445).**

## Stewardship

*"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14*

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

*(Accessed on February 15, 2024 from [www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections](http://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections))*

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

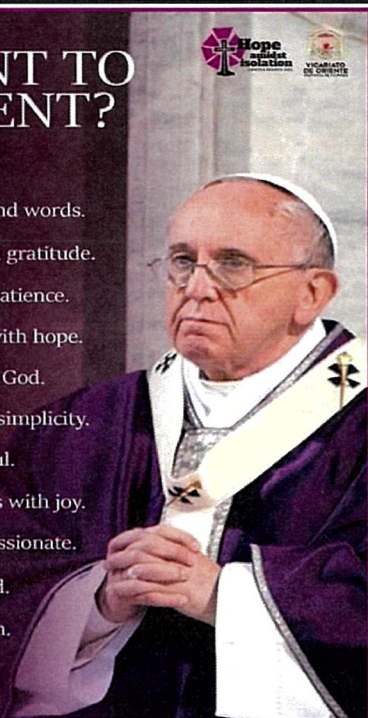
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



## 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.*

## Preparations for LENT

Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish are planning a bus trip to **Marian Valley on Saturday, March 16**. The cost will be \$35.00 per seat (includes morning tea). The bus will leave Sacred Heart Church at 7am. The program for the day will be Holy Mass, morning tea, Stations of the Cross, Lunch in grounds (BYO), departing at 1pm. Anyone interested in participating, please book via the Parish Office on 3869 1377 or email [sandgatebrighton@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sandgatebrighton@bne.catholic.net.au) as soon as possible so transport can be secured.

## Lenten Book A Resurrected Life

*A Resurrected Life* will invite you to believe in the extraordinary hope that the Gospel bears — a hope grounded in a God who transfigures our wounds, which become fountains of healing and life for those around us and for the world.

**Available for purchase at St Paschal's this weekend or from the Piety Shop for \$6.00.**



## 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**

## 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](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com)

God Bless LP Seow, On behalf of CCR Brisbane.

Website : [www.ccrbrisbane.org.au](http://www.ccrbrisbane.org.au)

*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





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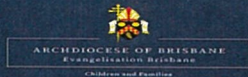
## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held 30mins before 9am mass on Thursday at St Paschal's and Friday at St Gerard's.

## CHILDRENS LITURGY

St Gerard's would like to restart Children's Liturgy for the new year. Currently we do not have sufficient volunteers. Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to help as a Leader, Assistant and/or Coordinator. Parents of the children would be very welcome.

## CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NETWORK



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD ONLINE WORKSHOP

LEARN HOW TO FACILITATE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD. PLUS DISCOVER NEW AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS FOR 2024

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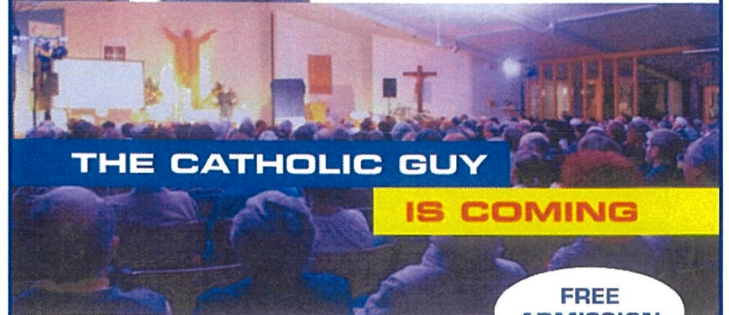
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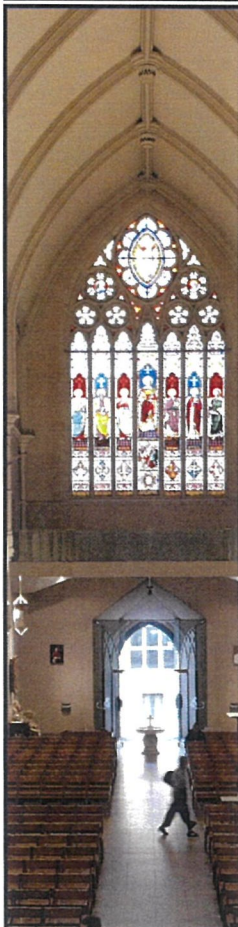
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### FOUR INSPIRING SESSIONS

Session 1	Monday	4 March	7.30pm
	Tuesday	5 March	10.00am
Session 2	Tuesday	5 March	7.30pm
	Wednesday	6 March	10.00am
Session 3	Wednesday	6 March	7.30pm
	Thursday	7 March	10.00am
Session 4	Thursday	7 March	7.30pm



To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen

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Friday 10 May 2024 - 7:30pm  
Saturday 11 May 2024 - 1:30pm  
Saturday 11 May 2024 - 7:30pm

Psalms 24 - The Earth is the Lord's  
Lili Boulanger (1893-1918)

Mass in C minor ('Great') K427  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Sara Maclver - soprano  
Sofia Troncoso - soprano  
Andrew Goodwin - tenor  
David Greco - baritone  
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### WE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** John McCluskey, Caroline Briggs

**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

#### 25 February 2024 - Second Sunday of LENT

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Psalm: Psalm 115:10, 15-19

2nd Reading: Roman 8:31-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10



### Our Lady of the Angels Parish

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
11/02/24	\$381.00	\$629.50	\$1770.3	<b>\$2780.80</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

**Stations of the Cross - 8.30am**

Thursday at St Paschal's

Friday at St Gerard's

#### What's on this Week: 19 — 23 Feb 2024

Mon 19/02 Meditation Group St P 5.45pm

Thurs 22/02 Ladies Morning Tea St G 10.00am

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