

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 25th February 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

In the Bible, Mountains and Deserts are always seen as significant places of encounter between God and God's people. God spoke to Moses on the Mountain (Exodus 24:15ff). On the mountain too, God revealed Himself to Elijah (1 Kings 19:8). The Evangelist Mark, might be a man of few words, but Mark knows how to use symbolic images like deserts and mountains to buttress his stories. Jesus has gone from being tempted by the devil in the wilderness to having some quite time on the Mountain with three of His disciples. This is a much-needed journey for Jesus. On the one hand, as Jesus makes His way to the Cross, He wanted to receive approval for His decision and choice.



While on the mountain, Jesus got not only the approval of His Father but also a mystical illumination that would follow Him to the Cross. The presence of Moses and Elijah, the dazzling brightness, the cloud which covered them, and the voice of endorsement from God the Father all combined to confirm that Jesus was acting as the beloved Son should and must act. Like Isaac in the first reading, Jesus is the promise of God. The redemption and salvation of humanity depends on Jesus Christ. However, unlike Isaac, Jesus is actually the Lamb of sacrifice, whose blood will wash away the sins of the world.

A few days before the journey to the Mountain, Jesus had told His disciples that: 'the Son of Man must suffer grievously in the hands of the chief priests and elders and be killed and after three days, rise again' (Mark 8:31). When the disciples heard this, they were quite disturbed. They still had the wrong idea of the Messiah. They had a sense of a political Messiah, one who would use his power to conquer the Romans and other earthly kingdoms. It was while the disciples were still trying to make sense of a suffering Messiah that Jesus took Peter, James and John to the Mountain - and in their presence Jesus was transfigured. Although this seemed like a very special and graced moment for them, they were still confused, bewildered and puzzled.

Like Peter, James and John, spending time in prayer during this season of Lent will help us to be alone with God. Time spent is not time wasted but time invested well. Moments of prayer offer us priceless moments to sit in silence and re-examine our lives and ascertain our willingness to die to self so that we can live for God and for other people. The phrase: 'this is my beloved Son, listen to Him', was not only directed to Peter, James and John but to each of us as Christians.

We ought to take seriously the implications of this command from God. In this season of Lent, let's not only get our mouth to fast, but also our eyes, our feet, hands, and indeed, all parts of our body. Our hands need to fast so that we can be free of avarice. We need to let our feet fast, from running to sin. Our mouth needs to fast from engaging in foul words and destructive

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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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criticism. And our minds need to fast from thinking evil and harbouring malicious thoughts. It is sheer hypocrisy and contradiction if we abstain from alcohol, coffee, ice-cream, meat and other things we may have given up for lent and yet eat and devour our fellow human beings by the malicious things we say about them.

We are open to our own mystical experience, like Peter, James and John, if we intentionally deliberate on how we live every day.

**God Bless you all,
Fr John**

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.

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.

Stewardship

"Here I am!" he answered." - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbour needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

(Accessed on February 22, 2024 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)

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

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

Lillian Jane Kempson

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.

Queensland Irish Choir St Patrick's Day Concert

Enjoy an afternoon of Irish Music, Song and Dance
Musical Director: David O'Keeffe | Accompanist: Tam Li
Guest Performers QIA Pipe Band | QIA Dancers

Sunday 10th March at 2.00pm (Doors open 1:30pm)

Chermside-Kedron Community Church

(Cnr Gympie & Rode Roads)

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/COTQP>

\$25 Adults | \$10 under 15 years

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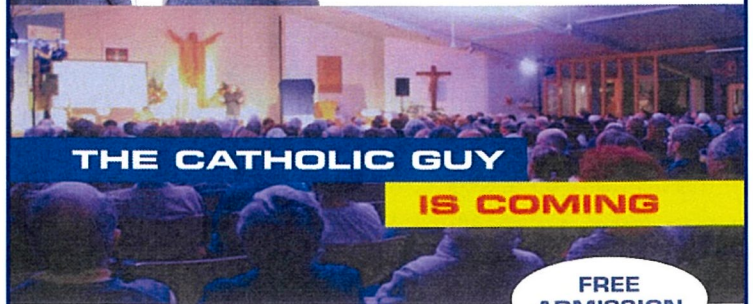
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4 - 7 March 2024



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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

Containers for Change

Parishioners can now drop off drink containers in the bins provided at each church. Please also consider using the parish **Scheme ID C11176245** when lodging your return at a return fund station. Thank you.



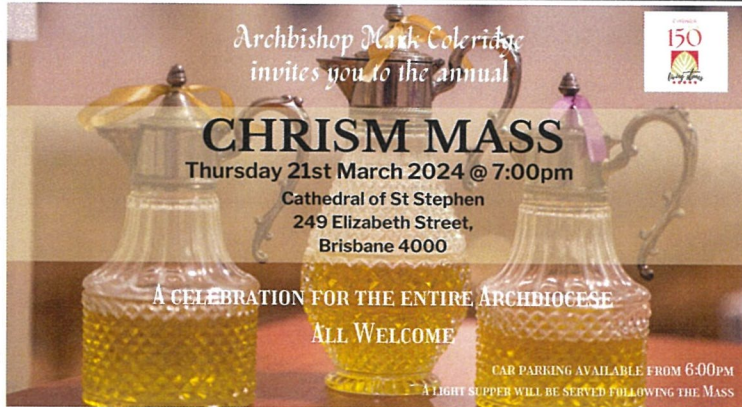


After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

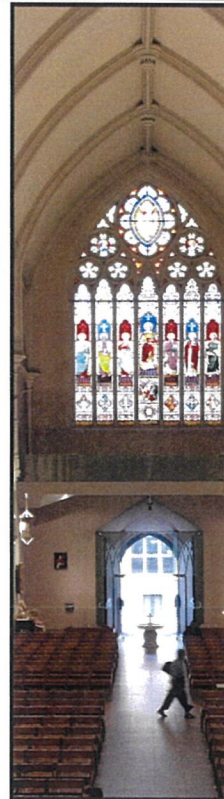
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Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

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.



Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual
CHRISM MASS
Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7:00pm
Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street,
Brisbane 4000
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To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen
The Queensland Symphony Orchestra
conducted by **Umberto Clerici**
will perform concerts in the Cathedral
Friday 10 May 2024 - 7:30pm
Saturday 11 May 2024 - 1:30pm
Saturday 11 May 2024 - 7:30pm

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

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

Sara MacIver - soprano
Sofia Troncoso - soprano
Andrew Goodwin - tenor
David Greco - baritone
St Stephen's Schola
Brisbane Chamber Choir

Tickets are available from the QSO website
<https://qso.com.au/events/2024/special-events/special-event-mozart-mass>

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's Liturgy at St Gerard's will commence on 1st March at the 8:00am Sunday Mass and will take place on the first and third Sunday of the month. Parents & grandparents bring the little ones along to begin their journey to knowing God better.



If you are willing to help as a Leader or Assistant please contact the Parish Office. Parents of the children would be very welcome.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned giving envelopes for 2024 can be collected from the entrance of both churches from this weekend. If your envelopes are not there or if you wish to start using envelopes please contact the Parish Office.

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.

Marian Valley Bus Trip

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 as soon as possible so transport can be secured. Once minimum bookings are reached, payments will be requested. All welcome!

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Recently Deceased: John McCluskey

Anniversaries: Please pray for 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

3 March 2024 - Third Sunday of LENT

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm: Psalm 18:8-11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25



Our Lady of the Angels Parish

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
18/02/24	\$	\$	\$	\$3393.40

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: 26 Feb — 1 Mar 2024

Mon 26/02 Meditation Group St P 5.45pm

Thurs 29/02 Ladies Morning Tea St G 10.00am

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