

# 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 3rd March 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

The account of the cleansing of the Temple is common to all the evangelists. While the Synoptics (Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19; and Luke 19:45-48) had their individual account toward the end of Christ's public mission, John the Evangelist had his account at the beginning of Jesus' public life (John 2:13-25). What's important is not so much the chronology of the event but the theological implication. The event of the cleansing of the temple is a fulfilment of an Old Testament prophecy already foretold by Prophet Malachi (3:1-4). The text says, "then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to His temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty. "But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when He appears? For He will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; He will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have people who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years." Part of the mission of Christ was not to abolish the law but to perfect it (Matthew 5:17).



In the cleansing of the Temple, Christ was not opposed to the sacrifices in the Temple, but the injustices and manipulations which were perpetuated there, all in the name of God. Thus, the idea was not to abolish the sacrifices of the Levites but to purify them so that they would be acceptable to the Lord. By driving the cattle and sheep, money changers and pigeon-sellers out of the temple, Christ symbolically cleansed the Temple of all superficial and external practices. The era of regarding the Temple as just a physical building is over. The Temple is the house of God, and a house of prayer. It's obvious that this was a glaring social injustice aggravated by the fact that it was perpetuated in the name of religion. This led Christ to flaming anger but He became angry for the right reason. Since Jesus loved the God, Jesus 'Abba-Father', it was impossible for Him to stand by passively and watch while human beings, who were made in God's image and likeness, acted manipulatively. The exploitation of innocent people moved the heart of Jesus Christ to immediate anger - and the fact that this exploitation took place inside the Temple angered Him even more.

As mentioned earlier, all the evangelists have an account of the cleansing of the Temple; but no two of them have the words of Jesus verbatim when they recorded His condemnation of the sacrilegious acts in the Temple. Matthew gives Jesus' words as: "My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you make it a den of robbers," (Matthew 21:13). In his account, Mark wrote: "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations. But you have made it a den of thieves," (Mark 11:17). Luke in his version said: "My Temple will be a house of prayer, but you have turned it into a den of thieves," (Luke 19:46). Finally, in John's gospel, we read: "He told those who were selling doves, 'Get these things out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!'" (John 2:16). All the evangelists have said the same thing in different ways. They all underlined the fact that Jesus acted with anger because God's house was being desecrated. In the Temple, Jesus met worship without reverence. It is true that God is worshipped not only in physical buildings made of bricks and wood but also in the temples of our bodies. However, while a church

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### Leadership Team:

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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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building might be simply bricks and mortar, it's important to note that there are things which set a church building apart and make it an exclusive and dedicated place of worship.

May the penitential nature of the season of Lent continue to inspire us, in the busyness of our daily lives, to find time to worship God reverently - not only amongst the community of believers but also in our homes, relationships and wherever God is and can be worshipped in spirit and truth.

God Bless you all,  
Fr John

## 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 CONCERTS SERIES

29th February

D'Arne Sleeman (soprano) | Ireni Utley (soprano)  
Dominic Perissinotto (organ)

7th March

D'Arne Sleeman (soprano) | Ireni Utley (soprano)  
Dominic Perissinotto (organ)

14th March

Dominic Perissinotto (organ)

21st March

Christopher Trikilis (organ)



The Cathedral of St Stephen  
Lenten Concerts 2024  
Thursdays at Noon  
Free Admission

## Stewardship

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything" - Exodus 20:4*

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

(Accessed on February 29, 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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Youth and Young Adults from across the Archdiocese are invited to "RecoRally" on Friday 22nd March from 6 - 8:30pm at Padua College, Kedron. This will be a night of live music, games, inspirational speakers, powerful prayer and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Registration is free and more information is available at [tinyurl.com/reco rally24](http://tinyurl.com/reco rally24)

If you are a priest who is able to assist us with reconciliation for this event, please contact Nattasha Mierendorf at [mierendorfn@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:mierendorfn@bne.catholic.net.au) or via Evangelisation Brisbane on 07 3324 3440.

## Lenten Book—A Resurrected Life

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



## Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

*Olivia & Sophie Jones  
Rhodes & Murphy Senior*

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

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual

**CHRISM MASS**  
Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7:00pm  
Cathedral of St Stephen  
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## Combating Domestic Violence

Queensland Women's Week 2024 (3-10 March)

QWW celebrates the achievements and leadership of Queensland women and girls. It is also a time to bring our communities together to work towards creating a thriving, gender equal community. Our Church urges us to strive for gender equality to combat domestic violence. *"Today the Church does not ask women to be subservient to their husbands any more than it endorses slavery. rather, the relationship between spouses, should reflect their equality in Christ (Galatians 3:28)."* Please join us for a short period of prayer and reflection after the 9am Mass at St Flannan's Catholic Parish, Zillmere on Sunday 10th March.

# TRUTH TELLING

## Where to from Now?

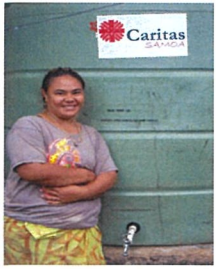
### RAP Networking Workshop



SCAN TO REGISTER

**FRI 23 MARCH  
8:30am - 3pm**

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## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS 2023/2024 & 2024/2025

Dear Friends and Families,

It's an exciting time when children receive their Sacraments. Our Lady of the Angel's Parish Sacramental Program is offered in line with the Sacramental Policy of the Archdioceses of Brisbane and ensures children preparing for Confirmation, Holy Communion and Reconciliation experience a collaborative process of formation which is parish-based, family-centered, and school-supported.

*Children in Year 3 and above are now invited to participate in the 2024/2025 Sacramental Program.* Enrolments are now open! You can collect an enrolment form from the Our Lady of the Angel's school or parish offices. **Enrolments close 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**

For those children who received Confirmation last October, our sacramental journey recommences next weekend with First Reconciliation and Holy Communion being celebrated in the coming months.

The next workshop and Mass are as follows:

**Saturday 9th March—St Gerard's**

3:15pm Workshop / 4:30pm Mass

**Sunday 10th March—St Paschal's**

9:30am Mass / 10:30am Workshop

We look forward to further welcoming you to our parish community.

Larissa Skuce | Sacramental Coordinator

Email: [sacramental.chermside@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacramental.chermside@bne.catholic.net.au)

## St Patrick's Day- Invitation to Mass

We of the St Patrick's Day Parade Association invite you to join us for the St Patrick's Day Mass this year.

**Date:** 17 March 2024

**Time:** 10.00am

**Venue:** Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane

Come and join fellow members of the Irish Community in celebrating Ireland's National Day. While the Mass itself will not have the same "Irish" input as in previous years, it is still an opportunity to come together and pray for the well-being of all us in the Irish diaspora. And we will still give you the opportunity to meet up with new and old friends afterwards over tea/coffee refreshments that we will provide.

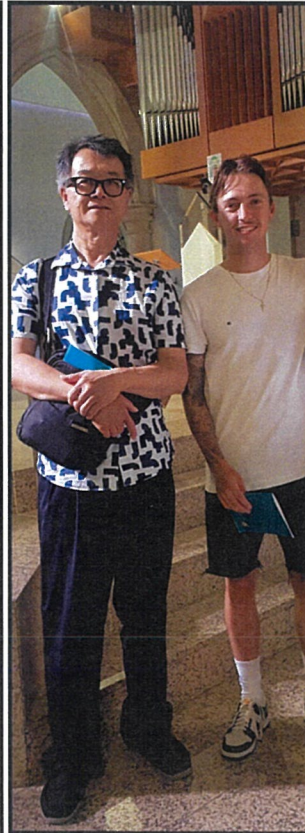
*Put also in your diary that the Annual St Patrick's Day Parade will take place in the City on Saturday 16 March starting at 10.30am.*

## CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's Liturgy at St Gerard's will commence this Sunday 3rd March at the 8:00am Mass. It 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.*



## R C I A

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

We would like to introduce to you, Tat and Zac who are to become full members of the Church as they receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass.

On the First Sunday of Lent, they attended the Rite of Election at the Cathedral with others from across the Archdiocese. This was a very moving liturgy during which they were accepted as Elect going through the final period of preparation for the reception of the sacraments.

Over the next three weeks, we shall include the Scrutinies in relevant Masses and we shall include Tat and Zac in our prayers. They will also be presented with copies of the Creed this week and the Lord's Prayer in two weeks time as they join more and more in the life of the Church. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

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### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Please pray for Walter Morton, Leo Caruso 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

### 10 March 2024 - Fourth Sunday of LENT

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23  
Psalm: Psalm 136  
2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10  
Gospel: John 3:14-21



## Our Lady of the Angels Parish

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
25/02/24	\$	\$	\$	\$2929.95

*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: 4 — 10 Mar 2024

Mon 4/03 Meditation Group St P 5.45pm  
Thurs 7/03 Ladies Morning Tea St G 10.00am

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