

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 10th March 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

Natural disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, and floods do bring with them devastating impacts, which are always long lasting. There is often a range of emotional, psychological, economic, spiritual and even mental effects associated with natural disasters. In fact, natural disasters not only affect people financially but they impact people's overall health and wellbeing. No one feels good experiencing any form of natural disaster. Recently as I was watching TV, I saw a family whose home was ravaged by wild fire. This family painfully recounted how they had sustained not only physical injuries but also financial and emotional distress, adding that they had not only lost their home, which was their place of comfort, security and safety but also many treasured objects and important documents.

The feelings of regret, fear, despondency, anger, confusion and other negative emotions people have in the face of any disaster are no different from the responses God has in the face of human suffering and pain. God feels each and every one of our pains and sufferings. This might sound odd and incomprehensible especially when we are besieged by the problems of life. In the face of suffering, some of the most haunting questions have been: 'Why are evils, pain and suffering in the world if there is God? Why isn't God doing something about human suffering? There is even the assumption that the existence of evils, pains and sufferings are results of human sins or God's vindictive action as judge. These beliefs or assumptions clearly show a lack of understanding of who God is and the nature of God who is a loving Father, and not a stern, angry, grumpy deity who needs to be pacified and persuaded to love and forgive.

In the gospel of this weekend, we heard amongst other things that "God so loved the world that God sent His only Begotten Son..." (John 3:16). It's simply in the nature of God to love. God is love, and God loved a world that is full of evil and wickedness. The world God loved and still loves was and is still far from being perfect. The detailed chronicling of iniquities and evils in the world - people adding infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices seen in the first reading - are still prevalent in our world today. However, the evils and problems of life are not God's vindictive action as a judge. Natural disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis and floods cannot be God's vindictive action. God did not send His son into the world to condemn or judge the world. (John 3:17).

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called *Laetare* Sunday. The word *Laetare* means more than joy. It means to be light-hearted. Even though we are still going through these penitential days of Lent, we are joyful and light-hearted because of what God has done for us in and through His Son Jesus Christ. If God loved us so much that He was happy to send His only begotten Son to die for our sins, then there is nothing God cannot do for us. There is no greater proof of love than in what God has done for us in the gift of a Saviour, Jesus Christ. God's love for us is personal and profound. Saint Augustine said, "God loves each of us as if there was only one of us to love."

In the midst of the vicissitudes of life, be it in the form of natural disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes, wild fires and floods or sickness, loss of job, breakdown in marriage or relationship, let's not lose sight of God's overwhelming love which is always personal and profound.

God Bless you all,
Fr John



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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

Lenten Penitential Prayer Service



Wednesday **13 March** 7pm—St Gerard's
Thursday **14 March** 7pm—St Paschal's
ALL 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.

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.

Palm Crosses

If you would like to learn how to make these little Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday we will be holding a workshop at St Gerards on **Saturday 23rd March at 9am**. If anyone in the Parish has Cocos Palms and would be happy to donate some branches that would be great, please deliver to the church on **Friday 22nd March** or **Saturday Morning**. Morning tea will be provided. It will be a fun communal morning while we all get to learn a new skill. Look forward to seeing you there.



Youth Volunteers Needed

Stations of the Cross dramatization

Youth under 18yrs are welcome to costume and act as characters for the Stations of the Cross.

10am Good Friday March 29th at St Paschal's Church, Wavell Heights.

All volunteers will rehearse after a 9:30am Sunday Mass, St Paschal's, in March. Date TBC.

To express interest or for more info, please approach Alice and Joseph at 9:30am Mass or contact yc.chermsidewest@bne.catholic.net.au or Parish Office 07 3359 0239.

Easter Roster

If you haven't already sent through your preference for the Easter Masses, please put your name on the sheets this weekend. We still need names for Altar Servers, Readers, and Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Week.

Stewardship

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son....."

John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

(Accessed on March 8 2024 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

*Sebastian Giguere
Kahukura Pryke*

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

Alienation of Presentation House

The Parish has been approached by Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) to see if the Convent (Presentation House) at Ferguson Road can be acquired for use by Our Lady of the Angels' School. The building has been vacant for some years now, although the bottom parts have been occasionally used as storage by OSHC. When the matter was brought to the Leadership Committee and Parish Finance Committee, it was suggested that the parish lease the building to BCE. However, when we met with a representative from Brisbane Catholic Education, it was noted that "the current Archdiocese of Brisbane policy relating to the administration of parish school assets prohibits a Parish from charging a school a rental charge for the use of premises in the operation of a school." Since Canon law allows for alienation of temporal goods of the Church, which is transfer of ownership of ecclesiastical property from one entity to another, I have sought permission from our two councils to alienate the convent. There are quite a few processes involved. The Archbishop and the College of Consultors would have to give their approval for the building to be alienated. Until the approval of the Archbishop and the College of Consultors is sought and granted, we are invited to pray that everything goes well for the good of the parish and our school community.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS 2023/2024 & 2024/2025

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 Our Lady of the Angel's school or parish offices and from the front entrance of both churches. Enrolments close 26th July 2024.

For those children who received Confirmation last October, our sacramental journey recommences this 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

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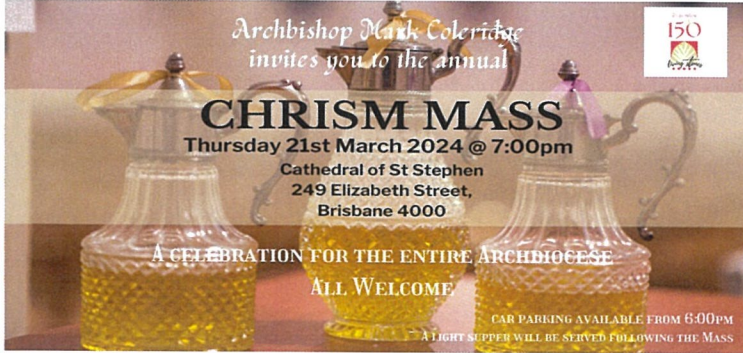


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Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual
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Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7:00pm
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Holy Week / Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday—28th March

The Lord's Supper

7:00pm St Gerards & St Paschals

Good Friday—29th March

Stations of the cross

10:00am St Gerard's & St Paschal's

Individual Reconciliation

10.45am St Paschal's

Passion of the Lord

3:00pm St Gerard's & St Paschal's

Saturday—30th March

Easter Vigil

7:00pm St Gerard's & St Paschal's

Sunday—31st March

The Resurrection

8.00am St Gerard's (No Morning Tea after Mass)

9.30am St Paschal's (No Morning Tea after Mass)

There is NO 5.30pm MASS on Easter Sunday

Young Adults Group

The sign up sheet for anyone interested in joining the Young Adults Group can be located at the entrance of both churches. Please contact Antonio for more information. Yc.chermsidewest@bne.catholic.net.au.

TRUTH TELLING

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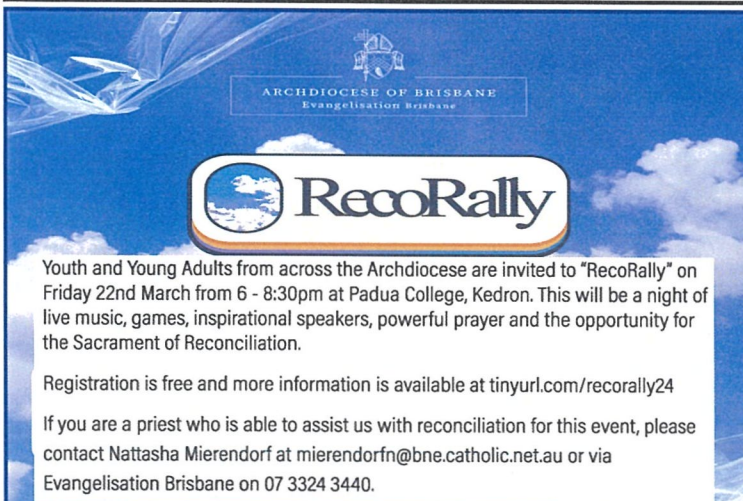
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RecoRally

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Registration is free and more information is available at 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 mierendorf@bne.catholic.net.au or via Evangelisation Brisbane on 07 3324 3440.

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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

17 March 2024 - Fifth Sunday of LENT

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm: Psalm 50:3-4, 12-15
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9
 Gospel: John 12:20-30



Our Lady of the Angels Parish

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
3/03/24	\$	\$	\$	\$2928.55

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 (during Lent)

Thursday at St Paschal's & Friday at St Gerard's

What's on this Week: 11 — 16 Mar 2024

Mon	11/03	Meditation Group	St P	5.45pm
Wed	13/03	Penitential Prayer service	St G	7.00pm
Thurs	14/03	Ladies Morning Tea	St G	10.00am
		Penitential Prayer Service	St P	7.00pm
Fri	15/03	Youth Group	St G	6.00pm

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