

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 24th March 2024 PALM SUNDAY— Year B

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

This weekend, we begin Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. The Liturgy of the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord commemorates the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem to embrace 'the appointed hour.' The 'hour' Jesus Christ sets out to 'embrace' in Jerusalem is not just a time of the day, but the hour in human history when hope was restored to a hopeless world.



The Liturgy of the Holy Week which begins on Palm Sunday leads us into the *Sacred Triduum*. While the *Sacred Triduum* begins on Holy Thursday with Mass of the Lord's Supper, it extends beyond the Holy Thursday Liturgy. It continues on Good Friday and culminates on Holy Saturday with the celebration, amongst things, of 'the night, when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld.' The liturgy of *Maundy* Thursday commemorates Christ's institution of the Holy Eucharist and the presbyteral ministry. On Good Friday, we celebrate the passion of the Lord, with the Stations of the Cross and the Veneration of the Cross. What we commemorate or re-enact in the passion, through both the Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross, is not primarily how much Jesus suffered, but how much God loved and still loves us. 'For God so loved the world that God sent His Only Son, Jesus Christ into the world to die so that we might have eternal life (John 3:16).

There might be times in our journey of life when we struggle with identity crisis; when we doubt God's love for us. These moments of challenge and struggle could be due to sickness, death, break down in relationship, loss of job or when life is not just going as planned. At these times, let us realise that, in the self-giving of His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, God our Father demonstrated in a practical manner, the love God has for us. The deepest identity of every Christian has its ultimate source in the love God has shown us in the gift of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. God our Father never abandons nor forsakes us. We are all precious and unconditionally loved by our loving God and Father. 'There is no greater proof of love than to lay down one's life for one's friends' (John 15:13). This is what we celebrate and relive on Good Friday. The liturgy of Good Friday leads us into the Easter Vigil which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ rose to die no more and Christ's victory and triumph from sin and death is the victory and triumph of all believers.

Therefore, as we begin Holy Week which leads us into the one liturgy which constitutes the *Sacred Paschal Triduum*, let us ensure that we relive the mysteries of our faith in a deep and personal manner. Through the liturgy of the Holy Week, and the *Sacred Triduum*, God is showing us how to live a life of love, forgiveness and self-sacrifice. The observance of silence is a key element and critical if we are to celebrate well and relive in a deep and personal way the mystery which is at the heart of our faith. Our modern age is starved for silence. Sometimes we can appear to be victims of noise-pollution.

As we begin Holy Week which leads us into the heart of the Paschal mystery, may we do so in silence for "Silence," as Mother Teresa of Calcutta aptly captured it; "is a gift waiting to be opened and explored."

God Bless you all,
Fr John

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PARISH SCHOOL

Our Lady of the Angels Primary School

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Leadership Team:

Principal: Mr Matthew Beacroft

APA Acting: Miss Casey Wood

APRE: Mrs Kirsten Karey

PLL: Mrs Liz O'Brien

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

Work Health and Safety Guidelines for all Parishioners and Visitor Escorts.

Responsibilities

Safety is a priority and all individuals must:

- behave in a safe manner and remain vigilant to hazards
 - take reasonable care of their own safety
 - not adversely affect the health and safety of others
 - cooperate with all direction, policy or procedure provided
- inform the Parish Office of any hazards identified

Emergencies

In the event of an alarm individuals must take the following actions.

1. Remain as calm as possible.
2. Gather your personal possessions.
3. Visitors must report to their contact person/escort.

Follow all directions of Emergency Control Officer (ECO) wardens, local security, and emergency services personnel.

Where there is an immediate threat to life from an armed offender and no other direction has been given, follow Escape, Hide, Tell actions below.

1. Escape - rapidly move away from danger to an area you feel safe.
2. Hide - conceal your location and put your phone on silent.

Tell - call the police on 000 when safe to do so.

In the event there are no ECO wardens, security or emergency services personnel present, follow the directions of Parish staff.

First aid

For minor injuries inform the Parish Office and/or your host/escort.

Hazards

Remain vigilant for unfamiliar hazards that may be present on Parish property, such as:

- hazardous chemicals
- confined spaces
- active vehicle barriers
- swooping birds
- fauna
- dangerous goods
- safety critical areas.

Site safety awareness

From time to time there may be contractors on site. Heightened situational awareness is required when accessing these areas.

Maintenance activities occur on a frequent basis and this work can fall in the high-risk category. Access to these areas will be restricted at times.

Heavy vehicles and construction equipment may be in operation. Be vigilant. 'No go' zone boundaries provide a safety barrier and prevent non-authorized personnel entry to these exclusion areas. Non-Authorised personnel are not to proceed past these barriers and are to remain vigilant when near these barriers.

Pedestrian movement is to occur in the identified safety movement areas only.

Gas barbeque safety

Gas barbeques are common on Parish property and must be used as per the safety guidelines.

Incidents reporting obligations

In the event a visitor is involved in an incident or accident or becomes unwell, they must inform their escort who will then notify Local Safeguarding Representative as soon as possible.

Reporting

All visitors are encouraged to report hazards and unsafe situations to the Parish Office.

Carmela Knauth

LSR and WH&S coordinator – 21 March 2024

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.

Parking Notice—St Gerard's

We need volunteers to help direct parking at St Gerard's before Easter Masses. Please contact the office if you are able to help out. Extra parking is available at the property (White House) next to the church at the Easter Masses.

Alarm System—St Gerard's

A new alarm system has been installed at St Gerard's Church and the Op Shop. If you have keys to these buildings please contact the Parish Office.

Youth Volunteers Needed

Good Friday Pageant

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 need to rehearse after 9:30am Palm Sunday Mass at St Paschal's on 24th March.

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.

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 with Fr. John

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



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, *for all future generations.*

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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.

VERSE FOR VINNIES

North Pine Poets will be our performers, thirty years since these poets began, and their members have been Aussie Champions, scaled the heights of the bush poet clan.

There'll be nine of these poets performing, with a mix of both ladies and men.

There'll be humour and pathos and stories, some of which have been etched with their pen.

You will get a whole range of bush poems, the traditional, the modern, their own.

Variation is what they'll contribute, entertainment will be their touchstone.

There'll be Anzac Day tributes to Diggers, there'll be Paterson poems you'll know, there'll be poems you've never encountered, all of these you will get in this show.

So we'd love you to come to this concert, as it's real entertainment you'll get; and the dough from this show we can promise, goes to battlers we're prone to forget.

Sunday April 7 at 1.30pm \$15 - Only Cash.
St. Williams School Hall Dawson Parade Grovely.
Book seats noel@noelstallard.com

Stewardship

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" — MARK 15:12-1

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

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

Christian Meditation Group

Next Monday 25th March, the Christian Meditation Group will be held in St Paschal's Hall.

The following Monday 1st April there will be NO Meditation Group. Monday 8th April the Meditation Group will resume as usual.

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For all involved in preparing & celebrating liturgy in parishes & schools: Clergy, Readers, Communion Ministers, Music Ministers, Liturgy Committees, APREs, Teachers and all who gather for worship.

Facilitated by:

Rev Dr Tom Elich



An internationally renowned liturgist, Tom Elich earned a Doctorate of Theology in Paris and subsequently lectured widely in liturgy and theology. He was secretary for liturgy with the ACBC for 10 years and took part in the work of ICEL in the 1990s. Tom served 15 years as parish priest at Bulimba and spent 35 years as director of Liturgy Brisbane until September 2023.

Sr Jill O'Brien



Jill O'Brien is a Sister of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict. Her ministries have included teaching in Catholic and public schools, parish work, university chaplaincy and adult education with a particular emphasis on liturgical education. Jill is currently chaplain at Yarra Theological Union in Melbourne.

SATURDAY 20 APRIL, 2024

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary
Cnr Earnshaw Rd & Approach Rd, Banyo

Morning Tea Provided



Cost: \$15.00
(\$12.00 for bookings of 5 or more)
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WE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Kirk Geraeds, Fred Martin, Paula Dalton

Anniversaries: Please pray for John Whyte 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

31 March 2024 - SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43
 Psalm: Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
 Gospel: John 20:1-9



Our Lady of the Angels Parish

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
17/03/24	\$	\$	\$	\$2908.20

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: 25 — 30 Mar 2024

Mon 25/03 Meditation Group St P Hall 5.45pm
 Thurs 30/03 Ladies Morning Tea St G 10.00am

Holy Week/Easter Mass schedule can be found inside the Newsletter or on the Parish website.

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Shortly before and after weekend masses



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