

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 21st April 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter — Year B

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

Traditionally, the fourth Sunday of Easter is called 'Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocation Sunday.' Across the three years of the Church's liturgical calendar, the gospel of this weekend is taken from chapter 10 of the fourth gospel- the gospel of Saint John. This chapter from the Johannine gospel aptly forms part of the Easter readings because it underlines the depth of Christ's sacrificial death on the cross for the salvation of the world. Jesus is the 'Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep'.



The Old Testament, especially the Psalms and Prophets are replete with many depictions of God as a 'Shepherd, who leads and nurtures His children like a flock. 'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want' (Psalm 23:1). 'God leads His people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron' (Psalm 77:20). 'He is our God, and we are His people, the sheep of His pasture,' (Psalm 100:3). The nurturing and caring nature of God as a Shepherd evident in the psalms is also proclaimed by the prophets. Isaiah prophesied how 'God will feed His flock like a shepherd, gather the lambs with His arms, and carry them in His bosom,' (Isaiah 40:11). Historically, the leaders of the Israelites were described as the shepherds of God's people. The Old Testament prophets like Jeremiah and Ezekiel had tremendous indictments of the false leaders who sought their own good rather than the good of the flock entrusted to their charge. 'Cursed be the leaders that destroy and scatter the sheep of God's pasture,' (Jeremiah 23:1-4). 'Cursed be to the shepherds of Israel that feed themselves, when they should be feeding the flock,' (Ezekiel 34).

Jesus Christ draws upon an Old Testament image as He describes Himself as the 'Good Shepherd par excellence.' Christ does not make a false claim as He calls Himself the Good Shepherd. He is the dedicated and conscientious shepherd who leads His sheep; He is the 'Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. On the cross of Calvary, Christ showed in a concrete manner what it means to die for the sheep. In order to distinguish Himself as the Good Shepherd par excellence, Christ says: "my sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me," (John 10:27).

Today, we live in an era when there are so many discordant voices that call for attention. As we contemplate Jesus the Good Shepherd, we need to pray that we may always listen to Christ's voice. As Christians, we should not be afraid to follow Christ, the Good Shepherd. In the midst of many confusing voices, let us remain attuned to the voice of Jesus Christ. In this age of smart phones and tablets, we need to download Jesus Christ into our life and homes as we download apps into our phones and tablets.

Our world is witnessing what could be described as the enormously injurious consequences of living daily without inner peace and harmony. Almost every day, we hear about war and violence and their devastating impacts. In one of his messages, Pope Francis said: "it is important for Christians in their daily journey of life to recognise that God's presence is stronger than evil, especially today in a world marked by violence, divisions and indifference, where the selfishness of self-affirmation without regard for others obscures the simple beauty of welcoming, sharing and loving."

In the coming days of the week and every day of our life in this transient world, let us

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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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fix our gaze on Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd. Christ laid down His life for us. He is risen to die no more. This is the great news the Apostles and the first Easter people took with them as they set out to preach the good news.

This same good news echoes among us today and every day - whenever we endeavour to make our lives the good news, which is the origin of the gift and mystery of the vocations we celebrate on Good Shepherd or Vocation Sunday.

God bless you all,
Fr John

25th APRIL

ANZAC DAY

LEST WE FORGET

Mass at St Paschal's - 9.00am

Morning tea to follow.

Please bring a plate to share.



FIRE PREVENTION Candle Safety in Church

Each year, Church properties experience serious fires resulting from the misuse of candles. The damage caused from these fires ranges anywhere from a few thousand dollars to total destruction costing millions of dollars. Since candles are an important symbol of the Church and are readily used in Church properties, the following guidelines must be followed to reduce the chance of fire in our churches.

1. Do not buy candles and bring them into the church to use. Only use parish bought candles. Many of the candles purchased at discount stores are improperly made and have been the source of numerous fires.
2. Do not light an oil-based, long-burning candle and leave in the church until it runs out of fuel and snuffs itself out. Such a candle has been left burning overnight in the church and poses a serious risk of a source of fire.
3. Never leave a candle burning in an unoccupied room. The only exceptions would be for votive candles or the sanctuary lamp candle. These candles are specifically manufactured to burn until they self-extinguish.
4. Never let candles burn for more than four hours at a time. The same exceptions as above would apply.
5. Parents are to keep an eye on their children to ensure that they do not play with lighters, lighting tapers, and matches.
6. Extinguish candles with snuffers to avoid burns or scorching by tiny candlewick sparks. The altar cloth at St Gerard's has tiny scorch marks.
7. The flame of a candle should not be closer than 7 cm or 3 inches to other candle flames.
8. No lit candles on live or artificial holiday greenery. Exception: Any artificial wreath (i.e. advent wreath must be fire retardant treated and candles set in protective container).

Carmela Knauth
Local Safeguarding Representative and WH&S Coordinator.
April 2024

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

Anthony Siscar

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.

Mothers' Day Craft Stall

St Gerard's at all Masses 20/21 April

St Paschal's at all Masses 27/28 April

Or until sold out. Get in early for Mother's Day!

Items made by the St Gerard Majella Craft Group.

All proceeds go to Breast Cancer Research.

Prayers

Please remember the Priests, Deacons and Seminarians of Holy Spirit Seminary in your daily prayers. May God Grant them strength and wisdom as they continue their journey of faith and learning. Prayer Calendars are available at the entrance of both churches. Please take one home.



**"BELIEVE IN THE LORD,
JESUS CHRIST, AND YOU
SHALL BE SAVED"**
ACTS 16:31

9 AM - 4 PM
18 MAY

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Sacramental News 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.**

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

Larissa Skuce | Sacramental Coordinator

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Can You Help

David Seeto, aged 82, lives in McDowall and is unable to drive. He requires a lift to Mass at St Gerard's. If there is anyone in the Parish who is able to assist please contact the office on 33590239.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's Liturgy at St Gerard's will commence on Sunday 21st April at the 8:00am Mass. In May it will take place on the Second 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.

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CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

"HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS" - JOHN 8:12

2PM SUNDAY 11 JUNE 2023
Cathedral of St Stephen, BRISBANE CITY

Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

ALSO INCLUDES:
Blessed Miracles Exhibitions (10h - 1st June, Holy Room)
Vigil Light Adoration (10h June 7pm - 11h June 8am, Mary Most Holy Chapel)

To watch the livestream of the procession and for information regarding parish bus timetables, visit the website or call 0412 403 122

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Reminder

YOU OWE IT TO YOUR SPOUSE TO BOOK YOURSELF ON A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

21 - 23 June, 2024

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If interested, please contact the Parish office 3359 0239 or email chermsidewest@bne.catholic.net.au

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Recently Deceased: Patricia McBain, Fr. Marty Larsen

Anniversaries: Please pray for Lorretto "Ailsa" Whyte, Les Holman, 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

28 April 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31
Psalm: Psalm 21:26-28, 30-32
2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8

Our Lady of the Angels Parish

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
14/04/24	\$261.50	\$818.00	\$1732.45	\$2811.95

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

What's on this Week: 15— 19 Apr 2024

Mon 22/04 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm
Thurs 25/04 ANZAC Mass St P 9.00am
Thurs 25/04 Ladies Morning Tea St G 10.00am

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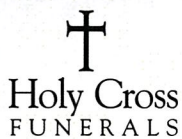
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