

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 28th April 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter — Year B

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

An American psychologist, Abraham Maslow (April 1, 1908 – June 8, 1970), was best known for creating a hierarchy of needs. Maslow's Hierarchy is a theory of psychological health predicated on fulfilling innate human needs in priority, culminating in self-realization. In his hierarchy of needs, Maslow felt "belongingness" is an essential human need, placing it above physiological and safety needs on his scale. This means that as human beings, we cannot 'not belong'. It's part of who we are as human beings.



Right from creation, we have been fashioned to belong. Our need for belonging is crucial to our life satisfaction, happiness, mental and physical health, wellbeing and even longevity. It gives us a sense of purpose and meaning. Much research has shown that loss of belonging can lead to stress, loss of identity, homelessness, depression and even death. Without a sense of belonging, it's easy to feel lost and alienated. Our instinctive need to belong goes beyond the human level and extends to our need for God. In fact, our human inter-connectedness has its deepest meaning and depth when it's fundamentally grounded in our need for God. "The desire for God is in every human heart, because we are created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw us to Himself. It's only in God that we are able to find the truth and happiness we never stop searching for," according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

In the gospel this weekend, Jesus Christ underlined the fundamental human need to belong when He said to His disciples: "I am the Vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; for cut off from me you can do nothing," (John 15:5). This whole metaphor of the vine and branches is hinged on the fact we are nothing and can do nothing without God. Just as branches of a vine draw nourishment and life from the vine, abiding in Jesus Christ is essential for life. The expression 'abiding in Christ' is used by Christ no fewer than six times in the gospel this weekend, showing its importance. Jesus Christ is not just the ultimate source of life. but Christ is life *per excellence*. As Christians we must fully depend on Jesus Christ, because without Him we are nothing, but with Him we have everything. Saint Paul says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," (Philippians 4:13). "In Christ we live and move and have our being," (Acts 17:28).

One of the crises of our age is crisis of identity. Some of the causes of this crisis have been traced to a disconnection from our authentic roots and source of life and meaning, the ultimate source of which is rooted in the God without whom we are nothing and can do nothing well. Numerous studies have found positive links between having a sense of belonging and greater happiness and general well-being, as well as an overall reduction in mental health outcomes including: anxiety, depression, hopelessness, loneliness, social anxiety, and suicidal thoughts. George Whitefield, the late Anglican cleric and evangelist who was one of the founders of Methodism and the evangelical movement aptly captured the indispensability of God in every human life when he said: "I am nothing, have nothing, and can do nothing without God..."

Our currently individualistic culture might be offering us alternative lifestyles but oftentimes these alternatives are simply antithetical to our nature as humans. One of the tragedies and ironies of modern life is that even with our advanced lifestyle, better health system, and better everything, there is no certainty that we

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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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are eating better, sleeping better and even living better than our forebears.

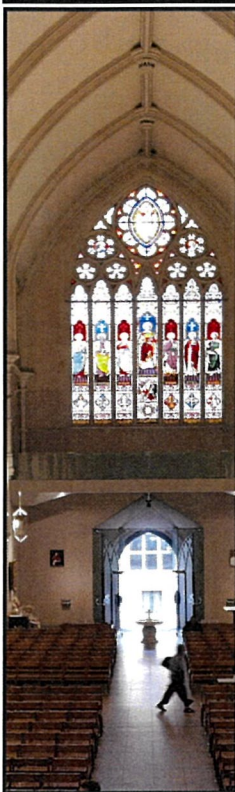
We are becoming an increasingly secular society where millions of people can identify themselves as having no religious affiliations on the census form. This leaves one wondering what has happened to the culture of belonging to a faith community and going to Church at least once a week which used to characterise Australian life and society?

Saint Teresa of Avila couldn't have been wrong when she said: "Whoever has God lacks nothing; for God alone suffices." If God alone was sufficient in the days of Saint Teresa of Avila, God alone suffices today in modern Australia because God never changes. As we continue on our pilgrimage through this transient life, may we always abide in God because cut off from God we are nothing and can do nothing well.

God bless you all, Fr John

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to Trish McMcMahon for her generous donation of a fridge and trolley to St Paschal's Church. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our Parish.



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 Maclver - 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>

Synodality and the Life of the Parish

at St Ignatius Church, Kensington Terrace, Toowong
on **Friday 24 May 2024**, from 7.30- 9.00pm. All welcome!

The key speaker: Fr Agbonkhanmeghe E. Orobator, S.J. member of the Roman Synod on Synodality. Dean of the Jesuit School of Theology in California.

Joined by: two of our finest local theologians:

* **Fr Orm Rush.** Author of *The Vision of Vatican II: Its Fundamental Principles*, he was invited to address the last session of the Synod in Rome.

* **Associate Professor Maeve Heaney.** Director of the Xavier Centre for Theological Formation at Australian Catholic University & author of *Suspended God: Music and a Theology of Doubt*. She was a participant in our recent Plenary Council.

Event Livestream via QR code.



Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

**Olivia Rewbridge
Matilda Rewbridge
Samantha Dutton**

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.

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Brian and Berneice Balaam on reaching this incredible milestone of your Diamond Anniversary. May this special occasion be filled with joy, love and cherished memories. Wishing you both continued blessings and happiness in the years ahead.

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

Mothers' Day Craft Stall

St Paschal's at all Masses 27/28 April

Get in early for Mother's Day!

Items made by the St Gerard Majella Craft Group.

All proceeds go to Breast Cancer Research.

Stewardship

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." -1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

(Accessed on April 24, 2024 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)

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

Email: sacramental.chemside@bne.catholic.net.au

Youth Mass and Fundraising BBQ

Sunday 5th May all are welcome to share our 9:30am Youth Mass followed by a Fundraising BBQ at St Paschal's Church, supporting our Youth ministry activities and evangelisation.

HEALING MASS

Anyone needing healing prayer or a spiritual boost in their lives, is invited to attend the first Friday monthly Healing Mass.

Date: Friday 3rd May 2024

Where: St Mary Magdalene's Church,
51 Cecil Road, Bardon

Time: 7.30pm

Celebrant: Fr. Joson Antony, PP at All Saints Parish, Albany Creek

The Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass. Personal prayer will also be offered after Mass. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

God Bless

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CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

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

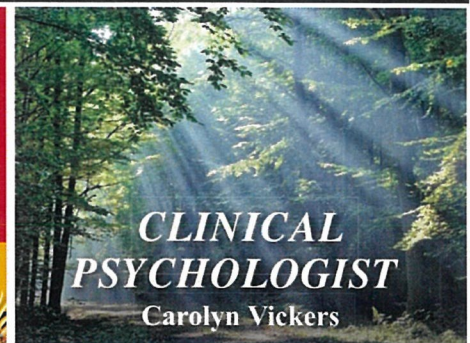
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Cathedral of St Stephen, BRISBANE CITY

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:
Eucharistic Miracles Exhibitions (10th - 11th June, Holy Room)
Vigil night Adoration (10th June 7pm - 11th June 8am, Mary Mackillop Chapel)

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CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's Liturgy at St Gerard's will take place on the second and third Sunday in May. 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.



Volunteer photographer welcome

Do you enjoy photographing special events? Volunteer photographers are welcome to respectfully photograph the OLA Parish Pastoral Council's Commissioning Masses Sunday 28th April 9:30am St Paschal's and/or Saturday 4th May 4:30pm St Gerard's. Photos to be donated to Parish for website, social media, archives and per parish need, with photographer credited. If interested, please contact the Parish Office on 3359 0239 or chemsidewest@bne.catholic.net.au.

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Do you want to ensure that the mission of the Catholic Church and your local parish continues well into the future? We need your support to sustain our faith and continue to provide parish facilities, programs, and services for generations to come. A gift in your Will can make a meaningful difference and personally advance the good works of the Church in an area that matters most to you. To find out how you can be an Eternal Guardian of your faith, please contact us on 07 3324 3632 or visit www.catholicfoundation.org.au

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Anniversaries: Please pray for Lina Pruonto, Katherine Kustra, Lorretto "Ailsa" 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

5 May 2024 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Psalm: Psalm 97:1-4
2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10
Gospel: John 17:11-19



Our Lady of the Angels Parish

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
21/04/24	\$264.35	\$704.00	\$1616.50	\$2584.85

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: 29 Apr—3 May 2024

Mon 29/04 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm

Thurs 2/05 Ladies Morning Tea St G 10.00am

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