

OUR Lady OF THE Angels PARISH

Chermside West Wavell Heights

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MASS TIMES 27 Feb - 5 Mar 2023

St Gerard Majella - 146 Maundrell Tce, Chermside West

TUE: 8:30am FRI: 8:30am

SAT: 4:30pm

SUN: 8:00am & 5:30pm

St Paschal Baylon - 30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

WED: 8:45am THU: 9:00 am

SAT: 6:00pm SUN: 9:30am

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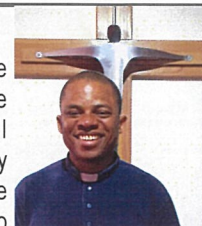
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SUNDAY 26th February 2023

First Sunday in Lent Year A

Homily by Fr. John Echewodo

During the season of Lent we often try to give up some of the favourite things we like to indulge in moderation almost on daily basis. Among these pleasures, alcohol might be somewhere near the top of the list. Recently I read an article in which the writer gave a direction which captured my imagination. Initially, the advice appeared to have gone against what I have known and been taught about Lent and how to undertake the journey to maximize its spiritual benefits. However, as I finished reading the article, I realized it was filled with humor and spiritual insight. The title of the article was: "Lent: Drink a lot of BEER." To some of us who like a cold beer, especially in summer, this sounds like good advice. In the article, the writer wrote: 'Yes, you read correctly- BEER is all you need to take this Lenten season. If you don't drink beer, I implore you, start to drink beer! If you have been drinking beer, please increase your intake! From Ash Wednesday and all through the season of Lent, DRINK MORE BEER.'



By now, you are probably wondering what the writer meant by recommending a greater intake of beer during Lent. I felt the same way at first. Interestingly, the author was not speaking about an ordinary beer such as our XXXX, Great Northern, Coopers, Victoria Bitter, Tooheys, Northern Draught, Cascade, Boags, Swan etc. He used the word BEER as an acronym for "Bible, Eucharist, Eternity and Renewal."

In the gospel this weekend, it is obvious that the one and only weapon Jesus Christ used to defeat the tempter was the Scripture. When the devil came and said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread," Jesus' reply was: "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:3-4). Again, when the devil took Jesus to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, he said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'God will command His angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus' reply was: "Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." (Matthew 4:5-7). Finally, when the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. The devil said to Jesus "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve,'" (Matthew 4:8-10). 'It is written' or 'Scriptures say,' was Jesus' consistent reply to the tempter. "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Let us read the Bible not only during this season of Lent - but daily.

According to the second Vatican Council, the Holy Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." Thus, the other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. According to St. Irenaeus, the Church is kept in existence by the Eucharist (the sign and cause of the unity of God's People). In the Eucharist, we are united with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life with God. "Our thinking is attuned to the Eucharist and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking." "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day," (John 6:53-54). On Ash Wednesday during the imposition of ashes, we probably heard words like: "Remember, that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return." This is a statement of fact. It brings to light the truth of our mortality - we will die someday, sometime when our time comes. So let us live everyday with our eyes fixed on eternity. The penitential nature of the season offers us wonderful opportunities to reflect not only on life in the here and now, but also life in the hereafter. Again, the season of Lent among other things is a time of

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renewal of our relationship with one another and with God through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. In these days of Lent, our deep self-examination can pave the way for the renewal of our inner self if we devote time to self-examination and soul searching.

I hope we now understand why and how the appeal to drink more BEER makes sense. An intake of more and more BEER, - a reading and meditation on the Bible, active participation in the Eucharist, reflection on eternity and renewal of our relationships with our fellow human beings and our God and Father - is highly recommended for a fruitful and spirit-filled observance of Lent.

I wish all a very blessed and fruitful Lent.

*God bless you all.
Fr. John*

Message of thank you.

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful farewell to our much-loved Parish Secretary Kerstin Knott. Thank you to all who prepared the food and all who shared in the table fellowship. With the formal farewell of Kerstin, the Parish needs a new secretary. If you or if you know someone who might be interested in taking up the job of Parish Secretary of Our Lady of the Angels, please kindly apply formerly through the Archdiocesan human resources. Please see details below.



**Could you be our next Parish Secretary?
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Position Vacant—Chermside Parish

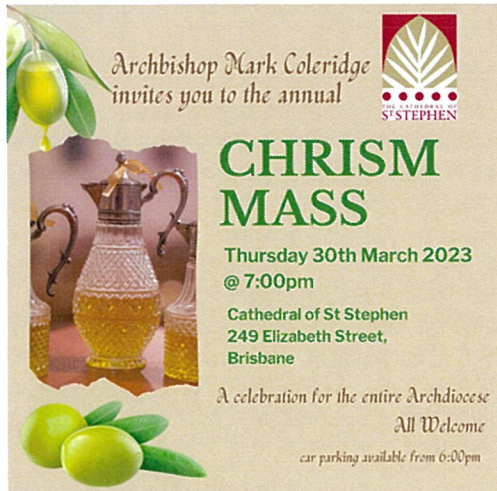
Applications are open for the above position. The position is flexible in that we could accommodate a part time or casual applicant (ideally 9am to 3pm).

For additional information, please contact the Parish on 3359 0239.

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Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual

CHRISM MASS

Thursday 30th March 2023 @ 7:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese
All Welcome
car parking available from 6:00pm

St James College, Spring Hill
Enrolment Info Evening
Monday 6 Mar from 6pm
Visit www.jta.link/sjc

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

warmly welcomes new members through Baptism:

Sienna Dooley

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 - 5pm.

Please check the Parish website for documentation required when making a booking.

Attention – Ladies of the Parish—Lenten Reflection

You are invited to set aside a few hours to reflect on what is at the heart of our Lenten journey through the stories of Jesus. The day will be led by Sr Carmel Dwan RSM.

Date: Wednesday 22nd March

Venue: Meeting Room at St. Gerard's Church

Time: 9.30 am – 3pm

Cost: \$20 (but that can be negotiated for those who maybe struggling with the current cost of living)

RSVP: by Friday 17th March to Parish Office



For the Younger Members

It doesn't matter how old you are, Lent is a time that even our youngest disciples can embrace! So, pick up your 2023 Lenten Calendar from the entry of the church, it has lots of great ideas on how you can the engage the young ones in Lent.

New Phone Number

Dear Parishioners, the Parish has kindly provided the **Local Safeguarding Representative** position a mobile phone for use for all Safeguarding matters. This phone number is **0493 655 502**. Please use this number in future for any messages or phone calls regarding Safeguarding. Thank you. Carmela Knauth, LSR



CHILDRENS LITURGY—St Gerards



Children's Liturgy will re-commence at St Gerards at the 8:00am Mass on Sunday 5th of March. So parents, grandparents bring the little ones along to begin their journey to knowing God better.

NEW WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

As from Monday, March 6, Weekday Mass times will change as follows.

- The Tuesday Mass will be discontinued
- It will be replaced by a Mass on Monday at 9.00am
- The Friday Mass time will change to 9.00am
- There will be no changes at St Paschal's

INSTALLATION MASS for Fr John as Parish Priest

Celebration will be combined with
Bishop TIM NORTON'S pastoral visit to the Parish.

SUNDAY, 12 MARCH 9.30am at St Paschal's

To focus our attention on this significant event in our parish life, and to encourage all parishioners to gather, the Installation Mass will be the only Mass celebrated in the Parish on Sunday 12 March. The Saturday Vigil Masses at 4:30pm and 6:00pm will proceed as normal, however there will be no 8am or 5:30pm Mass at St Gerard's on 12 March. The Installation Mass will be held at St Paschal's at 9.30am - Fr John's first Australian home - after which we are all welcome to gather as a community for morning tea.

Fr John is seeking our support, understanding and acceptance of this change for Mass times on 12 March. Further information will be provided at Masses to ensure all parishioners are aware of this "one off" change and the unique opportunity the Installation Mass provides for us to gather together as Our Lady of the Angels 'Parish Community.

Our Lady of the Angels, Leadership Team.

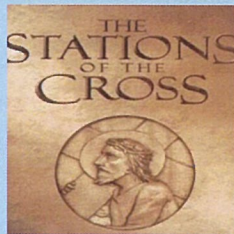
Stations of the Cross during Lent

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated 30 minutes before Thursday and Friday weekday Masses ie

Thursdays at 8.30am at St Paschal's

Friday 3 March at 8.00am at St Gerard's

Friday 10 March and following Fridays at 8.30am at St Gerard's



You're invited to
An Evening with
Fr Richard Leonard SJ
Monday 27 Feb
at 7pm
Xavier Place

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CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

Why did Jesus go into the wilderness?

What did the devil try to tempt Jesus to do?

What did Jesus say to the devil?

In Lent we also have to make some choices. We prepare for Easter by praying and doing good works.

What are some of the things you could you do in these next weeks of Lent?

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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Peer pressure works like a snake. Sometimes it is a slow process, and without realising it you just gradually start doing things and saying things and thinking things that your friends do, say and think. Sometimes it is a quick strike and you are suddenly in a situation and have to make a choice. Some friends are trying to get you to do one thing and some are trying to get you to do something else. Peer pressure can be negative or positive.

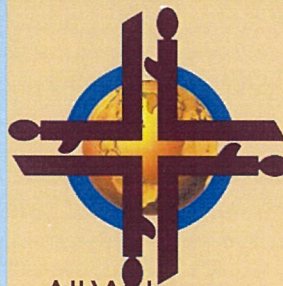
Which kind of negative peer pressure are you more likely to be influenced by – the slow, gradual type or the high-pressure, fast type?

Which kind of positive peer pressure are you more likely to be influenced by?

Can you give an example of when positive or negative peer pressure influenced you?

Do you ever use positive peer pressure to influence others? Do you think you are more likely to influence others slowly, over the long haul, or quickly, in a sudden or specific situation? Can you give an example of when you have had a positive influence on another person?

St Mary's Press



All Welcome

World Day of Prayer

NEXT WEEK!

Friday 3 March

10.30am

Chermside Kedron

Community Church

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Chermside

Focus on Taiwan with the theme "I have heard about your faith" (Ephesians 1: 15-19)

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Please pray for all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

Sick: Please pray for all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of the Sick.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

5 March 2023 - 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

1st Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4

Psalm: Psalm 32: 4-5, 18-20, 22.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st Coll	2nd Coll	Loose	TOTAL
19/02/23	422.00	1122.00	2035.15	\$3579.15

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: 27 Feb—3 March 2023

Mon 27/2 Christian Meditation St P 5:45pm

Thur 2/3 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10:00am

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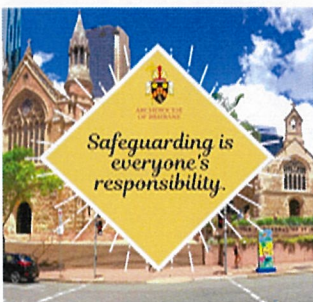
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