

OUR Lady OF THE Angels PARISH

Chermside West Wavell Heights

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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 THU: 9.00 am

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

RECONCILIATION IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Contact the Parish Office to book

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SUNDAY 5 March 2023

Second Sunday in Lent Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

The life and death of Jesus Christ are inseparably linked. Jesus was born not only to live, but also to die. Jesus loved life, even as he accepted death. As human beings, we all have a bit of thanatophobia (fear of death) syndrome. There is nothing improper in our quest for life. Indeed, the sin of Adam and Eve is used to explain the reality of death in ending the perfect life God had given them.

Though Jesus is like us in all things except in sin, (Hebrew 4:15), Christ came not only to live but also to die. St. Ignatius in AD110 described Christ as the one and only "physician, who is both flesh and spirit, born and unborn, God in man, true life in death, both from Mary and from God, first subject to suffering and then beyond it." The apostles of Jesus struggled to embrace the fact that Christ came not only to live - but also to die. For them, the idea of a suffering Messiah was illogical - it didn't make any sense. They had thought of Christ as the Messiah whose power, glory and conquest would be earthly. This was why 'when they were staying in Galilee and Jesus said to them, "the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and on the third day He will be raised up," the disciples were exceedingly sorrowful.' (Matthew 17:22-23). It took the transforming vision on the mountain to change their attitudes and open their eyes to the extraordinary manifestation of Jesus' messianic mission and identity.

The gospel of this second Sunday of Lent opens: 'Jesus took with Him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone.' From beginning to end, the whole purpose of the journey to the mountain was glory and revelation. The disciples of Jesus needed to understand the true identity and mission of Christ. They were bewildered by the insistence of Jesus that He must go to Jerusalem to lose his life. It appeared to them that there was nothing but shame ahead. Therefore, the journey to the Mountain was vital to resolve the scandal and the mystery of the cross for them. On the Mountain of Transfiguration, the disciples caught a glimpse of the glorious future that awaited Jesus and all the redeemed in Christ. It is also important to note that the journey to the Mountain was not only about the disciples of Jesus, but also gave prominence to the deeply intimate relationship Jesus shared with the God He knew and called 'Abba-Father'. Christ's experience of God as 'Abba, Father', was the source of His power and strength in ministry.

It was simply right and just that, before Jesus could undertake the great venture into the unknown, He turned to His Father for approval. Jesus did nothing without first checking with God. Throughout Christ's earthly life and mission, God was His rock and foundation. The journey to the cross appeared to be fraught with uncertainty, fear and agony, but Jesus' faith and trust in God carried Him through. "This is my Son, the Beloved; He enjoys my favour. Listen to Him," was a voice of confirmation and endorsement. Like Abram, in our first reading, Christ trusted completely in God's plan for Him and the humanity He came to redeem. He set out on the journey to the cross in utter trust and dependence on God. The voice of God and the mysterious appearance of Moses and Elijah revealed the true identity and mission of Christ to the apostles, while at the same time strengthening Christ's resolve to become the victim and the Lamb of sacrifice on the cross of Calvary. Our Lenten journey leads us to Golgotha, the mountain of the supreme sacrifice of Jesus offered for our redemption. The season of Lent prepares us to participate personally in the great mystery of faith which we celebrate in the Triduum of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

In our Christian journey, and especially during this season of Lent, we are all called to embrace and imitate Christ's faith and trust in God. 'Those who put their hope and trust in God are never forsaken' (Psalm 9:10). Jesus trusted God and God never abandoned Him. We also can learn to trust and have faith in God especially in the most uncertain moments of our life. Self-denial which is an integral part of our Lenten observance, involves dethroning the self and enthroning God. It is living a life of constant self-assent to God.



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As we continue our Lenten journey, may we find time to be alone with God so that we can hear the His voice which echoes in the stillness of our hearts: 'this is my beloved son, this is my beloved daughter, my favour rests on you.'

God bless you all.
Fr. John

Archbishop Mark Coleridge
invites you to the annual



CHRISM MASS

Thursday 30th March 2023
@ 7:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street,
Brisbane

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LENTEN REFLECTION DAY FOR LADIES

Set aside a few hours to reflect on what is at the heart of our Lenten journey - through the stories of Jesus

Led by: Sr Carmel Dwan
Date: Wednesday 22 March 2023
Venue: Meeting Room at St Gerard's
Time: 9.30am to 3.00pm
Cost: \$20 (may be negotiated for those struggling with the cost of living)
RSVP: to Parish Office by Friday 17 March



CHILDRENS LITURGY—St Gerard's

Children's Liturgy will recommence at St Gerard's 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.



Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Baptisms

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.

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

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.



In addition, could you please use the special safeguarding email: lsr.chermsidewest@bne.catholic.net.au for safeguarding notices, documents, etc.

Thank you. Carmela Knauth, LSR

Builder or Wrecker?.

Anonymous

I watched them tearing a building down
A gang of men in a busy town.
With a ho-heave-ho and lusty yell,
They swung a beam and a sidewall fell.
I asked the foreman, "Are there men skilled,
As the men you'd hire if you had to build?"
He gave me a laugh and said, "No indeed!
Just common labour is all I need."
"I can easily wreck in a day or two
What builders have taken a year to do."
And I thought to myself as I went my way,
Which of these two roles have I tried to play?
Am I a builder who works with care,
Measuring life by the rule and square?
Am I shaping my deeds by a well-made plan,
Patiently doing the best I can?
Or am I a wrecker who walks the town,
Content with the labour of tearing down?

INSTALLATION MASS of 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

**Please come along and join in
this combined Parish celebration**

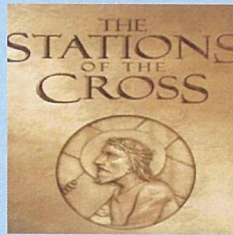
Remember:

To enable this celebration to
take place, there will be **NO 8am
or 5.30pm Masses at St Gerard's
on Sunday 12 March.**

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
Fridays at 8.30am at St Gerard's



Brief Messages

Enrolment Information Evening

St James College, Spring Hill—Monday 6 Mar from 6pm
Visit www.jta.link/SJC

Qld Irish Choir ST PATRICK'S DAY

Sunday 19 March—2pm—CKCC—Cnr Rode Rd &
Gympie Rd
Tickets \$20 through trybooking.com
Enquiries 0493 455 487

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CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

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

Who has seen a bright light outside?

How far away can it be seen?

Jesus asks us to be a light for the whole world. How
big would that light have to be?

**Others can see our light when they see the good
things we do.**

What are some good things that we can do to make
our light shine brightly?

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QUESTIONS FOR ADOLESCENTS

by Greg Sunter

Q. How would you describe what it means to be salt of
the earth or light of the world?

Q. What can you do to be salt and light – an example –
for others?

Q. Who do you know personally that you would
describe as a light for others?

During this week, take the time to identify someone in
your life who is *salt of the earth* or *light of the world*
and personally thank them for the example they
provide.

Stewardship

March 5, 2023—2nd Sunday of Lent

*"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your
father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1*

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to
follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of
the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be
materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises
to show us a new land and a better way to live.
Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God
does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be
faithful."

Accessed on 3/3/2023 - <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Please pray for Walter Morton, Maria Puglia and 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

12 March 2023 - 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

1st Reading: Sirach 15: 15-20
Psalm: Psalm 118: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10
Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st Env	2nd Env	Loose	TOTAL
26/02/23	295.70	785.75	2063.05	\$3144.50

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: 6 Mar—10 Mar 2023

Mon 6/3 Christian Meditation St P 5:45pm
Wed 8/3 Sac Programme St G 5.30pm
Thur 9/3 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10:00am
Thurs 9/3—Sac programme St P 6.00pm

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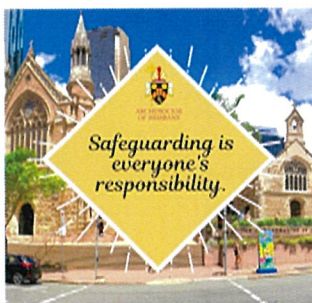
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