

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 5th May 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter — Year B

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,



The command to love is at the heart of Christ's life, teachings and mission. It was love that brought Christ into the world. "For God so loved the world that God gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life," (John 3:16). Christ lived for love and died for love. "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends," (John 15:13). The whole life of Christ was a demonstration of the command Christ gave to us. He couldn't command us to do what He wasn't prepared to do Himself. On the cross, Christ fulfilled in concrete manner the command to love.

The gospel this weekend is a continuation of the one from last weekend. The theme of "remaining or abiding" is continued. Christ continues His invitation to His disciples to 'remain or abide' in Him - not just as the Vine but also as the source of love. "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you, remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love," (John 15:9-10). Jesus says that to remain in His love is to keep His commandments. Ironically the evangelist presented Christ's command to love, as if there were many commandments, whereas the commandments as Christ taught them were just "love of God and love of neighbour (Mark 12:28-31; Matthew 22:36-40; Luke 10:25-27). Christ did not come to abolish the 613 commandments, which the religious teachers of His time taught and enforced, but to perfect them and make the commandments easy to observe. The religious teachers presented and taught the commandments in ways which made observing them look like an uphill task. From the ages of 13 and above, a Jewish male was expected to wear the phylacteries, which are black leather cube-shaped cases containing Torah texts written on parchment, as an obligation to keep the Law every day of his life.

In Christianity, the command to love is not an obligation as such but a way of life. Our faith is founded on love. We are called and chosen for nothing other than to love. Love is at the heart of Christianity and Christian life. Love is the primary vocation of every Christian. To say this is to say that love is all that really matters. When we love each other, truly, with the sacrificial love of Christ, everything else falls into place. St. Augustine aptly captured how love should underpin all our actions when he said: "once and for all, a short rule is laid down for you: love and do what you will. If you keep silence, do it out of love. If you cry out, do it out of love. If you refrain from punishing, do it out of love. Let the root of love be within you. From such a root, nothing but good can come."

If our parish community is to be a vibrant community and a home for all, then we need to begin to live and love genuinely. Sometimes it appears that we have a mission to fight and compete with one another or to dispute with one another or even to quarrel with one another. The danger is that when we place conflict, unhealthy competition, jealousy, and quarrels at the forefront of our relationships, we then struggle to love.

We are chosen to be friends, Christ's ambassadors and partners in the business of promoting love amongst us and in our world where many live without love. As partners and ambassadors of Christ, the only way we can attract people to our Parish and Christian faith is to show them the fruit of our Christian life which

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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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should be nothing but love. "The fruit of love is service, which is compassion in action" said Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Let us live in ways, which take people's breath away and capture their imagination - and again to do this, we have to live and love.

We pray that our lives, homes, Parish community and our world will be filled with more genuine love because wherever there is genuine love, there must be God - for God in Jesus Christ is love.

God bless you all,
Fr John

From Fr. Dan Ryan

I am looking forward to the pilgrimage to France in mid-May. I have 20 people for the pilgrimage with a few coming from the Parish. I would like to thank Fr John for advertising the pilgrimage.

If you have missed out this year you might like to consider coming on a pilgrimage to Italy mid next year. More details in the near future.

Many thanks for your interest.
Fr Dan

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 Agbonkhianmeghe 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.



PPC Commissioning Mass

We were delighted to come together for our PPC Commissioning Mass at St Paschal's last Sunday. This special occasion allows us to reflect on our journey together, acknowledging the dedication and service of our council members and the collective efforts of every parishioner.

This Saturday the 4th of May the Commissioning Mass will be held at St Gerard's at 4.30pm.

Thank you to parishioner Karen Smith for kindly volunteering to assist with photography of the PPC Commissioning Mass ceremony at St Paschal's last Sunday.

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

Clara Vanni Cea

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.

St Gerard's Ladies Group Guest Speaker

On Thursday 16th of May at 10.00am in the Church Hall our Guest Speaker will be from the Police Department who will speak on Seniors Safety, Personal Safety and Home Security. Promises to be very informative during these times.

EVERYONE WELCOME

\$4.00 entry includes Morning Tea.

OLA Parish Social Night

The OLA Parish Social Committee invite you all to join our Parish Community to a Social Night of fun and friendship with some light entertainment to be enjoyed over:

Drinks—Wine, Beer, Punch

Food—Cheese, Nibbles and Hot Savouries

Tea/Coffee and Sweets

Lucky Door Prizes

Date—Friday 7th June 2024

Venue—St Gerard Majella Hall

Cost—\$35 per head

Bookings Close 30 May 2024

All are welcome. Come along and meet new Parishioners.

Bring a friend or make new friends.

Book and pay at Parish Office—ph 3359 0239. Booking forms available at the entrance of both churches or on the Parish

Website olaparishchermside.org.au.

Please advise of any dietary requirements.

Enquiries to Mary Giorgio Ph: 0418 884 217.

Looking forward to a great night.

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Sincere Thanks

Berneice and Brian Balaam wish to sincerely thank Fr John for his special blessing and all parishioners for their congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of our diamond wedding anniversary. Our wish is God's blessings on you all.

Stewardship

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." - John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

(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.chermside@bne.catholic.net.au

OLA 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, Wavell Heights.

Youth and adult volunteers are welcome to assist. Come say hello and enjoy a sausage sizzle, spring rolls, drinks and sweets, supporting our Youth ministry activities and evangelisation.

For more information, please contact Alice

yc.chermsidewest@bne.catholic.net.au

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

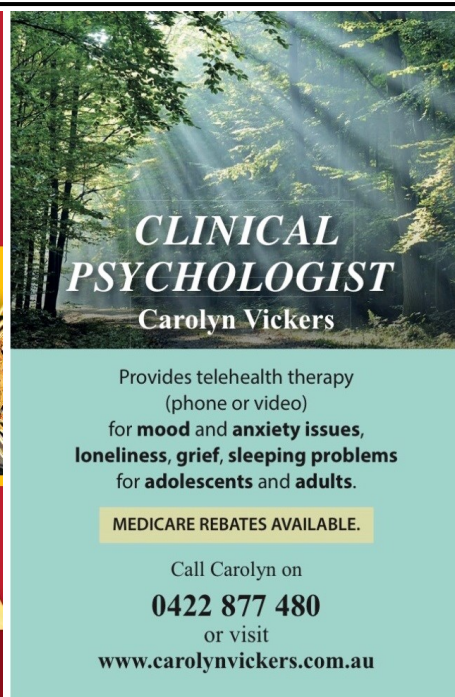
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Vigil night Adoration (10th June 7pm - 11th June 8am, Mary Mackillop Chapel)

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St Gerard Church Cleaning

We are looking for volunteers to help clean the church on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th weeks of the month. If you are available to assist with the cleaning please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's Liturgy at St Gerard's will take place on the **second Sunday in May and every Sunday after that.** 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



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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

12 May 2024 - The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11
 Psalm: Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
 Gospel: Mark 16:15-20



Our Lady of the Angels Parish

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
28/04/24	\$	\$	\$	\$3257.70

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—10 May 2024

Mon 6/05 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm
 Thurs 9/05 Ladies Morning Tea St G 10.00am

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