

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 12th May 2024
The ASCENSION of the Lord — Year B

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,



At every weekend Eucharistic celebration, major feasts or solemnity, we stand and profess that: 'Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.' For forty days after His resurrection, Christ made many appearances to His apostles and disciples to strengthen their faith before He ascended into heaven. The ascension of Christ is inextricably linked to His resurrection and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the early believers. "But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you," (John 16:7).

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the ascension of the Lord. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Luke the Evangelist, gave what seemed like a graphic description of Christ's bodily ascension into heaven, after Christ had given the apostles their final instructions over forty days. In his account, Saint Luke seemed to imply that forty days elapsed between the resurrection and the ascension, whereas the other writers tend to assume that the ascension happened immediately after the resurrection. Saint Luke's graphic description was further explained in the second reading. In the letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul says that the ascension of Christ is the same as the exaltation of Christ. Jesus Christ is enthroned at the right of the Father, where Christ is forever interceding for us.

As we reflect on the gospel, it's obvious that the focal point of the gospel is not so much on the ascension of the Lord but rather on the mission which the Lord Jesus Christ had entrusted to His followers. God the Father sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world with full power and authority. With the same power and authority, Christ commissioned His followers to go into the world and make a difference. "These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." While some of the signs like picking up serpents with hands, drinking deadly poison and be unharmed which can accompany those who believe might not necessarily be signs we associate with believers, the small and great acts of love, compassion and forgiveness we give and experience can be tangible manifestations of Christian living.

The extraordinary thing about Christianity is that it's not founded on the visions, dreams or aspirations of a dead hero but on a living Person- Jesus Christ risen from the dead. Christ is not once upon a time but an active and living presence amongst all who believe in His name. "Christ is the head of the body, the Church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything," (Colossians 1:18). Pope Benedict XVI once said that the ascension is not so much the departure of Jesus as it is "the beginning of a new nearness." In the ascension, Jesus Christ becomes "the one who fills all things in every way," and it is through the ascension that Christ's promise to be with us always, until the end of the age, has been fulfilled. Therefore, rather than seeing the ascension of the Lord as an occasion to mourn the departure of Jesus, the feast of the ascension is a day to rejoice and celebrate in the nearness of Christ to us.

In the "gathered assembly, in the person of the minister, when the word of God is proclaimed and broken and when we partake in the gifts of Christ's Body

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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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and Blood”, Christ is present, alive and active. May the feast of Christ’s ascension continue to inspire us to affirm and celebrate Christ’s on-going presence in the world evident in many obvious ways - especially through the joyful life of every believer and the many marvels which are inextricably associated with mission of the Church.

**God bless you all,
Fr John**



May God’s richest blessings be yours today and always.
Wishing all mothers a day filled with love, appreciation, and joy.

Happy Mother’s Day

Prayer Intentions for Lourdes

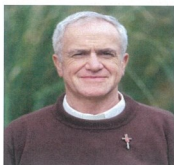
The French Saints Pilgrimage with Father Dan leaves on the 15.05.24. If you have a special Prayer Intention that you would like to be personally taken to Lourdes please forward it to the Parish Office by Tuesday 14.05.24. There is a prayer intentions box which is next to the Our Lady of Lourdes statue at the Grotto, in the Lourdes Sanctuary, where the prayer intentions will be delivered.

All prayers are read by one of the Priests in Lourdes and as many prayers as possible are read out during Mass.

Best wishes and many thanks
Margie xx

PENTECOST 2024

with Fr Steve Fletcher, MGL



PRE-PENTECOST EVENTS HEALING MASS

St. Rita’s Church, 37 Benfer Road, Victoria Point.
7pm, Tuesday 14th May 2024.
Praise, Worship, Mass, Talk, Personal Prayer

WASTE TIME WITH GOD

Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 9 Bowman Street, Hendra.
9.30am – 12.30pm, Wednesday 15th May 2024.
Praise & Worship, Morning Tea, Talk, Adoration, Personal Prayer

PENTECOST RALLY

Church of the 12 Apostles, 111 Yallabee Road, Jindalee.
7.30pm, Saturday 18 May 2024

PENTECOST RETREAT

Church of the 12 Apostles, 111 Yallabee Road, Jindalee
9.30am – 4.30pm, Sunday 19 May 2024
BYO Lunch Morning and afternoon tea provided.
Love Offering most appreciated.

Enquiries: Rose secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au Len 0421 977 849 or
Audrey 0435 558 390



Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise...

Our Lady of the Angels’ Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

Pelemina Meredith-Evans

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 St Paschal’s Feast Day Friday 17th May

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, 6.30pm—9.30pm

Venue—St Gerard Majella Hall

Cost—\$35 per head

Entertainment—DJ David D’Souza

Bookings Close 30th 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 olaparishchermerside.org.au.

Please advise of any dietary requirements.

Enquiries to Mary Giorgio Ph: 0418 884 217.

Looking forward to a great night.



VERSE FOR VINNIES

This Ray Essery’s a star, he has come from afar,
just to entertain you for a day.

He’s a poet renown, and can be quite a clown,
at the end, you will wish, he could stay.

And before he did verse, dairy milking he’d curse,
but the farm, gave him yarns, as you’ll see.

And this Ray had the nerve, in the Navy to serve,
that’s why he, seems to be, all at sea.

Now on Cruise Ships he’ll go, entertain with a show,
that will have, the crowd screaming for more.

He’s performed in each State, with recitals top rate,
just to prove he’s as good when on shore.

Ray’s a dinky-di bloke, who’ll relate with you folk,
so please come and be part of his fun.

And the fifteen buck fee, goes to battlers you see,
so you’re helping those folk who have none.

Sunday May 26 1.30pm

67 Dawson Parade Grovelly

\$15 - includes afternoon tea - Cash only

Book seats using noel@noelstallard.com

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

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

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 2PM

Sunday 2nd JUNE 2024

We are organising a bus to leave from Holy Spirit Church Bray Park at 12 midday, proceeding to St Flannans Church carpark at Zillmere by 12.15 pm and to St Dymphna's Church 479 Robinson Rd West, Aspley 12.30pm, then finally St. Kevins Church Newman Rd, Geebung to go to St Stephen's Cathedral for the Corpus Christi Procession. The bus will leave the Cathedral at 4pm for return journey.

We need to confirm numbers of people who are interested in travelling on the bus within the next 2 weeks so that we can finalise arrangements for bus hire etc. The cost is \$5.00 per person, maximum \$20 per family. Please ring Louise 0407 023 603 to book your seat. The times for the bus are approximate so please be early.

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

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.

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 welcome.



St Gerard's Ladies Group

Invites you to

Biggest Morning Tea to support Cancer Research

Date: Thursday 30th May 2023

Time: 10.00am

Venue: In the Parish Hall



Entry \$10 includes Morning Tea & a ticket in the Lucky Door Prize

Raffle tickets available on the day
3 for \$5.00

Come along to support a worthy cause.

For catering please reply by 28th May to



RSVP Jan 0408 741 172

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Stewardship

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." - 1 John 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

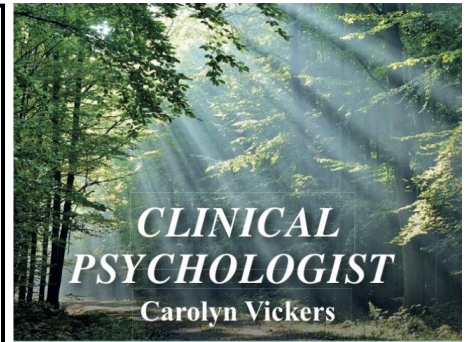
(Accessed on May 09 2024 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)

Caritas Receipts

Caritas Receipts can be collected at the entrance of both churches.

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.



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Anniversaries: Please pray for Denis Farrell, Luigi Sorbello, Gilbert Luk, Rita Willett, Mary O'Brien, Jack & Ann Galvin, Brian Martin, Peter Trudgian 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

19 May 2024 - PENTECOST Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11
Psalm: Psalm 103:24, 29-31, 34
2nd Reading: Galatians 5:16-25
Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15



Our Lady of the Angels Parish

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
5/05/2024	\$255.85	\$488.00	\$1946.45	\$2690.30

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: 13—17 May 2024

Mon 13/05 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm
Thurs 16/05 Ladies Morning Tea St G 10.00am

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