



Welcome to **St Edward the Confessor Parish**

Established 1978

15th—16th December 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent



CHURCH

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SPIRITUAL JOY

Our second reading today is from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians. Paul urges the people in Philippi, saying: ***“I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord: I repeat, what I want is your happiness...”***

When we come to an expression like this, “Be happy in the Lord always. Again I will say, be happy!” It is necessary for us to give this happiness or joy a very specific and biblical definition.

There is a big difference between earthly happiness and spiritual joy. Earthly happiness is produced and maintained by events, by things, by experiences, often involving money and moods and materialism. Spiritual joy is a product of one’s good relationship with God through Christ and is constant (so long as faith is active). Earthly happiness fluctuates greatly as things happen or do not happen.

You can be broke and in jail yet “rejoice in the Lord.” Paul did not enjoy good living conditions when he wrote these words. He was in chains and most certainly, a condemned man in the eyes of the Roman authorities. But, because of the activity of his faith in Christ, there was a constant joy he had. And he urges every Christian to have it.

This word “rejoice” cannot be understood properly if you equate this with earthly happiness. Earthly happiness depends on circumstances that change daily. This spiritual joy is a product of one’s faith in Christ, and this joy can endure changing earthly circumstances. It is that constant hopeful, peaceful, joyful state of mind – knowing that even when things here on earth are against you, God is for you – and you, by faith in Christ, are firmly attached to Him.

This spiritual joy doesn’t mean you will never suffer grief or be disappointed or be sad. It means – these temporary emotions will not defeat you or hinder you from serving the Lord.

If you don’t have this joy - it is time to examine your faith, your depth of trust and your obedience to God.

Fr. Marce





WE REMEMBER

In our prayers all who have died recently,

Eugenio Sagun
Kenneth McKenzie
Hazel Tronson
Frank Davitt
Yvonne Soliano
Evelyn Rose Legge
Robert Adams

Sr. Bernadette Barlow R.S.J.

and those whose anniversaries are in this month:

Juanita Toijon
Gertrude Berhardt

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

If you would like our community to remember you or a family member in our prayers please complete the information in the register on the table at the back of the Church. **Thank you**



PLEASE PRAY

For all our Sick parishioners and family members:

Janet Magallona
Deirdre Roberts
Bradley Richards

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BAPTISM

We welcome into our Christian community:

Kimberly Mary Jane Hunt
Caeden Kerri Hunt

Baptism is 7 days a week. Please phone the parish office for information regarding Baptism.
Thank you



VISITATION/COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

17.12.2018; 24.12.2018; 14.01.2019

Please contact the office if you require a visitation/ home communion.



Men's Group Meeting "Getting to the Point"

Men's Group meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Next meeting 08th January 2019 @ 7.00pm
Venue: Room at the back of the Church.

For information contact:
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The Year 2018 in Review

Last week, I wrote an article in our newsletter to thank all our parish volunteers for their job well done throughout the year; and I also thank our God, above all, for faithfully journeying with our parish community. It would be good to look back on how our parish unfolded its services to God's people in the year 2018.

On 15 March we had Bishop Ken Howell who presided over the liturgy of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 70 children. On 26 March, Holy Monday, we had almost 300 people who participated in the our Holy Week reflection, followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation with 7 priests to hear confessions. The Good Friday crowd (30 March) was the biggest ever in my 6 years of celebrating Good Friday Liturgy at St. Edward's. On 30 April we had 43 children who received, for the first time, the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Ray Sanchez conducted the youth retreat on 25 August with 48 participants. Fr. Dan Ryan and Fr. Leo Burke graced our 40th parish anniversary celebration on 26 August with more than 700 people in attendance.

Fr. Ray Sanchez came back to our parish on 8 September to conduct the Men's Retreat with 42 participants. Then on 29 September we invited Grace Harwood to give her spiritual input to women in our parish. There were 60 women who attended.

In August, India was devastated by flash floods and our parish donated \$2,000 to the victims through the Salesian Priests who were at the forefront in helping the victims in Kerala, India. This year, Indonesia was hit by a series of calamities and the worst one was the tsunami. We donated to the victims all our weekend collections of September 29-30, amounting to \$3,152.55, through Brisbane Caritas.

On 14 October was a big day in our parish when we celebrated the feast of our patron St. Edward, combining it with our Mass of All Nations, drawing more than 800 people from diverse cultures. It was a very colourful day. Then on 21 October there were 67 children who received their First Holy Communion.

We had a total of 126 baptisms this year: 15 adults and 111 children. Many of those children being baptised don't belong to our parish jurisdiction. We accommodated them because most parishes have a fixed date of baptism every month, whereas our parish is open for baptism 7 days a week. And this is the reason why we have such a big number of baptisms.

Sadly, there were 7 people who left our community this year. Happily, we have 16 new arrivals this year who decided to tie their feet in our parish. Aside from the 16 new parish members, I've also noticed that there are always a few new faces in almost every weekend who come to celebrate with the Eucharist with us.

On another note, we have completed the roof replacement of our church with the total expenses of \$76,850. Early next year we will tackle the repair of the ceiling of our parish hall with the amount of \$10,380. Anyone who would like to share even just a little amount would be greatly appreciated. Just contact our parish office during office hours.

We say our goodbye to the year 2018 with a joyful and grateful hearts for God has done marvellous deeds for His people at St. Edward's Parish. And as we look forward with hope to the arrival of the New Year 2019, let us be reminded to always gaze our eyes to the **East!**

Fr. Marce

MASS TIMES 16th—22nd December 2018

Sunday, 16 December	Monday, 17 December	Tuesday, 18 December	Wednesday, 19 December	Thursday, 20 December	Friday, 21 December	Saturday 22 December
8.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7:30pm Simbang Gabi 2018 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	7:00am Rosary 7:30am Mass 7:00pm Simbang Gabi 2018	7:30am Mass 7:00pm Simbang Gabi 2018	7:00pm Simbang Gabi 2018	7:30am Mass 7:00pm Simbang Gabi 2018	7:00am Rosary 7:30am Mass 7:00pm Simbang Gabi 2018	7:30am Mass 5:30pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Mass 7:30pm Simbang Gabi 2018

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition, dating back in the year 1669 and was introduced to us by the Spanish missionaries who brought Christianity to the Philippines. It is a series of a nine-day dawn Masses, from December 16 to 24, as a spiritual preparation for Christmas. Filipinos, wherever they are in the different continents in the world, always organise Simbang Gabi, and it is the first time at St. Edward's parish to have it of the full 9-day Novena Masses. This spiritual preparation is not only for Filipinos and therefore everyone is welcome to come and join the celebration. It will always kick off at 7:00PM on weekdays and at 7:30PM on weekends.

Fr. Marce



Parish Hospitality Teams
Join us and the Parish Community for a cuppa and refreshments in the covered area at the side of the Church.

*23.12.2018 @ 8:30am Mass
Rose George's Team*

*30.12.2018 @ 8:30am Mass
Cecilio Sebial's Team*

*No hospitality Saturday 22 or Sunday 23 @ 6:00pm
Birthday & Anniversary blessing 22—23 December 2018*



Rick Sheehan
Principal
Phone: 07 3208 0922

Office hours over the Christmas Period:

24.12.2018 9:00am to 2:00pm
27.12.2018 9:00am to 2:00pm
28.12.2018 9:00am to 2:00pm
31.12.2018 to 03.01.2019 **Office closed**
04.01.2019 9:00am to 2:00pm

Parish secretary will be on leave between 17.12.2018 to 21.12.2018. Please leave a message on our phone or send an email and they will be attended to on a regular basis.
Thank you.

Christmas Mass Schedule

There is a list of the ministers who have volunteered to serve at the Masses over the Christmas period at the back of the Church. Some positions still require people to cover vacancies. If you are available please write your name on the schedule on the table at the back of the church.
Thank you.



Senior Group Update Mass 12th February @ 9:00am.



At this Mass Father also will have an Anointing Of The Sick. Join us for morning tea afterwards in the hospitality area.

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful year. It is always a nice time to go out to lunch and have a chat and catch up. And our cups of tea and coffee after our Mass. We thank Fr. Marce for his ongoing spiritual guidance at our Mass. This year we welcome a few new seniors to our group. So nice to have you join us. I would like to wish everyone a

Happy and Holy Christmas.

We will return on Tuesday the 12th of February 2019.

Noelene Magee.



Christmas Mass Times

24 December 2018 Carols at 5:45pm
Mass at 6:00pm
24 December 2018 Carols at 11:45pm
Mass at 12:00 midnight
25 December 2018 at 8:30am
01 January 2019 at 8:30am

Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 22nd—23rd December 2018

	Saturday @ 6:00pm	Sunday @ 8:30am	Sunday @ 6:00pm
Holy Mass Coordinators	Kevin & Sandra Gauder	Denise Love	Ica Medina
Parish Choirs	One Himig	Couples of Christ Australia	El Shaddai
Overhead Projectionist	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Proclaimers of the Word: 1	Camille Sonido	Isabella Gardner	Jesmine Medina
Proclaimers of the Word: 2	Dylan Peres	Lina Afoa	Angel Nicolas
Communion Ministers	Neville Peres	Rose George	Len Redoblado
	Anita Peres	Joseph Weerasinghe	Miriam Silva
	Eve Douglas	Brian Ridder	Butch Redoblado
	Stuart O'Neil	Nenita Deocareza	Sandra Seneviratne
	Natasha Galvin	Rachel Porio	Denise Clancy
		Annastasia Vaise	Cheryl McCaffery
		Laura Ferrall	Odon Ramos
Altar Servers	Annabelle Wessling	Ugala Isbon	Ella O'Brien
	Layla Perrett	Natalia Isbon	Caleb O'Brien
Children's Liturgy			



Parish SVDP
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Children's Liturgy
 Children's Liturgy commences again February 2019.



Plenary Council Prayer
 Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
 Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
 O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia

And guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another
 And to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories
 And to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
 And a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
 That we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 Bread for the journey from age to age. **Amen.**

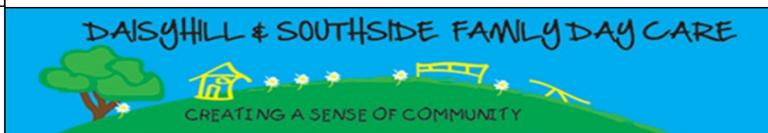
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
 St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Have a voice submit your response:
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



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The Salesian Missions use the old stamps that are passed on to them to raise funds. We have placed a



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If you are new to the Parish or are visiting, Welcome!

We are glad you have come to share Eucharist with us today. Please leave your details with the parish office on 3299 2000 so that Fr. Marce and a member of our Parish Pastoral Council can reach out to you with a formal welcome. **Thank you**

We here at the Parish of St Edward the Confessor, as part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane MUST ABIDE BY AND ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THE AUSTRALIAN PRIVACY PRINCIPLES. Archdiocesan Website www.bne.catholic.net.au or www.stwardsdaisyhill.org.au
 We are also compelled to adhere to the **Policy of the Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults**
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>