



Parish of St Edward the Confessor



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 so that Fr Marce and a member of our Parish Pastoral Council can reach out to you with a formal welcome. **Thank you.**

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4th Sunday of Advent

17th - 18th December 2016

FOUR-ACT PLAY

Fr. Marce Singson

Advent is something like a four-act play:

1. It began in 700 B.C. with Isaiah announcing the coming of the Messiah.
2. Then followed the prophecies through the intervening centuries;
3. Then the birth of John the Baptist to prepare the way for the Lord.
4. And in the Gospel today we hear of Mary and Joseph, and learned that the Child has been conceived.

In our Gospel we are presented with the reluctance of Joseph to accept Mary as his wife. He is not only hesitant but seemingly fearful. Why? Various

reasons are given:

- a) Some think that Joseph questioned Mary's virtue and wondered if the Child truly was conceived by the Holy Spirit.
- b) Another opinion is that Joseph did not doubt Mary, but was simply confused.
- c) That Joseph accepted Mary's honesty and believed that the child was conceived by the Holy Spirit – but being a humble and unassuming man, wanted to disassociate himself from her out of deep awe and reverence.



Joseph's Dream by James Tissot

Whatever the situation, the angels' message in the dream of Joseph confirmed Mary's story and persuaded Joseph to take Mary as his wife. Thus the scene was set for the birth of the Messiah, and Jesus was provided with two sensitive and holy people to raise him to manhood.

Advent is the Church's way to help us prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Although Christ came long ago, we can always deepen our appreciation of his impressive entry into our history. When we envision the world without his teachings, we can be thankful for our Christian heritage. With our many customs for this pre-Christmas season, we should be careful not to overlook the essential elements. We can have Christmas without the snow, gifts, a festival meal or midnight mass; but there would be no real Christmas without genuine love in our lives and the sharing of it with others.

The fourth candle now burns on the

Advent wreath, our homes are now fully decorated, the gifts for our loved ones are being wrapped and the children whisper their requests in Santa's ear. We all would do well to whisper a prayer to the Saviour for his eternal friendship and the precious gift of salvation which he has freely given and continues to give each day.





WE REMEMBER

In our prayers all who have died recently,

Lesley Elango

and those whose anniversaries are in this month:

Names of recently deceased or anniversaries for the deceased will be displayed for a period of 3 weeks only. For privacy reasons these inserts will only be accepted from a family member. Thank you.



PLEASE PRAY

For all our Sick parishioners and family members:

Neonila Constantino
Kathleen Hanlon
Karen Kirby
Paula Tautua

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. These will be displayed for 3 weeks only. **Thank you**



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Christian community:

Mikhaila Garcia

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



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary
To all the members of our Parish Community who are celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries in the month of December the special blessing will be on:
December 17th - 18th.
As Christmas falls on the 4th weekend in December 2016.

**St Edward the Confessor Parish
Christmas Mass Times:**



**Saturday 24th December
Christmas Eve
7.00pm and Midnight**

**Sunday 25th December
Christmas Day
8.30am and 6.00pm**



The days of the year 2016 are so fleeting and before the year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere THANK YOU to so many people who have been so instrumental in making our parish community so alive and vibrant throughout the year.

I sincerely thank, first of all, to our committed planned-givers as well as our generous parishioners who faithfully give loose money during our weekend Masses. As you know, you are the backbone of our community and your generosity has allowed us to continue to fulfil the vision-mission of our parish. Many projects, needs and repairs had been undertaken this year and all of these were made possible because of your generosity. Our parish Columbarium, for example, was born as a result of your faithful and generous contributions.

To members of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils who always support and inspire me and whose pieces of advice I value so much.

To our mass coordinators, readers, communion ministers who have been a big help to me in celebrating the Holy Mass so orderly and so smoothly. And to our altar servers who have been so faithful in their service to our weekend Masses.

To our choirs who lift up our spirit as we worship God on weekend Masses. Your singing has added so much life and vibrancy in our liturgical celebration.

To our hospitality teams who always are the first to arrive in the Church to prepare everything before the Mass; and who also are the last ones to return home after tidying the area and kitchen.

To the staff of our Children's Sunday liturgy who don't miss out in their responsibility, to bring God to our children. Thank you for your patience.

To Cheryl McCaffery and Muriel Fitzsimons who have been so good in helping me to administer the parish. It is so good to work with them. Special thank you to John Winter and John Guiton who have been so instrumental for the smooth running of our Columbarium.

To those who give Communion to the sick in their homes; and those who help me organise our monthly Mass at Yurana Nursing Home.

To St. Vincent de Paul volunteers for their sensitivity and quick response in catering for the needs of our people in the surrounding area and beyond.

To our school administrators, teachers, parents and students who have been part and parcel of our parish community. I do admire them of their cooperation and support. I especially have to mention Chris Reid, our school groundsman, for his kindness in manicuring the lawn surrounding our parish hall and office.

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MASS TIMES 18th December - 24th December 2016

Sunday, 18 December	Monday, 19 December	Tuesday, 20 December	Wednesday, 21 December	Thursday, 22 December	Friday, 23 December	Saturday 24 December
8.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass <i>04rd Sunday of Advent</i>	7.00am Rosary 7.30am Mass	7.00pm Mass Adoration	7.00am Rosary 7.30am Mass	7.30am Mass	7.00am Rosary 7.30am Mass	7.30am Mass 5.30pm Reconciliation 7.00pm Mass Midnight Mass



Archdiocese of Brisbane - Update of new appointments for 2017

The following appointments are:

- **Fr Regimon Gervasis MCBS** has been appointed Parish Priest of Hervy Bay for a term of six years effective from 17.09.2016.
- **Fr Rafal Rucinski** has been appointed Parish Priest of Zillmere.
- **Fr Jason Middleton** has been appointed Parish Priest of Noosa District for a term of six years effective from 3.12.2016.
- **Fr Frank Lourigan** has decided to retire as parish Priest of Grovely and Mitchelton.
- **Fr Nigel Sequeira** as Parish Priest of Grovely and Mitchelton for a term of six years with effect from 31.12.2016.
- **Fr Biju Thomas CMI** as Parish Priest of Gayndah for a term of six years with effect from 3.12.2016.
- **Fr Isidore Enyinnaya** as Parish Priest of Nerang for a term of six years with effect from 03.12.2016.
- **Fr Michael Carroll SM** as Chaplain to the Royal Brisbane Hospital and St Andrew's Hospital with effect from 01.01.2017.
- **Fr Bryan Roe** as Priest in Charge of the Mango Hill and North Lakes region of Redcliffe parish with effect from 01.10.2016.
- **Fr John Conway** as Parish Priest of Browns Plains for a term of six years effective from 25.02. 2017.
- **Fr John Panamthottam CMI** as Parish Priest of Aspley for a term of six years effective from 31.12. 2016.
- **Fr Baiyi Gong** as Parish Priest of Rochedale for a term of six years with effect from 27.02.2017.
- **Fr Joseph-Hien Van Vo** as Associate Pastor of Caloundra for a term of three years with effect from 14.01.2017.
- **Fr Hyacinth Udah** as Administrator of Browns Plains Parish with effect from 31.12.2016 until 24.02.2017.
- **Fr Peter Casey** has retired as Parish Priest of Camp Hill.

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To our money-collection counters for sparing extra hours of their time every Monday and for carrying out the banking.

To a handful of our parishioners who always show their availability at any time whenever I need them to help fix things, maintaining our plants and mowing the grass at the Presbytery house.

To the Staff of Outside School Hours Care and Family Day Care who are always part of our parish mission.

And to all members of our parish community who remain faithful in joining our weekend Holy Mass and parish activities.

To all of you, I thank you so very much!
GOD KNOWS YOUR REWARD!

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.

Hospitality Terms are taking a break from 24.12.2016 and will return on 15.01.2017. Wishing everyone a very Holy Christmas.

Senior Group Update

Mass : Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 9.00 am

I would like to thank all the seniors and my helpers for another wonderful and friendly time this year. Our mass we have each month is a spiritual and special time for all. Thank you to Fr. Marce for his guidance and blessings. We will be starting our new year with mass and morning tea on Tuesday 14th February 2017. I wish everyone a very happy and holy Christmas. God bless.

Noelene Magee



Yurana Nursing Home Mass for 2017 will resume on Tuesday 07th February 2017.

Seniors Mass for 2017 will resume on the Tuesday 14th February 2017.

Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 24th - 25th December 2016

	Saturday 7.00pm	Midnight	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Holy Mass Coordinators	Jim and Steve	Muriel Fitzsimons	Francis Oliva	Vange Munn
Parish Choirs	Spiritus	Youth	Youth	El Shaddai
Overhead Projectionist	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Proclaimers of the Word: 1	Camille Sonido	Dilu McCaffery	Pesi Silao	Volunteer
Proclaimers of the Word: 2	Dylan Peres	Jr Bandola	Evelina Afoa	Jesmine Medina
Communion Ministers	Neville Peres	Shane McCaffery	Brian Ridder	Corrie Wall
	Anita Peres	Chi Gardner	Rose George	Denise Clancy
	Eve Douglas	Sulianz Patterson	Ray Hughes	Ason Medina
	Maria Richardson		Sio Afoa	
Alter Servers	Adult	Adult	Adult	Adult
	Adult	Adult	Adult	Adult



In recent weeks the focus has been on providing hampers for families in our community that live below the poverty line. This has been achieved (thanks to our group of helpers) and Christmas hampers are ready for delivery on the Saturday 17th December. This week our attention turns to the needy in other countries. SVDP Head Office has asked all conferences to participate in the program “Assist a Student”, an educational program aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty. The program has been in operation for over twenty years and aims at the education of young people from our neighbouring developing countries. The targeted countries are Cambodia, Bangladesh, Fiji, Pakistan, Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Vanuatu and Thailand. Each year a country is selected and this year it is Thailand. The cost of educating a student in these countries is \$70.00 Australian dollars and every cent of this goes to the student. Posters and more information are displayed on the notice board at the back of the church. If you would like to assist a student you can pick up a form from the Pity Store.



Meet one of our staff: Kellie

Kellie has a Bachelor of teaching in early Childhood and a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.



Kellie has worked in the field of Early Childhood for the past twenty years including the roles of Director, Teacher, Educational Manager, Supported Playgroup Facilitator, Early Childhood Assessor and Family Day Care Coordinator.

She believes children thrive in a nurturing and stimulating environment, where relationships are fostered and the pace is unhurried. Kellie is passionate about supporting and inspiring Educators to be the best they can be, in order to create spaces where children are valued. Kellie's passion lies in creating natural play spaces where children can direct their own learning through doing what they naturally do - play.



If you would like more information about our services, including becoming an Educator or Childcare enquiries please contact the office on: 3208 0463

Children's Liturgy takes place during the Sunday 8.30am Mass fortnightly during the school term only. Upcoming Dates for 2017 will be advised as soon as the dates are available.



We can use your postage stamps from your mail

The Salesian Missions use the old stamps that are passed on to them to raise funds. This goes towards Salesian Education and relief work in developing nations. Yes, the Post man does not have to stop by often, but on that rare occasion he does, and on that envelope, if there is a stamp, can you please pass this on to us, instead of throwing it in the bin? A small gesture, lending a big helping hand. We have placed a collection box for stamps in the parish office.

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We are also compelled to adhere to the **Policy of the Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults** <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>