



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 in the New Parishioners book on the table near the church entrance so that Fr. Marce and a member of our Parish Pastoral Council can formally welcome you. *Thank you.*

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sunday (Year C)

26th - 27th December 2015

A LESSON FROM SIRACH

by Fr. Marce Singson



A long time ago in the city of Jerusalem, there lived a man by the name of Sirach. He was well educated and possessed considerable wealth. During his younger years, he had served as a diplomatic emissary to foreign courts. Later in life he established a school in Jerusalem, where he taught on religion and culture. He wrote an inspiring book about the year 180 BC, filled with the practical wisdom he had acquired over the years in his life. Eventually his book found its way into the Catholic Bible. Today we know it as the Book of Ecclesiasticus –the church book. Sometimes it is simply called as the Book of Sirach. Its

fifty-one chapters touch all areas of our lives, love and pursuit of true happiness, with particular emphasis on the nature and objectives of family life.

For the celebration of the Holy Family Sunday, the Church has selected a passage from Sirach for the first lesson. His views today are addressed primarily to young people. He says, in essence: **CHILDREN, REMEMBER THAT THE LORD HAS BESTOWED ON YOUR PARENTS BOTH HONOUR AND AUTHORITY.** You remember the fourth commandment: Honour your father and your mother. God loves you very much when you love your parents because that is sign that you love God, for your parents are His representatives. If you want God to hear your prayers, then there is a need to respect, listen and obey the voice of your parents (presuming of course that parents live a good morally upright life). Do not forget that to honour to parents does not stop when you become 18 or 21 years old. Honouring our parents continues even when they grow old and weak in mind and body – even when they die.

Sirach's teaching is perpetuated in the prayer over the couple on their wedding day: "May your children bring you happiness, and may the love you bestow upon them, be returned to you a hundredfold."

Finally, the Gospel today according to St. Luke reaffirms that the Holy Family is not necessarily a tension-free family. Not even Mary and Joseph enjoyed that luxury. The 12 year old Jesus was lost. His parents were upset and sleepless, and when they found Him the words of Mary carried a bit of fire: "Son, why have you done this to us?" Like the Holy Family, we should solve our misunderstandings and not drag them, as both children and parents continue to grow in wisdom age and grace.

For privacy reasons names of sick or recently deceased in these column can only accepted if requested by the sick or their family members

WE REMEMBER

In our prayers all who have died recently, Anthony Michael Hannaby, John Lines, Maisie Crimean, Barabara Jeffries, Dennis Martin, Pepito Leander, Mike Carroll, Antonio Ferrer, Snr, Ray Manalac, Sheridan Veronica Joan, Juliet Teodosio, Jackie Duncan, Knisler Lloyd, Leslie Oliver, Agnes Hawley, Charles Hawley, Bernardo Soriano, Celso Soriano, Procopio Soriano Snr & Jnr, Matias, Ordoyo, Juan Somodio, Manueza Ordoyo, Jose Ordoyo, Eladio Ordoyo, Jhona Ordoyo, Michael Ordoyo, and those whose anniversaries are in this month, Gertrude Berhardt



PLEASE PRAY

For all our sick parishioners and family members:

Jason Blackwood, Wilfred Sibayan, Domingo Sibayan, Alfredo Cortez, Eugenio Sagun, Luzviminda Basilio, Igor Hatlow, Susan Thomas, Elaine Rodrigues, Mila Samson, Armando Samson, Gautam Katre, Nancy Soriano, Salvador Reymar Soriano, Barbara Howard, Scott Bearon, Elaine Liddon, Margie Ausling, Carolyn Winter, Edna Buagas, Vincent Sarahena, Benedicta Alvarez, Michael Abraham, Jeff Jones, Carmel Andrews, Donald Ross, Victor Yerre, Zacarias Beltram, Benedicta Alvarez, Zacarias Manuel, Christopher Hamilton, Tom McCormack, Kevin Healy, Michael Abraham, Ekuoti Tupi, Cecilia Tia, Ava Gomes, Joy Moy, Maria Tautua, Franco Milaudi, Kate Muller, Maria de Jesus, Rachael Osypiv, Romeo Lopez, Benjoe Estubo, Shirley Roberts, Pat Mey, Elizabeth Toh, Bruce Walker, Eliza Yunzal, Virgilio Lopez, Fernando Lopez, John Lines, Brendon Vine, Rita Torio, Rani Kreknbech, Henie Sagun, Eugene Sagun, Joseph Hatch, William Hatch, Roberto Lopez Jr. Paula Tauta, Lily Marques, Marie Claire, Mel Raileigh, James Carsen, Carmilita Lopez, Joan Hickey, Sinead McClaulan, Ed Concepcion, Desiree Soliano, Alice & Mike Blackmore, Carmel Andrews, Thelma Nichoson, Alice & Keiran Blackmore, Michael Reyes, Joe Kindermann, Ken Robson, Paulo Roble, Jay Dotta, Elario De Jesu, Cath Futchter Cynthia Abanil, Adelaide Mackenzie, Corazon Darby, Allan Kingston, Mary McNeil, Val Temple, Tyrone Lamb, Evelyn Legge, Ann Carroll, Peter Chow, Harry Phillips, Margaret Phillips, Maria Fernandez, Glenda Fowler, Gary Trevena, Eileen Lamarque, Don Newcombe.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Christian community:

Those baptised during this week. Please pray for these Family as we welcome them into our Faith Community.



Archie David Blaxall
Isaac Paul Raveendrakumar
Bradley Kyle Leung Harrison
Callum Joshua Leung Harrison
Baptism 7 days a week. Please phone the Parish Office for information regarding Baptism.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK



Next date for Communion to the Sick is 4th January. Please phone the office if you would like to be added to our Communion list.

MASS TIMES

Sunday, 27th December 2015
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
" Mass: 8.30 am
" Mass: 6 pm

Monday, 28th December 2015
The Holy Innocents
" Rosary 7.00 am
" Mass: 7.30 am

Tuesday, 29th December 2015
" No Mass

Wednesday, 30th December 2015
" No Mass

Thursday, 31st December 2015
" No Mass

Friday, 1st January 2015
Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
" * * * Mass: 8.30 am * * *

Saturday, 2nd January 2015
Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
" No morning Mass
" Reconciliation 5.30 pm
" Mass: 6 pm

Sunday, 3rd January 2015
" Mass: 8.30 am
" Mass: 6 pm

READINGS

1st Reading
Psalm
Jeremiah 31: 7-9
Psalm 125
The Lord has done great things for us: we are filled with Joy
2nd Reading
Gospel Reading
Hebrew 5: 1-6
Mark 10: 46-52

1st Reading
Psalm
Gospel Reading
Romans 8: 12-17
Psalm 67: 2, 4, 6-7, 20-21
Luke 13: 10-17

1st Reading
Psalm
Gospel Reading
Romans 8: 18-25
Psalm: 125
Luke 13: 18-21

1st Reading
Psalm
Gospel Reading
Ephesians 2: 19-22
Psalm 18: 2-5
Luke 6: 12-19

1st Reading
Psalm
Gospel Reading
Romans 8: 31-39
Psalm: 108: 21-22, 26-27, 30-31
Luke 13: 31-35

1st Reading
Psalm
Gospel Reading
Romans 9: 1-5
Psalm 147: 12-15, 19-20
Luke 14: 1-6

1st Reading
Psalm
Gospel Reading
Romans 11: 1-2, 11-12, 25-29
Psalm 93: 12-15, 17-18
Luke 14: 1, 7-11

1st Reading
Psalm
2nd Reading
Gospel Reading
Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14
Psalm 23: 1-6
1 John 3: 1-3
Matthew 5: 1-12



We are now on Facebook:



Connect with the Daisy Hill Vinnies Conference and

know what we are up to and how you can help. Stay connected, stay up to date.

<https://www.facebook.com/DaisyhillVinnies>

We are on Christmas Break and will resume Good works from 18th January, 2016...

We thank you all for your kind and generous support. We wish you all many blessings and joys for the Christmas season and refreshing time with friends and family.



CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Basic questions answered according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Let's get to know our faith.

Question: Why is Mary a Virgin?

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God willed that Jesus Christ should have a true human mother but only God himself as his Father, because he wanted to make a new beginning that could be credited to him alone and not to earthly forces.

Mary's virginity is not some outdated mythological notion but rather fundamental to the life of Jesus. He was born of a woman but had no human father. Jesus Christ is a new beginning in the world that has been instituted from on high. In the Gospel of Luke, Mary asks the angel, "How can this be, since I have no husband?" (= do not sleep with a man, Lk 1:34); the angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you" (Lk 1:35). Although the Church from the earliest days was mocked on account of her belief in Mary's virginity, she has always believed that her virginity is real and not merely symbolic. (YOUCAT question 80)

Day 63 - Did Mary have other children? // Can we call Mary the Mother of God?

Did Mary have other children besides Jesus?

No. Jesus is the only son of Mary in the physical sense.

Even in the early Church, Mary's perpetual virginity was assumed, which rules out the possibility of Jesus having brothers and sisters from the same mother. In Aramaic, Jesus' mother tongue, there is

only one word for sibling and cousins. When the Gospels speak about the "brothers and sisters" of Jesus (for instance, in Mk 3:31-35), they are referring to Jesus' close relatives.

Isn't it improper to call Mary the Mother of God?

No. Anyone who calls Mary the Mother of God thereby professes that her Son is God.

As early Christianity was debating who Jesus was, the title *Theotokos* ("God-bearer") became the hallmark for the orthodox interpretation of Sacred Scripture: Mary did not give birth merely to a man who then after his birth "became" God; rather, even in her womb her child is the true Son of God. This debate is not about Mary in the first place; rather, it is again the question of whether Jesus is true man and true God at the same time. (YOUCAT questions 81-82)

Day 64 - What is The Immaculate Conception of Mary? What does the Immaculate Conception of Mary mean?

The Church believes that "the most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin" (Dogma of 1854; Dogma)

Belief in the Immaculate Conception has existed since the beginning of the Church. The expression is misunderstood today. It is saying that God preserved Mary from original sin from the very beginning. It says nothing about the conception of Jesus in Mary's womb. By no means is it a devaluation of sexuality in Christianity, as though a husband and wife would be "stained" if they conceived a child. (YOUCAT question 83)

.Material as published in: Catechism in a year/ <https://uno.flocknote.com/list>

The Year 2015 in Review

As much as we complain about things going on in our lives, and in our world today, we need to stop and thank God each day for all the blessings He has provided us with! And if we're even thinking what have we got to be thankful for, we need to look straight up each day and thank God for our salvation! But not only that, we need to look back on the events of our parish community, for I believe the Lord has been so good to us!

February 12 and 26: We had Michelle Vuleta from the Archdiocese of Brisbane who gave a series of conferences to our parish volunteers on safeguarding children and the vulnerable.

March 5: Fr. Trevor Trotter from the Columban Missionary Congregation conducted our Parish Lenten Reflection with 92 participants. The reflection was concluded by the Sacrament of Reconciliation with 4 priests hearing the Confessions.

April 17-19: Bishop Joseph Oudeman conducted an official Parish Pastoral Visit to our community and the school. His visit was concluded by the Sacrament of Confirmation to our 68 children.

May 3: Was a memorable date for our 59 children who received the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

June 18: Mr. Rob Cosgrove of the Evangelisation Brisbane gave a talk to our parishioners on the famous book of Pope Francis: THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL, and there were more than 60 in attendance.

September 12: Fr. Ray Sanchez of the Passionist Congregation conducted the Annual Parish Retreat on the topic: WHO JESUS REALLY IS? It was well presented and there were more than 90 participants.

October 11: Was the most colourful and vibrant community event when we celebrated the Patronal Feast of St. Edward the Confessor, combined with the Mass of all Nations. Attendance was estimated to be around 700 and the food was overflowing.

Dec 24 and Dec 25: Christmas masses were in full swing. The church was overflowing with people most especially of the Dec 24 at 7:00pm mass.

Aside from the above events in our parish, there were 67 new-comers (including children) in our parish and they came from different near and far. There were also 130 baptised this year; 9 weddings and 7 Funeral Services.

And so, as much as we complain about things going on in our lives, and in our world today, we need to stop and thank God each day for all the blessings He has provided us with!, especially for all His guidance and blessings for our parish community throughout the year 2015. **THANK YOU, O LORD!**

Fr. Marce

Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 2nd - 3rd January 2015

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Holy Mass Coordinators	Iona & Ronet D'Mello	Brian Ridder	Jeanne Medina
Parish Choirs	Spiritus Choir	Frankie's Choir	El Shaddai Choir
Overhead Projectionist	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Proclaimers of the Word: 1	J R Bandola	Ella Villar	Celi Arezza
Proclaimers of the Word: 2	Marinel or Marian	Vange Munn	Sharon Biasillo
Communion Ministers	Keiko Ueda	Steven Richardson	Cheryl McCaffery
	Chriselle D'Mello	John Guiton	Nix Arezza
	Kerwin Reddy	Maria Beck-Richardson	Sean O'Brien
		Reece Healy	
		Chi Gardner	
Altar Servers	Annabelle Wessling	Sienna Morassuti	Ella O'Brien
	Jonathan Wessling	K C Sebil	Caleb O'Brien



We want postage stamps from your Christmas greeting cards...

The Salesian Missions use the old stamps that are passed on to them to raise funds and 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.



Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year from Daisy Hill and Southside Family Day Care



Our Office will be closed from Thursday 24th December and will re-open on Monday 4th January



Parish Office hours during the Christmas season



The Parish office will close for Christmas at 12.30 pm on 24th December and open again at 9.00 am on the 29th December.

Similarly, Office will close at 12.30 pm on 31st December open at 9.00 am on the 4th January 2016 for the New Year.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

St Eddies Men's Group



St Edward's Seniors Group

Thank you to the Seniors for a great year this year.

* I had an enjoyable time with you all.

* I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and may God bless you and keep you over this special time.

* **We will meet again for mass and morning tea on Tuesday 9th February, 2016.**

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