



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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3rd Sunday of Lent
27th - 28th February 2016

THE GARDENER DID IT!

by Fr. Marce Singson



If you swing and miss the baseball three times, you're on your way back to the dugout. Three failures to clear the bar pole vaulting or high jumping and you're automatically out of the competition. Enrol in a parish sacramental program and if you miss out three sessions of the program and you're out. Three is often our limit in forgiving injuries or tolerating failures.

The owner of the fig tree in today's Gospel feels the same way. He wants the tree chopped down because it has failed to produce any fruit for three years. Jesus, playing part of the gardener, intercedes in behalf of the faltering tree. "Let's give it a chance," he reasons: "I'll offer it personal attention and encouragement, and maybe it will produce figs. Jesus is thinking of fulfilment, not destruction – and it is not about trees he's speaking but struggling humanity.

Our demanding society can coldly scream, "three strikes and you're out!" Jesus, displaying bold mercy, calmly adds: "make it four!" He constantly envisions improvement, and blesses our clumsy effort. Mercy in action is a strong positive virtue, which should not be interpreted as soft-hearted weakness. Peter denied Jesus three times, yet was given another chance and never denied Jesus again. He went on to become the first Pope and died a martyr's death. Without that gratuitous fourth swing, the entire history of Christianity would have been written differently. Jesus was also offered another chance but he refused it.


Forgiveness is an integral part of God's nature, not to be abused or presumed but used by weak struggling people like us. Since the Creator knows our proneness to failure. Jesus ministers to us not in terms of "three" or "four" but extends his mercy to seven times seven, meaning endless forgiveness. In this little parable presented in our Gospel today, failing humanity plays the role of the fig tree, with demanding society as the boss and Jesus as the gardener. Holy mercy wins the argument and the story has a happy ending, for the tree is spared and figs are expected next year. The tree should never forget Who caused the owner to change his mind and spare its life. The Gardener did it!

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, Barbara (Babs) Howard and those whose anniversaries are in this month

Noelene Munns



PLEASE PRAY

For all our sick parishioners and family members:

Allen Chase-Currier, Nerissa Roberts, Ramon Gtruro Hnrqz, Salvador Hernandez Gguilera, Linda Zimka, Annie Robinson, 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 Reyamar Soriano, 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 Osyipiv, Romeo Lopez, Benjoe Estubo, Shirley Roberts, Pat Mey, Elizabeth Toh, Bruce Walker, Eliza Yunzal, Virgilio Lopez, Fernando Lopez, 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 Nicholson, Alice & Keiran Blackmore, Michael Reyes, Joe Kindermann, Ken Robson, Paulo Roble, Jay Dotta, Elario De Jesu, Cath Fatcher 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 Graham Costello
Romeo Branko Viro
Maddison Anna Munday
Amelia Louise Fay Hastings
Harry Spencer George Hastings

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 7th March. Please phone the office if you would like to be added to our Communion list.



MASS TIMES	READINGS	
Sunday, 28th February, 2016 3rd Sunday of Lent " Mass: 8.30 am " Mass: 6 pm	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel Reading	Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15 Psalm 102: 1-4, 6-8, 11 <i>The Lord is kind and merciful.</i> 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12 Luke 13: 1-9
Monday, 29th February, 2016 " Rosary 7.00 am " Mass: 7.30 am	1st Reading Psalm Gospel Reading	2 Kings 5: 1-15 Psalm 41: 2-3; 42: 3-4 Luke 4: 24-30
Tuesday, 1st March 2016 " Mass: 7.00 pm " Adoration	1st Reading Psalm Gospel Reading	Daniel 3: 25, 34-43 Psalm 24: 4-9 Matthew 18: 21-35
Wednesday, 2nd March 2016 " Rosary 7.00 am " Mass: 7.30 am	1st Reading Psalm Gospel Reading	Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9 Psalm 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Matthew 5: 17-19
Thursday, 3rd March, 2016 " Mass: 7.30 am	1st Reading Psalm Gospel Reading	Jeremiah 7: 23-28 Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9 Luke 11: 14-23
Friday, 4th March 2016 " Rosary 7.00 am " Mass: 7.30 am Followed by Stations of the Cross	1st Reading Psalm Gospel Reading	Hosea 14: 2-10 Psalm 80: 6, 8-11, 14-17 Mark 12: 28-34
Saturday, 5th March, 2016 " Mass 7.30 am. " Reconciliation 5.30 pm " Mass 6.00 pm	1st Reading Psalm Gospel Reading	Hosea 5: 15 - 6: 6 Psalm 50: 3-4, 18-21 Luke 18: 9-14
Sunday, 6th March 2016 4th Sunday of Lent " Mass: 8.30 am " Mass: 6 pm	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel Reading	Joshua 5: 9-12 Psalm 33: 2-7 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

PARISH UPDATE


A funeral was held last Friday for Barbara Howard. Barbara and her husband Peter are very devout Catholics and have been so faithful in our parish at Daisy Hill for 33 years. The Vicar General Monsignor Peter Meneely presided over the requiem mass. Let us pray for the soul of Barbara. And I would like to thank Frankie and Joseph and their choir members who sang for the funeral. A big thank you as well to our sacristan, Muriel Mairhofer, for sorting out the catering for the guests.

Logan Deanery Clergy meeting last Thursday was well attended with the presence of Bishop Joseph Oudeman. One issue tabled at the meeting was about how each parish can celebrate the Year of Mercy. For Daisy Hill parish, two things are ready: One will be on March 5, Saturday at 7:15pm in the Church. I will present an hour of **Reflection on the Biblical Meaning on Mercy and Its Implications in our Christian Life**. Question and answer will follow after the conference. All parishioners are invited. Second will be on March 21 at 6:30pm when Fr. Ray Sanchez will deliver his expose on the **Meaning of Passion and Death (Gods' ultimate of Mercy for His people) in our Christian Life**. This will be followed by an Examination of Conscience to be led by Fr. Ray, and then Individual Confessions. Six priests will hear Confessions.

While few parishes have problems because of dysfunctional members of Pastoral and Finance Councils, Daisy Hill parish is enjoying a very good camaraderie among members of the 2 councils (Pastoral and Finance) together with our school administrators. Thus the rendezvous last Thursday went so well. It started at 6:45pm and I led the group for a 30 minute spiritual reflection on Christian Service, followed by sharing of thoughts and reflections among participants. And our bonding continued for more than an hour during our dinner at the hospitality area. I thank the PPC and PFC members for the supplying the bounty of food and drinks.

We have a total of 77 candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. On Monday, Feb 29, will be the general meeting of parents of candidates at 6pm in our Church.

Fr. Marce



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 does God want there to be a Church?

God wills the Church because he wants to redeem us, not individually, but together. He wants to make all mankind his people.

No one gets to heaven by the asocial route. Someone who thinks only about himself and the salvation of his own soul is living a-socially. That is impossible both in heaven and on earth. God himself is not a-social; he is not a solitary, self-sufficient being. The Triune God in himself is "social", a communion, an eternal exchange of love. Patterned after God, man also is designed for relationship, exchange, sharing, and love. We are responsible for one another. (YOUCAT question 122)

Question: What is the task of the Church? // Why is the Church more than an institution?

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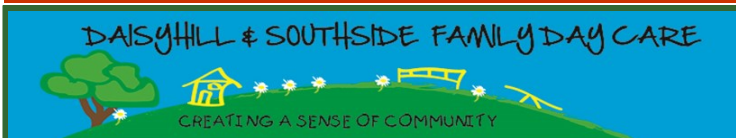
The Church's task is to make the kingdom of God, which has already begun with Jesus, germinate and grow in all nations.

Wherever Jesus went, heaven touched earth: the kingdom of God was inaugurated, a kingdom of peace and justice. The Church serves this kingdom of God. She is not an end in herself. She must carry on what Jesus started. She should act as Jesus would act. She continues the sacred signs of Jesus (the sacraments). She hands on Jesus' words. That is why the Church, for all her weakness, is a formidable bit of heaven on earth.

Why is the Church more than an institution?

The Church is more than an institution because she is a mystery that is simultaneously human and divine. True love does not blind a person but rather makes him see. With regard to the Church, this is precisely the case: Viewed from outside, the Church is only a historical institution with historical achievements, but also mistakes and even crimes - a Church of sinners. But that is not looking deep enough. After all, Christ became so involved with us sinners that he never abandons his Church, even if we were to betray him daily. This inseparable union of the human and the divine, this intertwining of sin and grace, is part of the mystery of the Church. Seen with the eyes of faith, the Church is therefore indestructibly holy. (YOUCAT questions 123-124).

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



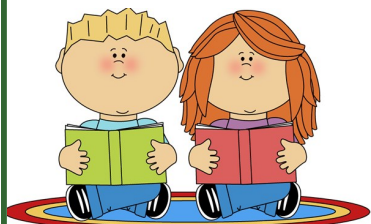
Children and Educators have been making the most of the warm weather at Play Sessions, enjoying lots of water play experiences to keep cool. This week we had the special treat of making icy cold smoothies, with lots of learning around healthy choices, measurement, colour, language skills, fine motor skills, turn taking and so much more! Children enjoy learning through fun, hands on experiences.

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

to share the weekly stories and also collect funds that will be donated to this year's focus- Learning More, Creating Change'. These leaders have also used their creative talents to plan this year's mascots- Phil (the Box) and Mr Doe Nation. All the classes love these special visitors as they help explain how their contributions can make a difference to those less fortunate. We hope we reach Phil's target!

There have been some wonderful sporting events in the last week. The Logan District Swimming Trials were held at Aqua Logan last Wednesday. Thank to Mr Joshua Sinclair (Parent/Swimming Coach) who helped out on the day. We had many students who were successful in gaining selection in the Logan District Swimming Team and will compete at the Regional Championships on Tuesday 1st March at Chandler Aquatic Centre. Nikita was awarded 11 Yrs Girls Age Champion at the carnival. She also broke the 50m Girls Butterfly and 50m Girls Freestyle records. Super effort! We also congratulate Lucas L, Cooper McN, Joshua T, Ronan M, Jonathan W, Ezekiel S and Bailey S who were successful in gaining selection in the Logan District AFL Team. We certainly have some sporting stars to cheer on and watch in the future!

We send our prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery to Greg Guy, the husband our Year 6 teacher Sue Guy. May God give Sue and Greg strength and surround them with loving care, always and forever.



One of our neighbouring schools is seeking help. St Paul's Woodridge has a high number of migrant and refugee children. Often these children's parents are unable to speak and read English themselves, so children are unable to read at home. They are looking for some volunteers to come and read with their children, preferably on a weekly basis. Volunteers will need to have a volunteer Blue Card, but they can organise that for you. If you are interested can you please contact Jon Sorohan, St Paul's Community Worker 32082868.

Have a great week
Bronwyn, Brendan and Danielle



School News

We were fortunate this week to participate in a conference with the Pastoral and Finance Council members of the church. The focus was on the Spirituality of Christian Service in School and Parish

Setting. We then spent time sharing a meal. The school/ church partnership is valued immensely as we work together as a team. We thank Fr Marce for his leadership and wonderful direction. We are grateful for all he does to foster this relationship.

This week our Year 6 Student Councillors have been enthusiastically leading the Project Compassion drive within the school. Each week they spend time with classes



Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 6th - 7th March 2016

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Holy Mass Coordinators	Iona & Ronet D'Mello	Brian Ridder	Jeanne Medina
Parish Choirs	Fabio & Nubia	Frankie's Choir	El Shaddai
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	Chery McCaffery
	Chriselle D'Mello	John Guiton	Nix Arezza
	Kerwin Reddy	Maria Beck-Richardson	Sean O'Brien
		Reece Healy	
		Chi Gardener	
Altar Servers	Annabelle Wessling	Shannon Oporto	Christine Ferrer
	Jonathan Wessling	Virginia Mirago	Caleb O'Brien



Sacramental Program Update:

CONFIRMATION

**Monday 29th February
at 6 PM**

Sign in will begin from 5.30 PM

Parents information evening at
St Edward's Catholic Church

Lenten Program 2016 - All are welcome

All parishioners are invited to: "Being Lost Being Found"
*A program designed by the Archdiocese which
awakens and prepares you for the coming Holy Week.*

BEING LOST...
BEING FOUND



Dates 24th February, 2nd March, 9th March & 16th March

Time and Location – 7-8 PM in the church
Tea and coffee will be available
before the sessions commence

There will be a cost of \$5 for your personal copy of
the program booklet

Books now available in the Vinnies Stall



All to invited to

Parish Holy Week Reflection with Rev Fr Ray Sanchez

On Monday 21st March, 2016

***The Significance of the Passion and Death of
Jesus Christ in our lives.***

6.30 pm to 7.15 pm : Reflection

7.15 pm to 7.30 pm Examination of Conscience,
led by Fr Ray Sanchez

7.30 pm onwards: Individual Reconciliation.

6 Priests will be present to hear Confessions.



LENTE REFLECTION

Couples for Christ Australia invites everyone to attend for an hour of
community Lenten Reflection on the
Topic: THE BIBLICAL NOTION OF MERCY
AND ITS IMPLICATIONS IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE

Date: Saturday, March 5 at 7:15pm

Venue: St. Edward's Parish Church

Speaker: Fr. Marce Singson

Free of Charge. Everyone is Welcome

Q and A will follow after the Conference

Thank you !

The Howard, Mackay, Tieppo and Gibbs Families would like to
express our sincere thanks to Fr Marce, Leenore, the Choir, Care &
Concern and the St Edward's Community for your prayers, support and
sympathy on the passing of Barbara Howard.



Notice for Seniors Group

We are going on a bus trip on Friday 15th April. Morning tea at Wivenhoe Dam and lunch at Toogoolawah. We will leave at 8.30am and return about 3.30pm. Cost is \$28 for bus, morning tea free and buy your own lunch (approx. \$10). Numbers and money for bus to me by Thursday 7th April. Will be a great day. Looking forward to taking you out.

Noelene >> H. 3208 5304. M. 0409 261 639

St Eddies Men's Group

All men are invited to attend the Lenten Program
on the 24th February, 2nd March, 9th March & 16th March
Our scheduled meetings will recommence after Holy Week on
13th April (2nd Wednesday)



The scripture readings this weekend portray a loving God, a God who notices, cares and is present to his people without having to ask. This is how He speaks to Moses in the reading from Exodus and in the Gospel reading he pleads for the preservation of the fig tree. He is always ready to come to our aid and rescue us. He understands the fears, anxieties and the reluctance of Moses to go and speak to his people. God gently guides him and actually tells him what to say. The responsorial psalm (102) is really the prayer of the downtrodden, telling Yahweh of their troubles and their moments of distress. The psalm that follows (103) is a response to their pleas and it reiterates God's love and care for us.

**We here at the Parish of St Edward the Confessor, as part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane
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PRIVACY PRINCIPLES.**

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