



# 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.*

## CHURCH

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**Parish Priest**  
**Fr. Marce Singson**

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## Second Sunday of Advent Sunday ( Year C)

**5th - 6th December 2015**

## COMING TOWARD GOD

*by Fr. Marce Singson*



Most people who come and visit Australia always admire how beautiful and systematic our roads are. We straighten out the sharps and curves and smooth the surface! We cleverly responded to the advice of John the Baptist in today's gospel reading: *"Prepare the way of the Lord, clear him a straight path. Every valley shall be filled, ...the winding roads shall be made straight and the rough ways smooth!"*

The primitive roads and nameless paths travelled by John the Baptist were a great contrast to our roads –winding, rough and mountainous. John understands, like the present-day highway builders, that the more hazards removed, the better the road. Poetically, John uses the image of a road to show how we can either encourage or impede God's entrance into our lives. We have the duty to level off our sharp peaks of pride, selfishness, blind ambitions, which become mountain sized obstacles between God and ourselves. Valleys also slow down the journey to our Saviour. These are the cold areas of depression, fear and despair and hopelessness. They obscure the warming sun and keep us wandering along the dark edge of night.

Advent is the "coming toward God" season, when each of us is challenged to examine his or her way to the Lord. If you are lost and going in circles, ask for advice from good and faithful friends to help lift your spirits from the depths or to bring you down from fantasy to reality. John the Baptist wants us to straighten out our dead ends and curves of double standards, lying cheating and other obstacles in our lives. Our rough ways of acting and speaking can become more gentle; our former indifference can be paved with compassion. The Herald of the Messiah (John the Baptist) continues to shout: *"Prepare the way of the Lord."* With barriers removed, God is not far from us. If the obstacles remain on our way of life, we make contact or even communication with Him nearly impossible. God comes to us on the roads we make. If He doesn't come, we have not prepared the way!

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,  
Mike Carroll, Antonio Ferrer, Snr, Ray Manalac, Sheridan Veronica Joan, Juliet Teodosio, Jackie Duncan, Knisler Lloyd, Leslie Oliver, Agnes Hawley, Charles Hawley, Bernado Soriano, Celso Soriano, Procopio Soriano Snr & Jnr, Matias, Ordoyo, Juan Somodio, Manueza Ordoyo, Jose Ordoyo, Eladio Ordoyo, Jhona Ordoyo, Michael Ordoyo, Dorothy Case, Allison Bailey, Elizabeth Varis, Julio Dabela (Philippines), Fetu Hodgson, Rob Lee, Denice Risson



### PLEASE PRAY

For all our sick parishioners and family members:

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 Osyipiv, 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 Fletcher 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.

**Claire Elizabeth Mercy Duncan**  
**Keely Ann Peddie**  
**Emma Lily Hughes**



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 December. Please phone the office if you would like to be added to our Communion list.

### MASS TIMES

**Sunday, 6th December 2015**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**

• Mass: 8.30 am  
• Mass: 6 pm

**Monday, 7th December 2015**  
**St Ambrose**

• Rosary 7.00 am  
• Mass: 7.30 am

**Tuesday, 8th December 2015**  
**The immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

• Mass: 7.00 pm  
• Adoration

**Wednesday, 9th December 2015**  
**Rosary 7.00 am**

• Mass: 7.30 am

**Thursday, 10th December 2015**  
**Mass: 7.30 am**

**Friday, 11th December 2015**  
**Rosary 7.00 am**

• Mass: 7.30 am

**Saturday, 12th December 2015**

• Mass 7.30 am  
• Reconciliation 5.30 pm  
• Mass: 6 pm

**Sunday, 13th December 2015**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**

• Mass: 8.30 am  
• Mass: 6 pm

### READINGS

**1st Reading**  
**Psalm**

**2nd Reading**  
**Gospel Reading**

**Baruch 5: 1-9**  
**Psalm 125**  
*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*  
**Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11**  
**Luke 3: 4, 6**

**1st Reading**  
**Psalm**  
**Gospel Reading**

**Isaiah 35: 1-10**  
**Psalm 84: 9-14**  
**Luke 5: 17-26**

**1st Reading**  
**Psalm**  
**2nd Reading**  
**Gospel Reading**

**Genesis 3: 9-15, 20**  
**Psalm 97: 1-4**  
**Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12**  
**Luke 1: 26-38**

**1st Reading**  
**Psalm**  
**Gospel Reading**

**Isaiah 40: 25-31**  
**Psalm 102: 1-4, 8, 10**  
**Matthew 11: 28-30**

**1st Reading**  
**Psalm**  
**Gospel Reading**

**Isaiah 41: 13-20**  
**Psalm 144: 1, 9-13**  
**Matthew 11: 11-15**

**1st Reading**  
**Psalm**  
**Gospel Reading**

**Isaiah 48: 17-19**  
**Psalm 1: 1-4, 6**  
**Matthew 11: 16-19**

**1st Reading**  
**Psalm**  
**Gospel Reading**

**Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11**  
**Psalm 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19**  
**Matthew 17: 10-13**

**1st Reading**  
**Psalm**  
**2nd Reading**  
**Gospel Reading**

**Zephaniah 3: 14-18**  
**Psalm 12: 2-6**  
**Philippians 4: 4-7**  
**Luke 3: 10-18**



This weekend is the official ending of the SVDP Christmas Appeal. However a number of people have told me they had their gifts at home but forgot to bring them. That is OK you can bring food any weekend and put it in the collection box at the door. It is always appreciated. We packed 65 ham-pers on Friday and have 16 more to do. These should be completed in the next two weeks as more Christmas

foods are coming in. It is my pleasure to thank all those involved in making the appeal such a success. It was an inspirational experience to see the various groups in the parish working together to achieve a common goal - serve the poor. I thank the school ADM team, the staff, students and parent body for their fabulous contribution in making the appeal such a success. A special thanks to our Minnie Vinnie captains who kept the momentum going in an enjoyable way. As is usual our parishioners come weekend after weekend bearing their gifts and filling our pantry. *Thank you! thank you!*

As many of our visits are to families that are victims domestic violence, the Parish council has come up with this beautiful idea. Under the leadership of Denise they are providing a little feminine gift "women thinking of women" to give to each mother. Let us continue to work together to bring about God's Kingdom.





## 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 Jesus Called "Christ"?**

**Why is Jesus called Christ?**

The brief formula "Jesus is the Christ" expresses the core of the Christian faith: Jesus, the simple carpenter's son from Nazareth, is the long-awaited Messiah and Savior.

Both the Greek word "*Christos*" and the Hebrew word "*Messiah*" mean "the Anointed One". In Israel kings, priests, and prophets were anointed. The apostles learned that Jesus was anointed "with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 10:38). We are called *Christians* after *Christ*, as an expression of our exalted vocation. (YOUCAT question 73)

**Question: Why is Jesus "The Only-Begotten Son of God"?**

**What does it mean to say that Jesus is the only-begotten Son of God?**

When Jesus calls himself "God's only-begotten Son" (or "only Son", Jn 3:16) and Peter and others bear witness to this, the expression means that of all human beings only Jesus is more than a man and has a unique relationship to God, his Father.

In many passages of the New Testament (Jn 1:14, 18; 1 Jn 4:9; Heb 1:2, and so on) Jesus is called "Son". At his baptism and his Transfiguration, the voice from heaven calls Jesus "my beloved Son". Jesus discloses to his disciples his unique relationship to his heavenly Father: "All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him" (Mt 11:27). The fact that Jesus Christ really is God's Son comes to light at the Resurrection. (YOUCAT question 74)

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



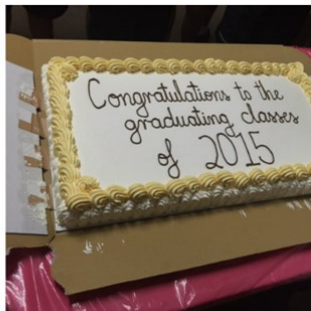
## SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations and well done to all our Yr 6 students! The graduation on Tuesday night was beautifully celebrated. Our Year Six students have been a fabulous group: responsible, hardworking, full of fun, proud of their school, and pleasure to talk to and work with.

John made mention of the fact that education at our school does come down to teamwork and a shared responsibility between students, parents, staff and the wider parish community. In all of this, Fr Marce has been a central figure in providing the spiritual guidance that our young people crave and need in life. Thank you Fr Marce for being there for us!

On behalf on the school community we'd like to say thanks and farewell to Mr Spillane. John has been an impeccable leader at St Edward's. The school has continued to shine under his leadership. We will miss his calm and compassionate ways, his nothing is too much attitude, his steady as she goes approach, his open door, his helpful nature. No job was too big or too small. We wish John all the best at Mary MacKillop School Birkdale and look forward to you dropping in to St Edward's next year to say hi.

As this school year draws to a close and the holiday season is upon us, I take this opportunity to wish you and your family all the very best for this festive season. May it be a happy and holy time for your entire family! John Bronwyn and Danielle



*Let's Celebrate...!!!*

*The Lord is my strength and my song! Ps 118:14*

Many of us had a song in our heart as we celebrated the spirit of community of St Edward's last weekend as we welcomed the season of Advent.

We celebrated **John Spillane and his family** and all John has contributed to School and Parish life during the past 10 years. John departs St Eddies truly leaving his mark of Peace, Growth and Love. St Mary MacKillop School at Birkdale will be fortunate to have John as their new Principal in 2016.



We celebrated all our November birthdays and wedding anniversaries with special milestones!

**Phil Jones – 95 years young!**

Celebrated with all his family and parishioners and many former parishioners including a former parish priest travelled great distance to attend. Those who couldn't attend sent their good wishes. When Phil is asked the question "what is the secret to a long life" Phil's response is Love of God and Love of all our Parish priests; they have all been different but they are all wonderful. Phil continues to inspire us with his positive attitude. Hot on the heels of Phil is another long term parishioner, **George Gibbs – 92 years young!** Congratulations.

We also celebrated the **Ruby Wedding Anniversary(40 years) of Ray and Rita Blacker** and the **Golden Anniversary (50 years) of Jo and Mary Henry**. Congratulations.

We celebrated our parish and school community working together to pack over 80 hampers for people who need our care in the community. Feedback was a blessing to receive; one visitor saying they wished their Parish was as alive as ours with another saying they witnessed the true meaning and pastoral care and concern and reaching out.

Thanks to one and all for your contribution of attendance, celebration and food and assistance for our morning tea.

Denise Love – Chairperson  
Pastoral Council



## Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 12th - 13th December 2015

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Holy Mass Coordinators	John Wood	Shirley D'Mello	Joey Nicolas
Parish Choirs	Fabio's Choir	Freon and Weng	Couples for Christ
Overhead Projectionist	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Proclaimers of the Word: 1	Belinda Castillo	Sarah Stoneley	Apolo Taulunga
Proclaimers of the Word: 2	Chloe Rattansey	Esther Isbon	Jun Quinones
Communion Ministers	Anita Peres	Sulianz Paterson	Jed De Chavez
	Joseph Weerasinghe	Isidore Storey	Ian Seneviratne
	Marj Weerasinghe	Katrina Beavon	Eldrin Dee
		Maricel Tejada	
		Ray Hughes	
Altar Servers	Annabelle Wessling	Ugala Isbon	Ella O'Brien
	Jonathan Wessling	Kim Alex Silagan	Caleb O'Brien

Parish Working Bee, scheduled for the 12th December, has been cancelled.

### Seniors Christmas Luncheon

At Springwood Apartment Towers Hotel

On Tuesday 8th December, 2015

At 12 noon

Price per person \$25

To be paid with Booking

By 30th November.

Our next Mass is on Tuesday 8th December 9 AM.  
All are Welcome.



### Parish of St Edward the Confessor

*Christmas Mass timings*

**Thursday, December 24**

Carols 6.45 PM

Christmas Vigil: 7 PM

Christmas Midnight Mass : 12 AM

Carols from 11.30 pm

**Friday, December 25,**

Christmas Day: 8.30 am

### St Eddies Men's Group

Next gathering – 9 Dec (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed)

Social and games night before Christmas break

All past, present and future most welcome

BYO nibbles and drinks. 7 PM St. Declan's

Contact Danny – 32082305

### Update on our Parish Website

Please visit the Parish Website: [www.stedwardsdaisyhill.org.au](http://www.stedwardsdaisyhill.org.au)

You will find a few interesting changes. On the home as usual, you will find the week day Masses. We specially invite, new Parishioners to visit the New Parishioner link and update us with your contact information so we make get in touch with you and make you feel welcome. Under the Parish Planned Giving tab, you can find links to the necessary forms you will need if you wish to join the plan, or if you wish to make a one of donation, you can do so securely, with our online payment option.

If you are looking to enrol your child/ren for the Sacramental Program, go to the Sacramental Program link, under the Sacraments tab. *It will help you with links on preparing your child/ren for the Sacraments. Access to Electronic Application form. You can complete the form online, print and sign, before you email it to our Parish Office. You can pick a printed form from our office at any time. Please make sure to attach a copy of the Child's Birth Certificate. (1 form per child please). Now you can also make the payment for the enrolling your child online. If you need any clarification, feel free to contact us at the Parish office.*

We appreciate your feedback, as we endeavour to improve the online facilities to increase your convenience.

### BREAK OPEN THE WORD



### Break Open the Word 2016

Cost : \$20

The Book for Readers, gives the readings and psalms for each Sunday with a commentary designed to provide not only background to the text but assistance on how to read it. A pronunciation guide is included

Contact: Fr Marce, in Church

### Little Books for Advent

The Little Books are pocket-size publications, based upon the writings of Bishop Ken Untener, previously of the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan, USA. These booklets provide a quotation from Scripture with a brief spiritual reflection upon that Scripture.

Also provided is a daily 'buffet table' with a variety of thoughts about the Liturgical Season, the feast of the day and various traditions and customs. The Little Book reflections are intended to take about Six Minutes a day.

Cost of each book: \$4 only, available at the back of the Church.

**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.**

The Privacy Act impacts upon us all today and if you wish to peruse the Compliance Requirements and the Privacy Act, please go to the Archdiocesan Website [www.bne.catholic.net.au](http://www.bne.catholic.net.au) or [www.stewardsdaisyhill.org.au](http://www.stewardsdaisyhill.org.au)