



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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4th Sunday of Lent

5th - 6th March 2016

COME ON HOME!

by Fr. Marce Singson



Among his many talents, Jesus was a superb story-teller. In today's Gospel reading ranks perhaps as the top. It's the parable of the prodigal son. The central figure is an attentive father, who is a very good man – perhaps too good, when it comes to catering to the whims of his two ungracious sons with their radically opposing views of life. He is generous, permissive and forgiving to the younger son and self-effacing, patient and consoling to the elder. Although the one is prodigal and the other paranoid, the caring father is understanding and supportive to both.

Many applications can be and have been made of this time-honoured story, but in its current mid-Lenten context, it invites us to confidently approach our forgiving Heavenly Father, who understands and loves us dearly. We may like the younger brother, dissatisfied with home or family life, carefree and irresponsible. He wasn't a bad boy – just restless and adventurous. He did, however, insult his father grievously by asking for his share of the family inheritance – which customarily was divided up only after the father's death. Perhaps he didn't intend the insult, but asking for his portion of the estate was like telling his dad to drop dead. The father, no doubt shattered by his impulsive brashness, still gave him the money.


Are we not like the insulting prodigal sometimes – insensitively sinful toward God and others, while considering ourselves clever and cool? Often those we offend suffer in silence – like Jesus on the cross. Lent calls us to a deeper appreciation of others by looking beyond our own selfish attitudes. May be we identify more closely with the older brother – being withdrawn, unpopular, bitter and afraid to mix with others. Perhaps, like him, we find security in excessive devotion to duty and saving our money. We may be critical of civil and church leaders and mistrusting of people in general; thinking that those who act friendly are only trying to take advantage of us. Lent in this case invites us to open up, communicate and share with our brothers and sisters, realising that they love us for our own sakes and that the Father loves us even more than others.

Whether prodigal or paranoid or whatever, we need not feel rejected. Although our sins have told Jesus to drop dead – which he did on the cross, but not for long – He still invites us to return home any time when we are ready. There is more to life than we find in the pig pen. The Father offers us a robe, a ring, and a roast beef dinner, with family and friends around His table. **Come on home!**

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 Thelma Jones





PLEASE PRAY


For all our sick parishioners and family members:

Allen Chase-Currier, Nerissa Roberts, Ramon Grturo 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 Reymar 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 Osypiv, 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 Futcher 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.




Jaxson Jay Dotta
Adam Rossi
Damien Rossi
Chanel Rosenburg Aycan
Dennis Jackson Aycan

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, 6th March 2016 " Mass: 8.30 am " Mass: 6 pm	1st Reading Psalm	Joshua 5: 9-12 Psalm 33: 2-7 <i>God reconciled us to himself through Christ.</i>
	2nd Reading Gospel Reading	2 Corinthians 5: 17-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32
Monday, 7th March 2016 " Rosary 7.00 am " Mass: 7.30 am	1st Reading Psalm Gospel Reading	Isaiah 65: 17-21 Psalm 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13 John 4: 43-54
Tuesday, 8th March 2016 Seniors Group Mass 9.00 am " Mass: 7.00 pm " Adoration	1st Reading Psalm Gospel Reading	Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12 Psalm: 45: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9 John 5: 1-3, 5-16
Wednesday, 9th March 2016 " Mass: 6.45 pm	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel Reading	Isaiah 49: 8-15 Psalm 144: 8-9, 13-14, 17-18 John 5: 17-30
Thursday, 10th March 2016 " Mass: 7.30 am	1st Reading Psalm Gospel Reading	Exodus 32: 7-14 Psalm 105: 19-23 John 5: 31-47
Friday, 11th March 2016 " Rosary 7.00 am " Mass: 7.30 am Followed by Stations of the Cross	1st Reading Psalm Gospel Reading	Wisdom 2: 1, 12-22 Psalm 33: 16, 18, 19-21, 23 John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, 12th March 2016 " Mass 7.30 am. " Reconciliation 5.30 pm " Mass: 6 pm	1st Reading Psalm Gospel Reading	Jeremiah 11: 18-20 Psalm 7: 2-3, 9-12 John 7: 40-52
Sunday, 13th March 2016 " Mass: 8.30 am " Mass: 6 pm	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel Reading	Isaiah 43: 16-21 Psalm 125 Philippians 3: 8-14 John 8: 1-11

PARISH UPDATE

The general meeting last Monday with parents of candidates for the Sacramental programme went so well. We have a total of 78 candidates for this year, the biggest number so far in my 4 years ministry at Daisy Hill parish.

The front side or main door of our parish hall (OSCH) will undergo a face lift in the next few days. Rain water stagnates at the main door area of the hall thus it needs some top up concreting and installing drainage.

One might notice of the 2 statues of angels on both sides of the tabernacle in our chapel. There were donated by one of our parishioners and I thank her for her initiative, spiritual creativity and generosity.

One might also notice the colour of our church, which is pink. Every 4th Sunday in Lent is called **Laetare** Sunday. **Laetare** is a Latin word which means "Rejoice," and this call to rejoice is manifested in our Mass readings today especially the Gospel reading on the famous story of the prodigal son: the father rejoices because "his son was dead and has come to life, he was lost and is found." In the liturgical colour of the Church, **PINK** or **Rose** means **REJOICE**.

Looking ahead, our Palm Sunday masses, March 19 (Saturday) March 20 (Sunday) will kick off 10 minutes ahead of schedule, this is because of the palm blessing ceremony outside the Church and the procession with the congregation. Hence on March 19 Saturday the liturgy will start at 5:50pm. And for the 2 masses on Sunday March 20, it will start at 8:20am and 5:50pm. You may bring your own favourite palms, although the parish also provide palm leaves for you.

In solidarity with those who have been affected by the recent cyclone in Fiji, I have assigned some of our parishioners to collect monetary donations for the victims. This collection will take place right after the mass this weekend. We will immediately send our donations through Caritas Brisbane. And I would like to anticipate my sincere THANK YOU for your generosity and thoughtfulness for our brothers and sisters in Fiji.

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?

What is the task of the Church?

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).

Question: What is unique about the People of God?

The founder of this people is God the Father. Its leader is Jesus Christ. Its source of strength is the Holy Spirit. The entryway to the People of God is Baptism. Its dignity is the freedom of the children of God. Its law is love. If this people remains faithful to God and seeks first the kingdom of God, it changes the world.

In the midst of all the peoples on earth, there is one people that is like no other. It is subject to no one but God alone. It is supposed to be like salt, which adds flavour; like yeast, which permeates everything; like light, which drives away the darkness. Anyone who belongs to the People of God must count on coming into conflict with people who deny God's existence and disregard his commandments. In the freedom of the children of God, however, we have nothing to fear, not even death. (YOUCAT question 125)

Question: How is the Church the Body of Christ? // And the Bride of Christ?"

What does it mean to say that the Church is the Body of Christ?

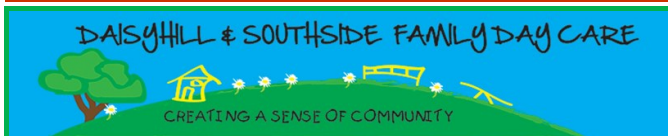
Above all through the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist, an inseparable union comes about between Jesus Christ and Christians. The union is so strong that it joins him and us like the head and members of a human body and makes us one.

What does it mean to say that the Church is the Bride of Christ?

Jesus Christ loves the Church as a bridegroom loves his bride. He binds himself to her forever and gives his life for her.

Anyone who has ever been in love has some idea of what love is. Jesus knows it and calls himself a bridegroom who lovingly and longingly courts his bride and desires to celebrate the feast of love with her. We are his Bride, the Church. In the Old Testament God's love for his people is compared to the love between husband and wife. If Jesus seeks the love of each one of us, how often is he then unhappily in love that is to say, with all those who want nothing to do with his love and do not reciprocate it?! (YOUCAT question 126-127)

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



Educators of the service were provided with the opportunity of attending a two-part series of Professional Development facilitated by, well known Early Childhood Consultant Caroline Fewster. Educators gained a wealth of knowledge in various aspects of setting up their environment, indoors and outdoors as the environment is the most visible aspect of the work of early childhood educators. It conveys a message that this is a place where adults and children have carefully thought about the quality and the intention of the places and spaces designed especially for play and learning. According to our service philosophy, observations and conversations with children, and EYLF Learning outcomes, Principles and Practices educators have in mind for children, educators can create spaces and places that reflect and extend children's interests and ideas.

Importance of linking educator environments to Early Years Learning Framework, Theorists and National Quality Standards were emphasised by Caroline during these sessions.

During the second session educators shared the changes they have made to their environments from ideas given by Caroline during the first session, which was a great outcome.

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



School News

This week we had many students participate in regional and zone swimming championships. One student is going through to state championships- well done Holly Gladman. We look forward to hearing how you go. Last Tuesday, almost 60 students from Years 5 and 6 competed against various Brisbane schools in the Brisbane Lions Cup. St Edward's was represented by four teams

- two boys teams and two girls teams - who all showed high levels of persistence, resilience and sportsmanship. For most of the students, it was their first experience of competitive Aussie Rules and these students should be commended for their 'have a go' attitudes.

On Thursday our Yr. 4 students celebrated a lovely mass with Fr Marce. The message was all about our loving relationships.

At our Opening Mass each class received a wooden heart to decorate as a class and use as a symbol on their prayer tables. Here are a few of the class creations so far.



Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 12th - 13th March, 2016

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Holy Mass Coordinators	John Wood	Shirley D'Mello	Joey Nicolas
Parish Choirs	Spiritus Choir	Couples for Christ	Glenn & Bambi
Overhead Projectionist	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Proclaimers of the Word: 1	Belinda Castillo	Esther Isbon	Colin Clancy
Proclaimers of the Word: 2	Tristram Garbellotto	Evelina Afoa	Marian Hoad
Communion Ministers	Dennes Ganggangan	Sulianz Paterson	Jed De Chavez
	Joseph Weerasinghe	Isidore Storey	Ian Seneviratne
	Marj Weerasinghe	Mary Alphonse	Eldrin Dee
		Maricel Tejada	
		Johann Xavier	
Altar Servers	Paul Reddy	K C Sebil	Christine Ferrer
	Candice Wessling	Kim Alexander	Job Villadolid



The Parish of St Edward the Confessor

Welcomes all the new members who have recently joined our Parish and those who are visiting us.

We would like to get to know you and make contact with you. Please take the time to put your name and contact details at the back of the Church.

LENTEN 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

Seniors Group Mass : Tuesday 8th March 9.00 am

Please join in our Mass to celebrate God's strength
A warm cuppa Morning tea will be served after Mass.

Come along and meet fellow Parishioners.

Transport can be arranged if required

Enquiries to Noelene 32085304 or 0409261639

At St Edwards Catholic Church

All are welcome.

Can you Spare an hour of your time?

To spend in Adoration at St Maroun's (Maronite Church)
Adoration run by Catholic Priest at Bunya St., Greenslopes.

There is Perpetual Eucharist Reparative Adoration at this church for 24 hours seven days a week. If you can spare some time to be with your Lord and God then phone Anna Hickson on 38012823 for details.

Have you ever wondered where the youth of the church are? Have you ever wanted to bring them back to church but not sure how? Freedom is the Catholic club on campus, dedicated to challenging University students to live in the fullness of the Catholic faith by placing a strong emphasis on becoming leaders in the renewal of the world. We devote our time to helping you discover true freedom through discipleship, faith studies, social events. This is the kind of freedom that empowers, liberates and transforms. University is a great place for learning new things, so why not delve deeper into the Catholic faith and help them consider taking up the Catholic faith as their very own. Contact Gerard Lai on gerardlai15@gmail.com for more information.

Easter Triduum



Holy Thursday: 7.00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday : 1.30 PM Stations of the Cross

3.00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Death

Holy Saturday: 7.00 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 8.30 AM & 6 PM Mass.



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.



Recently John Forrest, State President, sent the following to members for reflection.

TAKE A QUIET MOMENT TO REFLECT.....

What is the essence of being a Christian? It is certainly more than doctrine, precepts, and commandments. It is first and foremost a relationship - a relationship of trust, affection, commitment, loyalty, faithfulness, kindness, thoughtfulness, compassion, mercy, helpfulness, encouragement, support, strength, protection and so many other qualities that bind people together in mutual love and unity.

PRAYER: Father, in this Year of Mercy may our faith, hope and love be instruments of compassion and peace in our world today.



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MUST ABIDE BY AND ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THE AUSTRALIAN
PRIVACY PRINCIPLES.**

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