



Parish of St Edward the Confessor

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)

28th February and 1st March 2015

LENTEN SEASON: OUR TRAINING PERIODS

by: Fr. Marce Singson

In the movie: *An Officer and a Gentleman*, we are taken inside a boot camp where candidates are trained to be naval flight officers. Actor Richard Gere plays the lead role of a candidate who is so intent on being a flight officer that he endures every test and challenge his tough drill sergeant, played by Lou Gossett, can throw at him. In the end Richard Gere emerges from the training ground a changed man. Upon entering boot camp he was very selfish, he cared only about his own success and comforts. But before he left he learned how to reach out and help his classmates, he felt real pain when his close friend committed suicide, and he proved himself to be a true gentleman by marrying his girlfriend, played by Debra Winger.

As we continue our journey through the season of Lent, a spiritual boot camp in a sense. Its theme of spiritual training is set forth in the Gospel reading today. The spirit leads Jesus into the desert. There in the wasteland Jesus stays for forty days and is put to the test by Satan. By going into the wilderness, the traditional dwelling place of evil spirits, Jesus signals that this final climactic battle between God and Satan had begun. The presence of the tamed wild beasts and the angels who minister to him suggest that Jesus will emerge the winner, not only at this initial encounter now, but also later in a more decisive way through his resurrection and, finally in a definite way at the end of time.

We can see how the elements of training, discipline and preparation play a prominent role in this temptation story. Our Lord's struggle with Satan still goes on, but now the battleground has shifted from the desert into our own spirits. Christ's victory is guaranteed, but still has to be worked out in our own lives. That is why we, too, have to go through the training periods of discipline and testing called Lenten season. In imitation of our Lord, we, too, have to get ready to do battle with Satan and his evil spirits. We consider it criminal to send a soldier to war without basic training or to send a doctor into an operation room without adequate schooling. And yet we casually assume that we can go up against Satan year after year without taking Lent so seriously.

Unless we go into training each year to toughen ourselves, we tend to get soft and self-indulgent. It seems that we have a human tendency to slacken in our efforts and to take the easier way whenever we can.

Lenten disciplines counteract this human tendency. The time-proven Lenten disciplines recommended by the Church do not consist of going to the gym. Rather, the Church's Lenten training program consists of intense prayer life, fasting and almsgiving. If we are faithful to these disciplines, then we will leave Lent changed for the better, much as Richard Gere changed for the better in the movie: *An Officer and a Gentleman*. Moreover, we will emerge better prepared and stronger for our struggles with Satan, much as our Lord was after his forty days in the desert.

WE REMEMBER

In our prayers all who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur about this time especially;

**Fred Wiseman, Jean Wiseman,
John Moy, Denis De La Zilwa,
Dan Gainey, Pauline Xuereb,
Frances Hampe**

PLEASE PRAY

For all our sick parishioners and family members:

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, Moira Roberts, 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 Fatcher Cynthia Abanil, Adelaide Mackenzie, Corazon Darby, Rosa Montgrande, Allan Kingston, Mary McNeil, Val Temple, Tyrone Lamb, Evelyn Legge, Ann Carroll, Peter Chow, Harry Phillips, Margaret Phillips, Maria Fernandez, Glenda Fowler, Denise Risson, Gary Trevena, Eileen Lamarque, Don Newcombe.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome into our Christian community, **Amelie Rozette Garcia and Oriana Joy Petelo** who is being baptised here this weekend. Please pray for this Family and Friends as we welcome them into our Faith and Community here at St. Edwards.

Baptism 7 days a week.
Please phone the Parish Office for information regarding Baptism.

Communion to the Sick

Next date for Communion to the Sick is: **2nd March** please phone the office if you would like to be added to our Communion list.

This week at St Eddies

Sunday 1st March

8.30am Mass

6.00pm Mass

Monday 2nd March

7.30am Mass

Tuesday 3rd March

7.00pm Mass and Adoration

Wednesday 4th March

7.30am Mass

Thursday 5th March

7.30am Mass

Friday 6th March

7.30am Mass

Saturday 7th March

7.30am Mass

5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Mass

Vocation View

If you need an example of a person responding to a vocational call, look at Abraham, called in old age to leave his country, father a child, then asked to sacrifice the child. What faith!

Vocation is a risky response to a unique call from God.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

PSALM: 115:10, 15-19

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Readings for the rest of the week

Monday Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28

Saturday Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Readings for next weekend

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17 or Exodus 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 The Law was given through Moses.

PSALM: 18:8-11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

GOSPEL READING: John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.



ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH Parish Lenten Journey 2015

Stations of the Cross Every Friday in Lenten Season after the 7:30am Mass.

Lenten Program: Feb. 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25 and April 1, from 6:45pm to 8:00pm to be held in the church. This will be facilitated by our parishioners: Denise Love and Danny Gablonski. A fee of \$10 for each participant for the materials for the whole program.

March 5, Thursday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm Parish Lenten Reflection by: Fr. Trevor Trotter (Columban Missionary). Individual Confessions will follow immediately after the Conference with 3 priests to hear Confessions.

March 28-29 Palm Sunday: Weekend Masses will commence at the main door of the Church for the blessing of palms.

April 2, Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm. Washing of the feet within the Mass. Adoration to the Blessed Eucharist at the Chapel will follow immediately after the Mass until 12 midnight.

April 3, Good Friday 1:45pm: Stations of the Cross on the School Playground.
3:00pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death

April 4, Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil at 7:00pm. Liturgy will commence along Chatswood Road for the Blessing of new fire.

April 5, Easter Sunday: Masses at 8:30am and 6:00pm.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

As per *Pastoral Council Guidelines* a Council is formed for a period of two years at which time members can elect to continue or resign their position. Your Council had its first meeting for 2015 on 11 February 2015.

Our role is to work with and support Fr Marce in the spiritual and fellowship activities of the parish. We are your fellow parishioners, your support, your listeners as together, we the community of St Edward's Parish live out "THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL."

We sincerely thank "retiring" members Jeff Powis, Ann Stacey and Niko Silao for their commitment. We welcome new members Jan McMahon, Sean O'Brien, Francis Oliva and Steve Richardson. The Parish Representative for the new term of Council to the School Board is Shane McCaffery. The Parish Representatives for the new term of Council to the Logan Deanery are Jan McMahon and Brian Ridder.

Date claimers: Sacramental Program commences 6pm **March 19** (refer to your Parish Activity List for full details) Rita Blacker, Muriel Mairhofer, Francis Oliva and Sean O'Brien will assist Fr Marce.

March 25 Lenten Program commences – **Rich in Mercy.**

Saturday and Sunday April 18 & 19

Bishop Joseph Oudeman DD will visit the Parish.

April 26 8.30am Mass Commissioning of the Pastoral Council members for 2015-2017.

Council Members have attended the Archdiocese Mandatory seminars of Privacy as well as the Protection and Safety of Children and Vulnerable Adults.

The Annual Pastoral Council Development Day, March 14 will be attended by myself and some fellow members. Those of us available will also be attending the Commissioning Mass for all Councils to be held in the Cathedral with Celebrant Archbishop Mark Coleridge and fellow celebrants.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us, the many faces of multi cultures.

*Denise Love – Chairperson
St Edwards Parish Pastoral Council*

This week at St Edward's.....

On Thursday our Year 3 students celebrated a liturgy with Fr Marce. As part of their religion learning this term they are exploring ancient writing.

As the children develop an understanding of these text, they grow in relationship with God.

During the liturgy the children celebrated and commit their class covenants for the year.

This week also saw our Year 5-6 students take part in AFL training with Lewis from AFL Queensland.

As these students are preparing for a GALA day later in the term they were eager to learn and refine their skills.

St Edwards runs a 1-1 laptop program from years 4 to 6. On Friday there was much excitement as our Year 4 students received their laptops.



REPORT FROM PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Feb 12 was our first Parish Finance Council meeting for this year. We were joined by our Parish Bookkeeper Liz Staunton who presented the accounts to 31 December 2014.

Apart from capital expenses e.g. the presbytery, church lighting and fencing etc we are in good shape and able to meet our regular expenses. The council approved the expenditure for the erection of an awning cover over the area outside the kitchen and toilet area to enable meet and greet and fellowship to be enjoyed regardless of weather conditions.

It is pleasing to note that more and more of our Community are staying behind after Holy Mass to mingle and moving away from the front door enables people to have their own silent prayers as well as Baptisms being uninterrupted.

Work is expected to finish in plenty of time for our Easter celebrations. The lattice has also been replaced around the fascia of the church. A Hot water system has been installed at the family Day Care house, and we also made some repairs of the said house.

All Finance Council members decided to continue for another term of service (2015 to 2017) to our Parish Community. God bless

John Winter – Chair, Parish Finance Council

SVDP news.....

At our first meeting this year Bianca Nisbet, guest speaker, spoke about her project VoRTCS (Volunteer Refugee Tutoring & Community Support).

This is a project developed by SVDP and Bianca is its organiser. Its core activity, home visitation, embraces the true vocation of SVDP. Home visitation allows member volunteers help those refugees who are desperately seeking to assimilate into the Australian way of life.

As part of activities this year, Bianca is organising three multicultural picnics; one in the North, one in the South and one in the West. The one in the South is being held on the 29th March on the school oval. It is hoped that through a variety of activities, recently settled refugees and local families will form friendships and make connections. Bianca is asking for your assistance in this project. You can help in two ways. You can join in the picnic, play games, share a picnic and mingle with families and make them feel welcome and/or you and a friend can volunteer to make weekly visits to a refugee family to get to know them, help with English lessons and all those things we take for granted. We will keep you informed as more information comes through. We thank Fr Marce and Mr Spillane for the use of the oval and sporting equipment.

There was a mistake in last week's news re the price of the freezer. The correct price quoted is \$780.00.

Maureen Thornton - President SVDP Daisy Hill Conference



This week at St Edward's cont'd...



For the last few weeks digital citizenship has been a big focus to ensure students are safe and responsible learners. John Martin has been tirelessly working to set up the computers for our students.

We look forward to sharing more learning from our 1-1 children this year!

Kind Regards, The School Admin Team,
John, Bronwyn and Danielle

Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 7th & 8th March 2015 (1st Sat & 2nd Sun)

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Holy Mass Coordinators:	Bob & Donna	Shirley D'Mello	Joey Nicolas
Parish Choirs :	Spiritus	Fatima Choir	CFC Choir
Overhead Projectionist:	Jason Rattansay	Gabrielle Abi—Fares	Volunteer
Proclaimers of the Word: 1	Kristelle Jaimes	Sarah Stonley	Apolo Taulunga
: 2	Jason Rattansey	Esther Isbon	Jun Quinones
Communion Ministers :	Keiko Ueda	Sulianz Petterson	Jed De Chavez
	Chriselle D'Mello	Isidore Storey	Ian Seneviratne
	Eve Douglas	Katrina Beavon	Aldrin Luna
		Maricel Tejada	
		Ray Hughes	

- ♦ Other Parish Rosters for the month of March - Plant watering: Ann Mackay - Washing Purifiers: Rita Blacker
- ♦ Next Children's Liturgy 08.03.15 1st group = Kristine 2nd Group = Denise



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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Date Claimers

International Women's Day, Mercy Community Services - Romero Centre & State Library of Qld. invite you to celebrate to a panel discussion with inspiring women & a fashion parade on Tuesday 3 March 6pm-8pm at State Library of Queensland, Level 2, Auditorium 1, Stanley Place, South Brisbane. Tickets:full price \$30, concession \$20. Bookings required. Book online at <http://www.mercys.org.au/iwd> or phone 07 3013 0100.

Living Biblically in a Secular World Wed.18 March 9:00pm Francis Rush Centre, Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Chrism Mass - Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 26 March 2015 commencing at 7.30pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

COLLECTIONS ON WEEKENDS

We thank most sincerely all Parishioners who contribute to the Planned-Giving Program and the Loose money collections. Last weekend we received a total amount of \$2242.35
May God bless your generosity.

Seniors News .

Healing and Seniors Mass 10th March 2015 for more Information contact Noelene Magee on 3208 5304 or 0409 261 639 All welcome!

St Eddie's Men's Group

Next meeting will be 22 April 15 (4th Wednesday)
All men are encouraged to attend the parish Lenten Program commencing 25th February 15
Danny on 3208 2305 All welcome!



The Little Black Books

The Little Black Book your companion for Lent are now available at the back of the Church, for a donation of \$5.00.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2015

St. Edward's Parish is happy to inform you that we are now accepting applicants / candidates for our 2015 Parish Sacramental Program



(Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion). Application forms can be collected from the back of the church, the Parish office or can be downloaded from our Parish website:- www.stewardsdaisyhill.org.au

Applications close Friday 13th March 2015

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 or www.stewardsdaisyhill.org.au