



# Parish of St Edward the Confessor

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

17th and 18th January 2015

## WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

by: Fr. Marce Singson

“What are you looking for?” In the Gospel of John (which is our gospel reading in this weekend’s liturgy), these are the first words uttered by Jesus, and it is a question. Jesus addressed this question to the two disciples of John the Baptist who wanted to follow him (Jesus).

That question of Jesus was a very basic question and, in the Palestine of the first century, a most appropriate one. Were the two young disciples of John the Baptist looking for a more subtle knowledge of the law, like the Pharisees? Were they after influence and power, like the Sadducees? Were they looking for a nationalist leader who would take up the military struggle against Rome? Were they pious hermits looking for a radically simple lifestyle, like the Essenes of Qumran? Or were they thirsty souls looking for God?

Now, the question of Jesus, because it is so basic, is also relevant for us in our time. Each one of us can ask: ***“What am I really looking for? What is my goal in life? What am I really trying to achieve in everything I do? Is it merely material security? Is it the prestige and prominence of a brilliant career? Is it something deeper, like self-respect, integrity, wholeness, peace with myself? Is it something deeper still: peace with God?”***

As we can see, the question of Jesus sends us back to ourselves. It invites us to lucidity, to a truly free choice. Jesus does not let us follow him for long on the mere witnessing of someone else (be that someone John the Baptist), out of curiosity or force of habit. Jesus wants us to be attentive, fully aware, and that is why he asks us: ***“What are you looking for?”*** Jesus presumes that it is not just anything that we want, but something very definite.

The two disciples of John the Baptist answered Jesus:

“Teacher, where do you stay? Our own answer in turn takes the form of a question. But an important point is already cleared up: we are looking for his place of residence. Who he is, this we might still not know very well perhaps, or at least we have only a vague notion of it: a master of some kind. Our initial insight must first become more specific and gain in depth; our first approach must take root (through prayer) in a progressive familiarity. The PERSON (Jesus) encountered on the way thus becomes for us the master of whom we ask hospitality, of whom we become disciples. We must first follow him to that extent, and only then will his personality be revealed to us.

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

**Pat Hong, Charlie Ramp,  
Peter Kerr, Jill Nadin,  
Gary Heim, John Moy,  
Laurel (Joy) Oliver,  
Manuel Beltram, Emma King**

## **PLEASE PRAY**

For all our sick parishioners and family members:

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, Linda Brolly, Sue Neve, Maria de Jesus, Rachael Osypiv, Romeo Lopez, Benjoe Estubo, Shirley Roberts, Pat Mey, Elizabeth Toh, Bruce Walker, Anthea Chase, Currier, 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, **Rovyn Isaiah Nadala** who is being baptised here this weekend. Please pray for his Families 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 February** please phone the office if you would like to be added to our Communion list.

## **This week at St Eddies**

### **Sunday 18th January**

8.30am Mass

6.00pm Mass

### **Monday 19th January**

7.30 Mass

### **Tuesday 20th January**

7.00pm Mass and Adoration

### **Wednesday 21st January**

7.30am Mass

### **Thursday 22nd January**

7.30am Mass

### **Friday 23rd January**

7.30am Mass

### **Saturday 24th January**

7.30am Mass

5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Mass

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi..., where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see" (John 1:35-37).

## **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)**

### **FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19**

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

### **PSALM: 39:2, 4, 7-10**

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20**

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

### **GOSPEL READING: John 1:35-42**

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him

### **Readings for the rest of the week**

**Monday** Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday** Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday** Heb 7:25 - 8:6; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday** Heb 8:6-13, Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21

### **Readings for next weekend**

## **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

### **PSALM: 24:4-9 Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

### **SECOND READING: 1Corinthians 7:29-31**

The world as we know it is passing away.

### **GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:14-20**

Repent, and believe the Good News.

## **Vocation View**

The cry of the people: "Lord, let us see your kindness"  
Who will prepare the way of the Lord  
coming to us Today

## **Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form:**

### **Second Sunday after Epiphany**

"A wedding took place . . . (Mary) said to Jesus, 'They have no wine.' . . . Jesus said to (the attendants), 'Fill the jars with water . . . Draw out now' . . . When the chief steward had tasted the water . . . become wine . . . (he said to the bridegroom), 'Thou hast kept the good wine until now'" (Gospel).

A lesson to our young married couples of today! Believe and trust in Him to keep your family if you keep His Word! A spiritual change also took place, since "His disciples believed in Him" (Gospel).

Consider the daily miracle of God's "grace that has been given us" (Epistle), to change from evil to good in both single and married life. Jesus "kept the good wine" of Divine Life for us (symbolized by Chalice at left in the picture). We must "fill the jars . . . (of our good will) to the brim" (Gospel).

Let us recognize the "great things" (Offertory) done for our soul through Mary's prayers to Jesus. Like the disciples, let us "believe" and "do whatever He tells" us (Gospel).

Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood





## SVDP News.....

Happy New Year to everyone.  
2015 is going to be a brilliant year.

Thank you to the couple of people who have made enquiries into helping us with our client visitations. If you are looking for something to do for about one hour weekly during the day and would like to help us provide assistance to those families who call us we would love to hear from you. Alternatively you are welcome to come along to our next meeting on 04<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 6pm in the Church Meeting Room to see how we operate. If you cannot make meetings that is ok too.

Once again we would like to extend a hearty "Thank You" to our community for your support in 2014 and look forward to working together with you again in 2015.

Cheryl McCaffery, President  
SVDP Daisy Hill" 0432 171 924



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## Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

The Archbishop has approved the new Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy.

Training in this policy is **MANDATORY** and part of our strategy for educating and reducing risk for all people, our volunteers as well as those whom we serve.

Attendance is required from the following, to attend training in this policy and the associated procedures.

- ◆ Parish Priest and Staff
- ◆ Members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils
- ◆ Members of the Care and Concern Group
- ◆ Members of the Children's Liturgy Group
- ◆ Mass Coordinators
- ◆ Communion Ministers
- ◆ Proclaimers of the Holy Word

Training will be offered at two times on **Thursday 12/02/2015, at 6:30 – 9:00 pm** and **Thursday 26/02/2015 at 6:30 – 9:00pm in the Church.**

Please choose the time that suits your circumstances and advise Penny in our parish office on 3299 2000 of your attendance to assist us with catering by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015.

***O my God,  
relying on your almighty power  
and infinite mercy and promises,  
I hope to obtain pardon of my  
sins, the help of your grace,  
and life everlasting through  
the merits of Jesus  
Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.***

### 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 \$2145.45.  
May God bless your generosity.

## St. Anthony

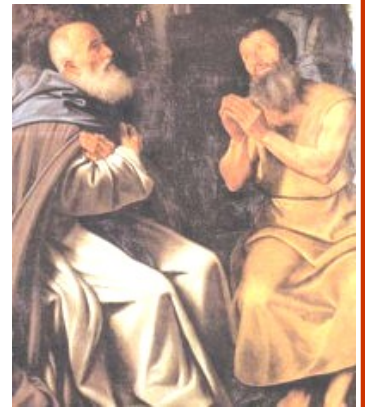
Anthony "the Great", the "Father of Monks", ranks with those saints whose life exercised a profound influence upon succeeding generations. He was born in Middle Egypt (about 250) of distinguished parents. After their untimely deaths, he dedicated himself wholly to acts of mortification.

One day while in church he heard the words of the Gospel: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor" (Matt. 19:21). It seemed as if Christ had spoken to him personally, giving a command he must obey. Without delay he sold his property, gave the proceeds to the poor, and went into the desert (about 270). When overcome by fatigue, his bed was the hard ground. He fasted rigorously, ate only bread and salt, and drank only water. Nor would he take food before sundown; at times he passed two days without any nourishment. Often, too, he spent whole nights in prayer.

The saint suffered repeatedly from diabolical attacks, but these merely made him more steadfast in virtue. He would encourage his disciples in their struggle with the devil with such words: "Believe me; the devil fears the vigils of pious souls, and their fastings, their voluntary poverty, their loving compassion, their humility, but most of all their ardent love of Christ our Lord. As soon as he sees the sign of the Cross, he flees in terror."

He died in 356 on Mount Kolzin by the Red Sea, 105 years old.

A year later his friend, the fearless bishop and confessor St. Athanasius, wrote his biography, which for centuries became the classic handbook of ascetics. As seen by St. Anthony, the purpose of asceticism is not to destroy the body but to bring it into subjection, re-establishing man's original harmonious integrity, his true God-given nature.



St. Anthony lived in solitude for about twenty years. "His was a perfectly purified soul. No pain could annoy him, no pleasure bind him. In him was neither laughter nor sadness. The sight of the crowd did not trouble him, and the warm greetings of so many men did not move him. In a word, he was thoroughly immune to the vanities of the world, like a man unswervingly governed by reason, established in inner peace and harmony."

Here are a few of his famous sayings to monks. "Let it be your supreme and common purpose not to grow weary in the work you have begun, and in time of trial and affliction not to lose courage and say: Oh, how long already have we been mortifying ourselves! Rather, we should daily begin anew and constantly increase our fervour. For man's whole life is short when measured against the time to come, so short, in fact, that it is as nothing in comparison with eternity. . . . Therefore, my children, let us persevere in our acts of asceticism. And that we may not become weary and disheartened, it is good to meditate on the words of the apostle: 'I die daily.' If we live with the picture of death always before our eyes, we will not sin. The apostle's words tell us that we should so awaken in the morning as though we would not live to evening, and so fall asleep as if there were to be no awakening. For our life is by nature uncertain and is daily meted out to us by Providence. If we are convinced of this and live each day as the apostle suggests, then we will not fall into sin; no desire will enslave us, no anger move us, no treasure bind us to earth; we will await death with unfettered hearts."

(Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch)



## Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 24th & 25th January 2015

	<b>Saturday 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday 8.30am</b>	<b>Sunday 6.00pm</b>
<b>Holy Mass Coordinators:</b>	Jim & Fay	Denise Love	Ruel Nate
<b>Parish Choirs :</b>	CFC Choir	El Shaddai Choir	Glenn & Bambi
<b>Overhead Projectionist:</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	Gabrielle Abi—Fares	<b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Proclaimers of the Word: 1</b>	Fiona Alahendra	Samantha French	Dilu McCaffery
<b>: 2</b>	Camille Sonido	Karizza de Jesus	Jesmine Medina
<b>Communion Ministers :</b>	Katherine Chuan	Rose George	Corrie Wall
	Nenette Chuan	Jamie Cruz	Miriam de Silva
	Marj Weerasinghe	Brian Ridder	Ason Medina
		Cheryl McCaffery	
		Rachel Porio	

- ♦ **Other Parish Rosters for the month of January :-** Plant watering: Anne Mackay - Washing Purifiers: Noelene Magee
- ♦ Next Children's Liturgy will resume after the School Holidays in the new year.



### 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**



**Would you like to travel overseas to see the life-changing work of the Church first hand?**

In 2015, you are invited to join Catholic Mission's Brisbane Director, David McGovern on an immersion trip to India. Taking place in the first part of the year, the 10 day journey will expose you to the missionary work of the Church and the lives being changed. It will show, as the first reading from Isaiah reminds us this weekend, that "the word that goes from [God's] mouth does not return empty" and that His will is indeed being carried out, with the generosity of our donors and the faithfulness of missionary nuns, brothers and priests. For details, such as exact dates, a full itinerary and costs, please contact the Brisbane office of Catholic Mission, during office hours, on (07) 3336 9239.

**David McGovern, Director**  
*Follow me on Twitter @livedogster*

### **Cathedral of St Stephen, Volunteer Guides and Welcomers.**

*Do you enjoy meeting people? Do you love your Cathedral? Do you revel in good art and juicy history?*

Talk with us about becoming a volunteer welcomer and guide at the Cathedral of St. Stephen. The commitment is approximately three hours per month on roster and booked tours according to your availability Monday to Friday, mornings or afternoons.

The rewards are beyond measure - a wonderful opportunity to delve into the rich history, art and significance of the Cathedral and Precinct and to share it with others. Everyone you meet, greet and guide will become an ambassador for this historic architectural gem which is the mother church of the archdiocese.

Volunteering is a sure-fire way to find friends that you didn't even know you had. An information session will be held on Thursday 5 February and a comprehensive five day training program will begin on 12 February and continue each Thursday until completion. Contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or e-mail [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au) by 30 January if you'd like to share in this mission!

**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)

### **The Catholic Leader - Australia's leading Catholic Newspaper**

Copies of The Catholic Leader are available at the Church entrance, \$2.00 per copy. In this weekend's issue:

- ♦ "I too am Charlie ... the Catholic Church has to be Charlie," Archbishop Mark Coleridge says in the aftermath of the recent terrorist attack in Paris.
  - ♦ Church leaders identify the issues they would like to see addressed in state election.
  - ♦ Catholic education agency and parents' body put questions to political leaders in lead-up to poll.
  - ♦ Cherish Life speaks out in favour of introduction of 'baby hatches' or safe havens as a way of saving the lives of abandoned infants.
  - ♦ Church offers resources for South Australian fire victims.
- Plus: A regional focus on the Townsville Diocese.