



St Edward the Confessor Parish

Established 1978

104 Chatswood Road, DAISY HILL. QLD 4127

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-14; Mark 1: 1-8

Next Week: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess. 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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09th —10th December 2023

2nd Sunday of Advent—Year B/2

‘Prepare a way for the Lord’



Advent is a sacred time of longing and preparation for the Lord; a time for waking up to listen to the Spirit calling deep within us. The words of Isaiah (**First Reading**) bring to this Sunday’s liturgy a cry of consolation for a people desperate for peace. As we make a straight path to welcome the Lord into our lives, he gathers us up into his arms like a shepherd tenderly holding his lambs.

Our world is thirsting for this peace now, the deep peace that only Christ can bring. The **Psalm** is a prayer that speaks to the longing and yearning that is within us all. Christ is not slow to respond to our desire for this peace. Peter’s letter (**Second Reading**) to the early Christian community teaches that the Lord wants no one to be lost: he desires for all to be gathered unto himself. Since we do not know the time of the Lord’s return, our prayerful preparations will draw us nearer to the peace that he promises.

The **Gospel of Mark** that we follow throughout this coming year begins the revelation of the Good News with that same call of the prophet Isaiah that began our readings: ‘Prepare a way for the Lord’. John the Baptist, a voice crying in the wilderness, calls us to repentance and renewal. He baptises with water, but tells of the time when we will be made new by the Holy Spirit.

Let us continue our Advent journey together, praying for this same spirit of renewal and preparation. Let us pray too for peace in our hearts, in our communities and especially in the Holy Land.

GOSPEL Mark 1: 1-8 REFLECTION

I prepare myself to pray by slowly inviting my mind and body to settle and become still. It may help to light an Advent candle, or listen to an Advent carol to help me become still and ready to welcome the Lord in prayer. When I feel ready, I turn to the Gospel text and read it slowly and lovingly.

I reread the text as many times as I need to, in order to let the Spirit guide me in my prayer. Using my imagination, I create a picture in my mind of John the Baptist crying out in the wilderness. What is it about him and his message that draws people out to listen to him? John invites people to repent and be washed of their sins in the waters of the Jordan. What do I need to seek forgiveness for?

Knowing that the Lord is loving and full of forgiveness, what do I desire to wash away in the waters of the river? I imagine being free of all that holds me back from welcoming the Lord deeper into my life. How does this make me feel?

I pray that I will always desire what better leads to God’s deepening life in me. I close my time of prayer by saying ‘*Our Father . . .*’.

Courtesy of St Bueno’s Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK



WE REMEMBER

In our prayers all who have died recently,

Barry Tabrett
Salim Hanna Bechara
Tony Ellis

and those whose anniversaries are in this month:

Michael Abayasekera
Silvia Milaudi
Eileen O'Brien
Muriel Jean Wiseman (Joy Moy's Mother)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Names of sick, recently deceased or
Envelopes to request Masses to be offered for the
sick, dying, deceased or for special intentions are
available at the entrance of the church.



PLEASE PRAY

For all our Sick parishioners and family members:

Armando Bettiol
Erika Mehler
Ioane (John) Tolu
Margaret Wilson
Carlos Guevarra
Iakopo Tolu
Narelle McCarthy
Cheryl Blanco
Helen Gainey
Emerald Pereira
Samayah Habid
Cameron Blacker
Maria Lourdes Villa
Chris Hunt
Peter Howard
Francesco Buenavista
(Annabelle's Havelock's brother)
Dan McNamara
Angel Mactal
Sheree Winchester
Ian Littlewood
Jana Bukovska
Jan Russell (John Winter's sister)
Elizabeth Camay
Francis Gibb
Jacques Ellio Telson
Shirley Cumberland
Toni Muir
Felicidad Maniti (Rita Guevarra's Mum)
Patricia Ganeve
Maletina Brown

May you be wrapped up in God's love,
Found deep in His everlasting wings,
Carried and kept, safe and cherished.
May the healing power of Christ
Breathe across your being now."
www.lords-prayer-words.com

"Peace begins with a smile..."

MOTHER TERESA

SPECIAL INTENTION MASS

Thanksgiving to God

Jonalyn & Senen Ferrer



BAPTISM
*We welcome into our
Christian Community.*

For information regarding Baptism please
contact the office on 3299 2000. *Thank you.*

PARISH UPDATE 2023

Dates to Remember

December 12 @ 6:30pm—2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent

December 23 @ 6:00pm—Vigil Mass

December 24 @ 8:30am—Sunday morning Mass

@ 5:30pm—Christmas Carols

@ 6:00pm—Christmas Vigil Mass

@ 11:30pm—Christmas Carols

@ midnight—Christmas Vigil Mass

December 25 @ 8:00am—Christmas Carols

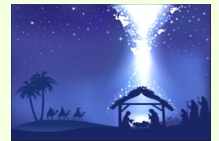
@ 8:30am—Christmas Day Mass

December 30 @ 6:00pm—Sunday Vigil Mass

December 31 @ 8:30am—Sunday morning Mass

@ 6:00pm—Sunday evening Mass

January 01 @ 9:00am—New Years Day Mass



Ministers required for Christmas and New Year

The lists for the Masses over the Christmas and New Year period are displayed on the table at the entrance of the Church. Please check these lists and if you are attending any of these Masses and can volunteer for any of the ministries we would gratefully appreciate it. There are still many vacancies.

Volunteers Thanksgiving Dinner

On Friday night we celebrated our volunteers with a thanksgiving dinner. We would like to thank the PPC and everyone involved in this very festive occasion. The music was pumping to the magic of Terry, Joseph & Marj.

Office Hours at Christmas - Our parish office will be closed from 2:00pm Friday 22 December 2023 and will reopen on Tuesday 02 January 2024.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent will be held on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 6:30pm.

Passing of Family—With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Salim Hanna Bechara, father of Randa Abi-Fares, who passed away in Lebanon on the 30th November 2023. May his soul rest in eternal peace.



Keep safe and Well.

Fr Joseph

2nd Rite of Reconciliation 12th December 2023 @ 6:30pm

What is the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation?

The second form of the sacrament of penance is a communal liturgical celebration from beginning to end. It begins with the community listening to the word of God. The homily emphasises our need for repentance and the infinite mercy of God. During the examination of conscience, the assembly reflects together on where and how they have fallen short of their baptismal commitment to follow Christ.




The individual confession and absolution that follows is communal too. In that, the penitents approach the confessors in full view of all present. The priests stand at appropriate points around the worship space in such a way that penitents can be seen but not heard by others. This is easily arranged in most churches. Those who wish to confess their sins approach one of the priests. While no restriction is placed on the individual's confession, good manners and common sense dictate that people limit the time they spend with confessors. More time for integral confession and spiritual guidance is available at the first rite.

It is a moving experience to witness fellow Christians humbling themselves by publicly approaching a confessor for forgiveness. As they do, we pray for them, that they will know the fullness of God's grace and mercy.

After the confessions, the ceremony concludes with a proclamation of praise, a prayer of thanksgiving and a blessing. These are an integral part to the celebration, not an optional extra!


MASS TIMES 11 th —17 th December 2023						
Monday, 11 December	Tuesday, 12 December	Wednesday, 13 December	Thursday, 14 December	Friday, 15 December	Saturday, 16 December	Sunday, 17 December
9:00am Mass <i>St Damasus I,</i> pope	9:00am Mass <i>Senior's Mass</i> Everyone Welcome <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> 6:30pm 2 nd Rite of Reconciliation	9:00am Mass <i>St Lucy</i> , virgin, martyr 9:30am –9:30pm Corpus Christi Adoration	NO Mass <i>St John of the Cross</i> , priest, doctor	9:00am Mass	9:00am Mass 6:00pm Vigil Mass	<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Mass 6:00pm Mass



Children's Liturgy

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Children's Liturgy is having a break during the school holidays.



I was hungry and you fed me.....Matthew 25:35-40.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity shown to SVdP over this period for our Christmas Appeal. Both through our school and our parishioners.

On behalf of the many families we look after we would like to say 'Thank You'.




Men's Group Meeting
"Getting to the Point"

Men's Group meet 2nd Wednesday of the month in St Declans.

Next meeting 13.12.2023 @ 7:00pm.

For information contact:
Ron Ferrall Mobile: **0447 954 947**
referrall@optusnet.com.au





Christmas Stars

Every Sunday morning Mass from Sunday 3rd December we invite the children to bring up a star to place on our Christmas tree. They will walk down with the entrance procession with Fr Joseph and then add the stars to our tree. See the tree come alive!

These stars are available at the back of the church from this weekend. You can take some home to decorate and bring them in the following week.



C & C Creations

We will be taking a short break for Christmas and will begin again in February 2024.

The Christmas Stall will take place at all the Masses over the week end of **09th—10th December 2023**. Eftpos facilities will be available as well as cash sales. Mostly everything is hand crafted. The funds raised from this stall will be going to SVdP Christmas Appeal and towards maintenance of our parish.


Contact: Noelene Magee Mobile: 0409 261 639

The Advent Wreath

The second of the Advent candles will be lit this week end at each of the Masses.

The Bethlehem Candle (Peace)

The second candle, the Bethlehem candle represents peace. It symbolizes the preparations being made to receive and cradle the Christ child. Bethlehem is a story about a humble couple on an unwanted journey, at an inconvenient time, to visit a tiny insignificant town.



Advent
Second Sunday

"Bethlehem's Candle"



Senior Group Update

Mass with anointing of the sick
12th December 2023 @ 9:00am

Join us for Morning Tea afterwards.

Photo's of the Senior's Christmas Lunch




Contact: Noelene Magee Mobile: 0409 261 639



Home Communion next visit:
11.12.2023 & 18.12.2023

Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 16th —17th December 2023

	Saturday @ 6:00pm	Sunday @ 8:30am	Sunday @ 6:00pm
Mass Coordinator	Volunteer	Denise Love	Cheryl McCaffery
Welcome Team (at entrance) Commentator (from lectern)	Rose George Volunteer	Brian Ridder	Pat McCaffery Volunteer
Parish Choirs	Couples for Christ	St Cecilia	Volunteer
Overhead Projectionist	Rose George	Tim Trainor	Cheryl McCaffery
Communion Minister (Bread & Wine)	Volunteer x 4	Isidore Storey, Brian Ridder, Samantha French & Volunteer x 4	Volunteer x 4
Proclaimers of the Word: 1	Loretta George	Volunteer	Volunteer
Proclaimers of the Word: 2	Volunteer	Sue Neve	Mattie Sarmiento
Prayers of the Faithful	Volunteer	Denita Castley	Volunteer
Altar Servers		Emma Larsen Hazel Gauder	
Hospitality		Laura Ferrall & Noelene Magee's Team	



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Thank you so much to all who support our Parish financially.

Weekly budget for our parish... \$4,000.00


02nd—03rd December 2023

Envelopes:	\$ 594.95
Loose:	\$ 866.85
Direct Deposit:	\$ 655.00
Eftpos:	\$ 240.00
Credit Card:	\$ 220.00
Giving App:	\$ 18.90
Grand Total:	\$2,595.70

Thank you.



*Accept what is,
Let go of what was,
And have faith in what will be.*



**CORPUS CHRISTI
ADORATION**

Every Wednesday 9.30am to 9.30pm at St Edward the Con-



Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

St Edward's Parish Representative—
Steven Richardson 0401 696 696

Cheryl McCaffery—Assistant
Phone: 07 3299 2000

Full policy can be obtained at:
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>


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2024 Resources available at SVDP piety store

“With Expectant Hearts”	\$10 per copy.
“God's Word 2024”	\$20 per copy
“Break Open the Word 2024”	\$25 per copy.






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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 with the parish office on 3299 2000 so that our Parish Priest and a member of our Parish Pastoral Council can reach out to you with a formal welcome.

Thank you.



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