



St Edward the Confessor Parish

Established 1978

104 Chatswood Road, DAISY HILL. QLD 4127

Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11

Next Week: Isaiah 7: 10-14; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1: 18-24

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10th—11th December 2022

Year A/1

Rejoice, the Lord is near!

On this ‘Gaudete’ Sunday, the liturgy begins with an invitation to ‘rejoice!’ In the darkness of a world suffering the consequences of war and human greed, we long for the transforming light of Christ. But all around us are prophetic signs of God’s love at work, bringing us hope in darkness, and reminding us of the joyful life we are called to live. Today the Scriptures encourage us to listen, and to see the prophetic voices and signs of our times.

In the **First Reading**, Isaiah acclaims a joyful vision of Christ’s coming. Dimmed eyes will be opened; the lame will leap for joy; and we can have courage because the Lord is near. The **Psalmist** shares a vision of the Lord overcoming our human hardship, bringing justice and healing to the world.

The **Second Reading** is a letter of encouragement, counselling us to be watchful and patient. The Lord is close at hand. The **Gospel** describes a meeting between Jesus and the followers of the imprisoned John. Jesus answers their questions by referencing both the prophecies of Isaiah and today’s Psalm. John is a prophet of their time, and Jesus encourages John’s disciples not to lose faith. Jesus himself is the one of whom the ancient prophets spoke.

As followers of Christ, let us take courage, and prayerfully support one another to be patient and faithful to the liberating message of the Good News. We belong to a loving community that longs for, and trusts in, the light of Christ, even during these challenging times.

GOSPEL **Matthew 11: 2–11** **REFLECTION**

The Lord is near, even when I find it hard to believe or understand. With simple faith, I settle in silence before my loving Lord. When I feel ready, I slowly read the Gospel as many times as I need. I may like to use my imagination to enter into the scene.

Maybe I am a disciple of John who has been sent to meet Jesus? Or perhaps I see events unfolding as a bystander, and listen to Jesus as he teaches the people. Where does this meeting take place? What do I see, and what do I notice about the followers of John and the people who have come to hear Jesus? What are they seeking? What am I seeking? How do I feel as I listen to Jesus’s response to the disciples?

The prophets, the psalmist, and the actions and words of Jesus are all teaching and preparing me ... but for what? I share with Jesus my thoughts and feelings about all that has arisen for me during my time of prayer, as I would to a dear friend ... and I listen to him. When I am ready, I close my prayer with my own words of gratitude.

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



WE REMEMBER

In our prayers all who have died recently,

Michael Abayasekera

and those whose anniversaries are in this month:

*Silvia Milaudi
Muriel Jean Wiseman
Eileen O'Brien*

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

Envelopes to request Masses to be offered for the sick, dying, deceased or for special intentions are available at the back 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
Monika Consolati
George Gibbs
Christopher Tucker
Cheryl Blanco
Joe Henry (Mary's husband)
Helen Gainey
Emerald Pereira
Samayah Habid
Elizabeth & Luca Camay
Cameron Blacker*

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



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Christian Community.

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



Men's Group Meeting "Getting to the Point"

Men's Group meet 2nd Wednesday of the month in the hospitality area.

**Next meeting 14.12.2022
@7:00pm.**

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



Thank you to our Care and Concern Group

**Home Communion next visit:
12.12.2022 & 19.12.2022**

Christmas Mass Times

*24 December 2022 Carols at 5:30pm
Mass at 6:00pm
Children to dress in Character.*

*Carols at 11:30pm
Mass at 12:00midnight*

*25 December 2022 Carols at 8:00am
Mass at 8:30am*

*31 December 2022 Vigil Mass at 6:00pm
01 January 2023 Mass at 8:30am & 6:00pm*

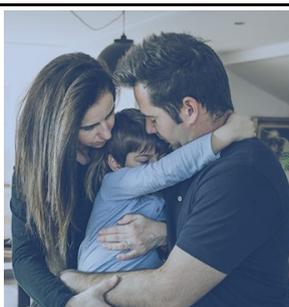
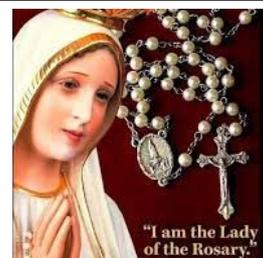
The Holy Rosary

The Holy Rosary is held in our Chapel each Sunday at 8:00am before the morning Mass.

The Rosary means "Crown of Roses". Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, and so the Rosary is the rose of all devotions and it is therefore the most important one.

The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. It's a prayer we can all say together with Her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite Her to pray for us. Our Lady always grants our request. She joins Her prayer to ours.

Therefore it becomes ever more useful, because what Mary asks She



ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Your Daisy Hill SVDP is asking for your support to help bring Christmas cheer to those in our community who otherwise will do without.

We have placed SVDP Giving Envelopes for cash or gift card donations on the table at the entrance of the Church.

Grocery-only gift cards can be purchased from Coles, Aldi or Woolworths for amounts you may choose: \$20, \$30, \$40 or \$50.

Or you can put Christmas-themed cans or non-perishable food items in the SVDP box at the back of the church.

All donations will be greatly accepted up to 15th December 2022.

*'When you have done it for one of the least of these,
you have done it for me' Matthew 25: 44-45*

MASS TIMES 12th - 18th December 2022

Monday, 12 December	Tuesday, 13 December	Wednesday, 14 December	Thursday, 15 December	Friday, 16 December	Saturday, 17 December	Sunday, 18 December
9:00am Mass <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	9:00am Mass Seniors Mass All Welcome <i>St Lucy</i> , virgin, martyr	9:00am Mass <i>St John of the Cross</i> , priest, doctor	NO Mass	9:00am Mass 6:30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	9:00am Mass 6:00pm Vigil Mass	4th Sunday of Advent 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Mass 6:00pm Mass

PARISH UPDATE

Volunteers Thank You Dinner

Thank you to everyone who attended. Our PPC made everyone welcome and supplied the delicious meal.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent

Friday 16th December 2022 @

6:30pm.



Office

Please note that the office will be closed from Friday 23rd December 2022 and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Mass Christmas Eve 6:00pm

We are encouraging the children to dress in character.

Ministries

We are requesting all our ministers to check the Mass Sign On sheets for the Christmas & New Year Masses and where there are blanks we are asking if you are available to serve at that Mass time to kindly put your name on the list. Thank you.

Stay Safe

Fr Joseph.



Postage Stamps from your mail

For many years now we have been collecting postage stamps to help The Salesian Missions use the old stamps to raise much needed funds.

Our office received a call from the Missions this week to advise us that they are no longer collecting the stamps.

The person who did the work for them is not well and they do not have anyone else to continue this on.

We at St Eddies have collected a huge number of stamps over the time and we thank you for your generosity.

We have now found another amazing group that will be very grateful for the stamps to help them in the charity work they do for children overseas and here in Australia. The Girl Guides Association.

Thank you for your continued support.

Children's Liturgy



Children's Liturgy takes place each Sunday during the 8:30am Mass.

We will be taking a break for the remainder of the year and will return in 2023. Thank you.



Rick Sheehan, Principal . Phone: 3208 0922

The Good News

from the Archdiocese of Brisbane



Archbishop Mark has a message for you

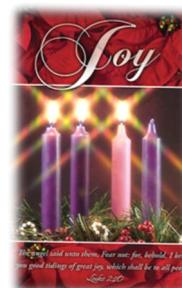
Last Saturday I was in St John's Cathedral to bid farewell to the Anglican Archbishop, Phillip Aspinall, who is retiring after twenty-one years of service in Brisbane. Mind you, he's only sixty-three, which for a Catholic bishop means you're only warming up. In his years as bishop, Phillip has always had a strong ecumenical sense and has been very good to work with in south-east Queensland. He's a good driver in heavy traffic, which has served him well at a time when the traffic has sometimes been very heavy indeed. Through my nearly fifty years as priest and bishop, ecumenism has moved through different phases; some would say it's even lost momentum. But it remains a crucial commitment for the Church, and Jesus doesn't cease to pray "that they may all be one". We need therefore to be on the look-out for any opportunity to work and witness together.

The Advent Wreath

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

The Shepherd's Candle

The third candle which is pink or rose, represents Gaudette Sunday and the joy that the birth of Christ brought to the world. Traditionally, on Gaudette Sunday one takes a break from Advent fasting to experience the joy of the day. The Shepherd's candle is sometimes white instead of rose or pink.



Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 17th—18th December 2022

	Saturday @ 6:00pm	Sunday @ 8:30am	Sunday @ 6:00pm
Mass Coordinator	Volunteer	Denise Love	Cheryl McCaffery
Welcome Team Commentator	Rose George style="text-align: center;"> Volunteer	Brian Ridder style="text-align: center;"> Volunteer	Pat McCaffery Nieva Hageman
Parish Choirs	Couples for Christ	St Cecilia	Volunteer
Overhead Projectionist	Volunteer	Tim Trainor	Volunteer
Communion Minister	Volunteer Volunteer	Isidore Storey Shirley D'Mello Brian Ridder	Sandra Seneviratne Ian Seneviratne
Proclaimers of the Word: 1	Petra Milaudi	Kristelle Jaimes	Volunteer
Proclaimers of the Word: 2	Jeffrey Powis	Sue Neve	Mattie Sarmiento
Prayers of the Faithful	Volunteer	Volunteer	Nieva Hageman
Altar Servers		Emma Larsen Matthew Larsen	
Hospitality		Laura Ferrall's Group	

THE CATHOLIC LEADER
Keeping Faith with You

December edition is available at the entrance of the Church. Cost \$4 per copy.



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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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Heart of the Disciple

New stock has arrived and available at our SVDP Piety Store for \$5.00.



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.**



THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

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

03rd—04th December 2022

Envelopes: \$ 714.25
Loose: \$ 688.40
Direct Deposit: \$ 505.00
Eftpos: \$ 200.00
Credit Card: \$ 287.00
Giving App: \$ 29.35
Grand Total: \$2,424.00



Thank you.

Senior Group Update

Seniors Mass 13th December 2022 @ 9:00am

Join us for light refreshments socialising, chatting and having a lot of fun afterwards.



Christmas Lunch:



Wednesday 14th December 2022

Venue: Meadowbrook Golf Club
Golf Course Drive, Meadowbrook at 12 noon.

Lunch is \$35.00 per person.

To be paid by Tuesday 6th December 2022.

No bookings taken and no refunds after this date.

Meet at the Church at 11:30am. All welcome

Contact: Noelene Magee Mobile: 0409 261 639



child care services

Outside School Hours Care

T: 07 3208 9470

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