

# Welcome to St Edward the Confessor Parish

16th—17th December 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent



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## THE COUNT OF MONTE-CRISTO

By: Fr. Marce Singson



*“There is one among you whom you do not recognise...”* These words could well serve to summarise the plot of a very famous French novel by Alexandre Dumas, which was eventually made into a film, and entitled *The Count of Monte-Cristo*.

The hero of this novel, Edmond Dantes, is the victim of the jealousy of some of his pseudo-friends and ends up in prison on some trumped-up charges.

Edmond spends many years in a dark cell, then escapes in a series of breath-taking episodes during which he discovers a fabulous treasure. He takes on an assumed name, that of the immensely rich and famous Count of Monte-Cristo, and returns to his homeland.

There, unrecognised, he secretly rewards those who have been so good to him when he was still Edmond Dantes. But he also wreaks vengeance on his betrayers – all those without revealing his true identity. Only at the very end he is finally recognised by his ex-fiancée, who had married his rival during his prison days, and by his worst enemy, who had become a powerful politician – but then it was too late for these two to erase the past. *“There is one among you whom you do not recognise...”*

These words, however, are true in a much deeper sense, when we apply them to Christ. When he came in our human flesh, as one who was lowly, humble and poor, he was not recognised by his own people. When he will come in glory at the end of time, all will recognise him finally. But then for some it will be too late.

Meanwhile Jesus warns us, he comes every day in our lives, disguised under the faces of the lowly, the humble, and the poor in our society.

*“There is one among of you whom you do not recognise...”*

During this time of Advent, when we are remembering his first and his last coming, let us not forget his secret presence now in our midst.

Now is the time to recognise him in the brothers and sisters who need our help, whatever it might be.

Our prime purpose in life is to help others.

Dalai Lama





### WE REMEMBER

In our prayers all who have died recently,

Joan Hine  
Tito Arranchado  
Irish Dimas

and those whose anniversaries are in this month:

Remedios Ferrer  
Lawrence Tautua  
Gertrude Berhardt

*Names of recently deceased or anniversaries for the deceased will be displayed for a period of 3 weeks only. For privacy reasons these inserts will only be accepted from a family member.*

**Thank you.**



### PLEASE PRAY

For all our Sick parishioners and family members:

Ray Brady

If you would like our community to remember you or a family member in our prayers please complete the information in the register on the table at the back of the Church. These will be displayed for 3 weeks only.

**Thank you.**



### BAPTISM

*We welcome into our Christian community:*

Elara Catherine McNally  
Cooper Newton Robinson

*Baptism is 7 days a week. Please phone the parish office for information regarding Baptism.*

**Thank you**



### VISITATION/COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

18.12.2017, 08.01.2018 & 15.01.2018

Please contact the office if you require a visitation/ home communion.



### **Men's Group Meeting "Getting to the Point"**

23rd January @ 7.00pm  
Venue: Room at the back of the Church.

All men welcome. 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month. Open discussion on:

- Scripture.
- Future meetings.

For information contact:  
Ron Ferrall 3290 3110  
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## **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**24.12.2017 Christmas Eve**  
**7:00pm & Midnight**

**25.12.2017 Christmas Day**  
**8:30am**

**01.01.2018 New Years Day**  
**8:30am**



### **PARISH OFFICE NOTICE:**

Our office will be closed between 02nd January to 05th January. If you need to contact someone urgently please call the office on 3299 2000 and leave a message. Someone will be clearing the messages on a regular basis.

Thank you.



### **PARISH VOLUNTEERS' NIGHT**

Fr Marce generously invited all the parish volunteers to a Thanksgiving Mass and dinner last Thursday night (Dec 7) to personally thank them for their service in making the parish community so vibrant, friendly and accommodating. There were almost 200 in attendance, some just came from work.

At the Thanksgiving Mass, 10 children and young adults were involved as readers. Fr Marce spoke in his homily about the contagious energy and community spirit that's living in the Parish community due to the individual talents that each and every volunteer brings. He compared our parish church as a human body with many parts (eyes, ears, nose, hands, feet, etc) wherein each body part has special function and is important. In the same way, our parish community is composed of many groups: hospitality, church cleaners, readers, serving the needs of the poor, bringing the body of Christ to sick parishioners, etc., and every group is special and is important in order to build up the Body of Church, which is the Church.

After the Mass all the volunteers were treated to what only could be described as a food festival that would tantalise everyone's taste buds but more importantly it was a time to reflect on the year that was with family and friends both new and old. The celebration ended at 9:30pm.

Sean O'Brien

Pastoral Council Deputy and Secretary



# MASS TIMES 17th—23rd December 2017

Sunday, 17 December	Monday, 18 December	Tuesday, 19 December	Wednesday, 20 December	Thursday, 21 December	Friday, 22 December	Saturday 23 December
8.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass  <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	7.00am Rosary 7.30am Mass	7.30am Mass	7:00pm Carols— 7:15pm Filipino Novena Mass <i>Everyone welcome</i>	7.30am Mass	7.00am Rosary 7.30am Mass	7.30am Mass  5.30pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Mass



This year we have had the opportunity to support St Edwards St Vincent de Paul Conference. It was a great learning for the school community and they responded generously. We were all inspired by Maureen Thornton and all the Vincentians. May God bless you all.

**Rick Sheehan**  
Principal



## Seniors Christmas Break Up Lunch

I would like to thank all the seniors and my helpers for another wonderful and friendly time this year. Our mass we have each month is a spiritual and special time for all.



Thank you to Fr. Marce for his guidance and blessings. We will be starting our new year with mass and morning tea on Tuesday 13th February 2018.

I wish everyone a very happy and holy Christmas. God bless. Noelene Magee



**Parish Hospitality Teams**  
Join us and the Parish Community for a cuppa and refreshments in the covered area at the side of the Church.

**24.12.2017 @ 8.30am Mass**  
*Vange Munn's Team*

**31.12.2017 @ 8.30am Mass**  
*Cecilio Sebial's Team*

**Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations 16—17 December 2018**



**Wednesday December 20 Mass.** It will be a Filipino Novena Mass for Christmas. There is no adoration. At 7:00pm is Christmas carols, at 7:15pm is the Mass, then followed by a sumptuous dinner for all who attend the Mass. This Mass is not only for Filipinos. **Everyone is welcome**



The Emeritus Bishop of Brisbane; Bishop John Gerry, DD passed away on December 13. His solemn Funeral Mass will be held at St. Stephen's cathedral on Thursday December 21 at 11am. Burial follows at Nudgee Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace with God as we pray for Bishop John Gerry.



**Senior Group Update**  
**No January Mass or activity**  
**Mass : 13th February 2018**

@ 9:00am.

At this Mass Father also will have an Anointing Of The Sick. Join us for morning tea afterwards in the hospitality area.

**Noelene 3208 5304 or 0409 261 639**



## Youth United Christmas Break Up

Fr Marce's blessing of the youth was a very special event, especially with the commencement of the Year of Youth 2018. Thank you to the PPC members and parish for their support throughout the year.



## Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 23rd—25th December 2017

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 7.00pm	Sunday Midnight	Monday 8.30am
<b>Holy Mass Coordinators</b>	Muriel Fitzsimons	Denise Love	Brian Ridder	Francis Oliva	Denise Love
<b>Parish Choirs</b>	Voices of Praise	El Shaddai	Voices of Praise	Couples of Christ	Rev. Matuu's Choir
<b>Overhead Projectionist</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Proclaimers of the Word: 1</b>	Camille Sonido	Isabella Gardner	Annabelle Wessling	JR Bandola	Frankie Little
<b>Proclaimers of the Word:</b>	Annabelle Wessling	Justine Reabow	Jonanna Roche	Evelina Afoa	Daniel Bailey
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Judi McLean	Rose George	Rose George	Muriel Fitzsimons	John Guiton
	David McLean	Joseph Werasinghe	David McLean	Cheryl McCaffery	Eve Douglas
	Eve Douglas	Brian Ridder	Donna Smith	Sue Neve	Edna Gangangan
	Paul Wessling	Nenita Deocareza	Denise Love		
	Amorita Wessling	Rachel Porio			
		Ray Hughes			
		Laura Ferrall			
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jonathan Wessling	Ugala Isbon	Adult Servers	Adult Servers	Adult Servers
	Layla Perrett	Natalia Isbon			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>					



The Daisy hill Conference finished 2017 by delivering 55 Christmas hampers on 16<sup>th</sup> December to families we had visited during the year. We will resume work on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 God willing. This week our conference would like to share with you what together we have achieved in helping our brother and sisters in need. Without the continued flow of donations of food, white goods, furniture and finance our story would be very different. So our conference and on behalf of those visited we say: Thank you: thank you.

The following is a brief report of what together we have achieved in caring for those who have fallen on hard times. The full report can be found on the notice-board at the back of the church. This year 203 families with a total of 326 children under the age of 16. These families also housed 259 people aged from 17 to 65. The people in this group suffered from various illnesses, homelessness, loss of work etc. The total financial value of assistance provided came to \$31,277.50. This demonstrates what can be achieved when we work together. Finally on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society we thank you for your support and wish you a very happy and safe Christmas season.



**Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults**  
John Wood 0408 296 422  
St Edward's Parish Representative



**Children's Liturgy** Children's Liturgy takes place every second Sunday during the 8.30am Mass. We have a break during School holidays.



*We can use your postage stamps from your mail*

The Salesian Missions use the old stamps that are passed on to them to raise funds. This goes towards Salesian Education and relief work in developing nations. Yes, the Post man does not have to stop by often, but on that rare occasion he does, and on that envelope, if there is a stamp, can you please pass this on to us, instead of throwing it in the bin? A small gesture, lending a big helping hand. We have placed a collection box for stamps in the parish office.



**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 Fr. Marce and a member of our Parish Pastoral Council can reach out to you with a formal welcome. **Thank you**

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.** Archdiocesan Website [www.bne.catholic.net.au](http://www.bne.catholic.net.au) or [www.stewardsdaisyhill.org.au](http://www.stewardsdaisyhill.org.au)  
We are also compelled to adhere to the **Policy of the Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults** <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>