



St Edward the Confessor Parish

Established 1978

104 Chatswood Road, DAISY HILL. QLD 4127

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

Next Week: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14,16; Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

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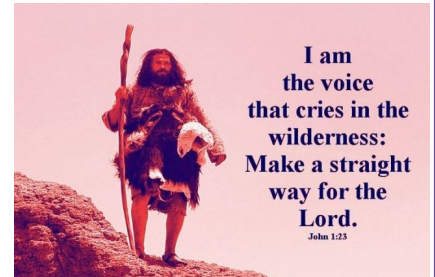
16th —17th December 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent—Year B/2
Rejoice! The Lord is near

The readings on this *Gaudete* (Rejoice!)

**Sunday are full of encouragement,
resonating with joyful hope as we draw
closer to the birthday of Jesus: God's Son**

coming to live among us. Isaiah, Mary, and John the Baptist all bear joyful witness to what God has done and will do for his people.



Isaiah (**First reading**) announces the coming of the anointed one: a cause for rejoicing. He will bring freedom, healing and good news to the people. Images of clothing bodies and growing seeds celebrate God's activity in the world and in our lives.

Mary's Magnificat is a joyful song of praise to God, her Saviour who is rich in mercy. (**Psalm**) St Paul (**Second reading**) encourages us to be guided by the Holy Spirit in all that we do; we are to give thanks for all things to God, and to pray constantly. Paul urges us to be happy always, because Christ is faithful to his promise and will not fail us.

The focus of the Gospel is John the Baptist, who bears witness, testifying to the true identity of 'the light': Jesus himself. John answers the priests' questions about his own identity and ministry, then announces that the Saviour they seek, Jesus, is already among them, though 'unknown to them'. As we continue preparing for Christmas, we rejoice that Jesus is already in our hearts and lives. Let's pray to receive the graces needed to announce his message and presence through our attitudes, actions and words.

GOSPEL John 1: 6-8, 19-28 REFLECTION

Taking as much time as I need, I become still: there is no rush. The Lord is near, though I may not always recognise it. I ask for an open heart and mind. In time I read the Gospel slowly, staying with any word or phrase that resonates, letting it soak in. I might like to re-read the opening paragraph and replace John's name with my own.

How am I bearing witness to Jesus, reflecting his light to others? Maybe this is in simple acts of kindness, by sharing my time, my gifts and resources . . .? I ask the Lord to shed his light on any area of my own life that feels to be in darkness.

Perhaps I now picture myself in the scene as a bystander. I notice expressions on faces; the tone of the voices. I watch as John responds to the priests' questions, telling them who he is not. I listen carefully as John says: 'there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me'.

Can I recognise Jesus in all the different faces and ways he comes to me each day? I sit quietly for a while with Jesus, then thank him for being with me, for listening to me and guiding me. *Glory be*

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)
Gertrude Berhardt
Elly Eichperger

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



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
Frances Gibbs
Jacques Ellio Telson
Shirley Cumberland
Toni Muir
Felicidad Maniti (Rita Guevarra's Mum)
Patricia Ioane
Maletina Brown
Mary Pereira (Jurobe's Mum)
Jack Stokes

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

SPECIAL INTENTION MASS

Thanksgiving to God

Jonalyn & Senen Ferrer



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Christian Community.

Mason Thomas Kool
Joseph Archibald Ott
Hannah Margaret Ott
Samuel James Ott
Evelyn Frances Staunton

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

PARISH UPDATE 2023

Dates to Remember

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 Mass

December 25 @ 8:00am—Christmas Carols

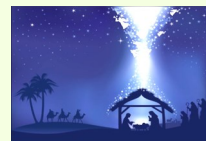
@ 8:30am—Christmas Day Mass

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.

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.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass @ 6:00pm

We are encouraging the children to dress in character.

Work around our Parish

You will notice that the *gates* at the entrance of our Church have been moved. This is to create a more accessible entry at all times, for anyone with disabilities.

Groups for 2024

Please check each of the groups with whom you associated with for their starting date for 2024.

Keep safe and Well.

Fr Joseph



FRANCE, PARIS AND LOURDES 2024

with Fr Dan Ryan

Would you like to travel to France mid May to mid June next year with me on a French Saints Pilgrimage, with a possible extension to Rome.

I have organised a pilgrimage with Harvest Journeys to travel through France and visit the Places of Saints.

The trip will include Paris (2nights), Rouen, Liseux (2), Mont-Saint-Michael(2), Chartes, Nevers (1), Taize, Paray le Monial(2), Ars, La Salette(1), Avignon, Lourdes (3), Montserrat (1), and Barcelona (1), Optinal Rome Extension (3)

If you would like more information, you can contact Harvest Journeys on 1800 819 156 or harvestjourneys.com/pv2445 (available after 18.12.2023). If you contact Harvest Journeys mention my name and the pilgrimage is French Saints Pilgrimage. There will be a few brochures available shortly.

Father Dan Ryan




MASS TIMES 18 th —24 th December 2023						
Monday, 18 December	Tuesday, 19 December	Wednesday, 20 December	Thursday, 21 December	Friday, 22 December	Saturday, 23 December	Sunday, 24 December
9:00am Mass	9:00am Mass	9:00am Mass 9:30am –9:30pm Corpus Christi Adoration	NO Mass <i>St Peter Canisius</i> , priest, doctor	9:00am Mass	9:00am Mass <i>St John of Kanty</i> , priest 6:00pm Vigil Mass	<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Mass 5:30pm Carols 6:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass 11:00pm Carols 12Midnight— Mass



Children's Liturgy


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



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.



Senior Group Update

Mass with anointing of the sick
13th February 2024 @ 9:00am

Join us for Morning Tea afterwards.


Contact: Noelene Magee Mobile: 0409 261 639


Thank you to everyone who has been with us this year. Our Mass and morning teas, our lunches out and our end of year luncheon have all been enjoyable to have together. Thank you also to all who have helped out during the year.

We will be back in 2024 for Mass and morning tea on Tuesday the 13th February 2024.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Noelene Magee







Men's Group Meeting "Getting to the Point"

Men's Group meet 2nd Monday of the month in St Declans. **(Please note the change of day for 2024)**

Next meeting 12.02.2024 @ 7:00pm.

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



"Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting."

Thomas S. Monson

Packing Hampers.....The St Vincent de Paul Society Daisy Hill Conference are extremely grateful for the generous support received from the community throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Christmas Giving Appeal a success!

What a special Christmas blessing for so many!

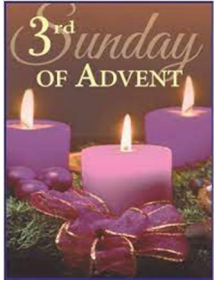


The Advent Wreath

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 Guadette 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.





C & C Creations


We will be taking a short break for Christmas and will begin again on 14 February 2024.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Stall last week end. The winner of the raffle was Laura Ferrall. Drawn by Fr Joseph.

Wishing everyone a very Holy Christmas and an amazing New Year.

Noelene Magee





Our group ensures that those members of the community such as the elderly, housebound, ill, bereaved or isolated, are supported through home visits and reception of the Sacraments. They also provide them with information about the services available in the community.

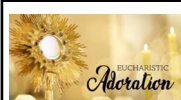
Thank you to our Care and Concern Group for all your help you have given to our parishioners.

Merry Christmas. Home Communion next visit: 18.12.2023 last one for this year.

Home Communion recommence on 05.02.2024

Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 23rd —25th December 2023


	Saturday @ 6:00pm	Sunday @ 8:30am	Sunday @ 6:00pm Christmas Eve Vigil	Midnight Mass	Monday 8:30am Christmas Day
Mass Coordinator	Volunteer	Brian Ridder/Steve Richardson	Miriam Silva	Cheryl McCaffery	Rose George
Welcome Team	Rose George	Ed Havelock	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Parish Choirs	One Himig	Jaimes Family Choir	One Himig	Joseph & Spiritus	Frankie & mixed groups
Overhead Projectionist	Rose George	Tim Trainor	Tim Trainor	Tim Trainor	Volunteer
Lighting of the Advent Candle	Volunteer	Volunteer	Maria & Steve Richardson/Brian & Marion Ridder	Shane, Dilu, Isabelle, Isaiah & Ava McCaffery	Volunteer
Communion Minister (Bread & Wine)	Rita Guevarra Volunteer x 3	Ana Fidow, Carmel Burgess & Volunteer x 5	Miriam Silva, Ana Fidow, Rose George, Brian Ridder, Pat Ferrer, Darryl Briars & Volunteer x 1	Jan McMahon Cheryl McCaffery, Ed Havelock, Rachel Porio & Volunteers x 3	Denita Castley Ed Havelock, Ana Fidow, Kathleen Layton, Laura Ferrall, Miriam Silva & Volunteer x 1
Proclaimers of the Word: 1	Gaby Guevarra	Volunteer	Jeff Sommers	Nina Pereira	Loretta George
Proclaimers of the Word: 2	Tia Peres	Kathleen Layton	Sagaya Fernando	Sue Neve	Terry Layton
Prayers of the Faithful	Volunteer	Volunteer	Loretta George	Petra Milaudi	Kathleen Layton
Altar Servers					
Hospitality		El Shaddai Group			



CORPUS CHRISTI ADORATION

Every Wednesday 9.30am to 9.30pm at St Edward the Confessor Parish Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

All are welcome to spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament any time during these times.



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

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

09th—10th December 2023


Envelopes:	\$ 258.35
Loose:	\$ 1,038.20
Direct Deposit:	\$ 125.00
Eftpos:	\$ 220.00
Credit Card:	\$ 40.00
Giving App:	\$ 195.60
Grand Total:	\$ 1,877.15

Thank you.

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.



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 or www.stedwardsdaisyhill.org.au

We are also compelled to adhere to the **Policy of the Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults**

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>