



Parish of St Edward the Confessor

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)

21st & 22nd March 2015

THE GRAIN OF WHEAT

By: Fr. Marce Singson

In the movie *The Poseidon Adventure*, a ship turned upside down by a tidal wave. Under the leadership of a priest, played by Gene Hackman, a small group of passengers makes an incredible struggle for survival. Several members of this group die during the adventure, including the priest himself. However, it his heroism which inspired the passengers, who did survive, to persevere. Death leading to life is one of the theme's of today's gospel. Jesus says: "*Unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just single grain. But if it dies, it produces much fruit.*"

This paradox of death producing life appears in so many ways. We see it for, example in the history of liberation: Joan of Arc in France, Mahatma Gandhi in India and martin Luther King Jr. in America, Nelson Mandela in South Africa were powerful influences in the liberation of their people.

In the history of the Church, the death of some old structures was necessary to allow the growth of new ones. The Old Testament ritual of circumcision was put to its rest for the Jews who became Christians. The Latin language of the liturgy in the Middle Ages was given its proper burial when Vatican II in 1965 brought out the vernacular Holy Mass.

In our personal growth, there has to be a dying to some of our old attitudes and forms of behaviour before we can assume a new lifestyle. Unless we put to death our self-seeking, we cannot bring life to others by the joy we spread and the hope we inspire. Unless we die to our vain ambition to climb the social ladder, we cannot bring life to others by lifting them out of their poverty and indignity. As disciples of Jesus, this is how our own sufferings become the source of salvation for others. This is how our grain die on the ground in order to produce mush fruit. This is how we lose our life in this world to preserve it for life eternal.

Death and life are deeply related. Whether it is to liberate nations, or to improve our life, often something has to die in a sense something new is created. Whether to renew the church or to renew our personal life, often something must pass away before new life can emerge.

As our Mass continues, we pray that our Lenten sacrifices may be a source of salvation for others. As our Lord is lifted up in the Eucharist, we pray that the death of our selfishness may draw us into a deeper life with Christ. Amen.

WE REMEMBER

In our prayers all who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

PLEASE PRAY

For all our sick parishioners and family members:

Carolyn Winter, Edna Buagas, Vincent Sarahena,
Benedicta Alvarez, Michael Abraham, Jeff Jones, Carmel Andrews, 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, Maria de Jesus, Rachael Osypiv, Romeo Lopez, Benjoe Estubo, Shirley Roberts, Pat Mey, Elizabeth Toh, Bruce Walker, 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, Zara Parry, Illyana Slattery, Oliver Meldon, Reuben Barker, Francisco Walsh, Rugelie Walsh who is being baptised here this weekend. Please pray for his Family 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: **tba** please phone the office if you would like to be added to our Communion list.

This week at St Eddies

Sunday 22nd March

8.30am Mass
6.00pm Mass

Monday 23rd March

7.30am Mass

Tuesday 24th March

7.00pm Mass and Adoration

Wednesday 25th March

7.30am Mass

Thursday 26th March

7.30am Mass

Friday 27th March

7.30am Mass

Saturday 28st March

7.30am Mass
5.30pm Reconciliation
6.00pm Mass

Vocation View

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will 'lay down their lives for their friends.'

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: Jer 31: 31-34

PSALM: Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15

SECOND READING: Heb 5: 7-9

GOSPEL READING: Jn 12: 20-33

Readings for the rest of the week

Monday Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62, Ps22: 1-6, Jn 8: 1-11
Tuesday Nm 21: 4-9, Ps 102: 2-3, 16-21
Jn 8: 21-30
Wednesday **THE ANNUNCIAN**
Is 7:10-14; 8: 10, Ps 39: 7-11, Heb 10: 4-10, Lk 1: 26-38
Thursday Gn 17: 3-9, Ps 104: 4-9,
Jn 8: 51-59
Friday Jer 20: 10-13, Ps 17: 2-7,
Jn 10: 31-42
Saturday Ez 37: 21-28, Jer 31: 10-13,
Jn 11: 45-56

Readings for next weekend

PALM SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Is 50: 4-7

PSALM Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24

SECOND READING: Phil 2: 6-11

GOSPEL READING: Mk 14: 1-15:47 or 15: 1-39

ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH Parish

Lenten Journey 2015



Stations of the Cross Every Friday in Lenten Season after the 7:30am Mass.

Lenten Program: March 11, March 18, March 25 and April 1, from 6:45pm to 8:00pm to be held in the church. This will be facilitated by our parishioners: Denise Love and Danny Gablonski. A fee of \$10 for each participant for the materials for the whole program.

March 28-29 Palm Sunday: Weekend Masses will commence at the main door of the Church for the blessing of palms.

April 2, Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm. Washing of the feet within the Mass. Adoration to the Blessed Eucharist at the Chapel will follow immediately after the Mass until 12 midnight.

April 3, Good Friday : 1:45pm: Stations of the Cross on the School Playground.
3:00pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death

April 4, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 7:00pm. Liturgy will commence along Chatswood Road for the Blessing of new fire.

April 5, Easter Sunday: Masses at 8:30am and 6:00pm.

PARISH UPDATE

New Parishioners:

The number of our parish community continues to swell. Towards the end of February aside from newly-arrived few individuals, a family of 7 and another family of 6 have been welcomed in our parish. I had home visits to some of the new arrivals in our parish.

School:

We congratulate our school principal, John Spillane, who was one of the 11 principals in the Archdiocese of Brisbane to attend to RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS in Los Angeles, USA in March 13 to 15. We are proud of you, John!

Sacramental Programme:

We have a total of 57 candidates; and of this number, 24 are from our parish school and the rest come other parish and state schools. The number swelled because we accommodated late applicants. We need to be more pastoral than sticking to rules and regulations on deadlines. On Monday, 16th March, parents were given proper instructions on the *meaning and importance* of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Mass. On Thursday, 19th March, all candidates were given a simplified explanation on the importance and meaning of the sacraments that they will be receiving. And on Monday, 23rd March, candidates will have their first experience of God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Francis of Browns Plains and Fr. Rodrigo of Loganholme Parish will help me hear confessions of our candidates. Our Parish Sacramental Staff: Rita Blacker, Muriel Mairhofer, Sean O'Brien and Francis Oliva and Danielle McCarthy (School) have been so helpful to me on the technical preparations of the programme. I am grateful to them. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will preside over the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, 30th April at 6:00pm.

Palm Sunday Masses:

All our masses next weekend will commence 5 minutes ahead of schedule because of the Blessing of Palms outside the main door of our Church. You may bring your own palms, although the parish will also provide palm leaves for you.

Stations of the Cross:

On Good Friday, our Stations of the Cross will be held at the school sports field at 1:30pm. It will be more unique this year as we want more people to participate by carrying a wooden cross from one station to the next. May God give us a good weather on that day.

Parish Secretary:

With the help of HR staff of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, interviews were conducted on Wednesday, 18th March. A new parish secretary has emerged. Her name is Mrs. Leenore Reedy who is currently working as parish secretary for almost 4 years now at St. Joseph's parish in Mackay, diocese of Rockhampton. Being a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) by profession, Leenore is also working in one of the parishes in Mackay as finance administrator. She is also the Coordinator of Catholic Education: Adult Faith Education in Mackay Region. She will her take time to say goodbye in Mackay and to pack up her things to move down. She will therefore officially kick off as secretary in our parish on 27th April, Monday. In the meantime, the Archdiocese of Brisbane is kind enough to supply our parish a temporary secretary. Her name is Rosalia Risati. She will start her work on 31st March. Rosalia will work only 2 days a week (Tuesday and Friday from 9am to 3pm). I will continue to run the parish office while waiting for Rosalia

LENTEN PROGRAMME

Our Lenten Programme "Rich in Mercy" is providing the opportunity for us to prepare and reflect on the readings in preparation for Easter when Jesus was raised to glory.

The Rich in Mercy books we are using have excellent reference material to explore and gain further understanding of our "individual faith journey".

The group is warm and welcoming. Come along and join us Wednesday evening 6.45pm – 8pm.

Enquiries: Danny 3208 2305 or Denise 3209 1669



OUR NEW AWNING/HOSPITALITY AREA

I am sure most of you have noticed our fantastic new covered "Hospitality Area". Fr Marce and the assigned tradespeople have worked hard to give us the allweather area.

Our cuppa and refreshments after Mass on Sunday mornings is now certainly more comfortable. It is wonderful to see so many parishioners stay and gather to enjoy the friendship and fellowship of each other.

The area will be well and truly put to the test when we gather for a special Easter Sunday morning tea.

An "official roof party" will be held soon. Keep an eye out for the date when we will all come together to celebrate.

This week at St Edward's.....

This week at St Edward's was "Wellbeing Week". As we continue with our theme- "Practise Peace, Change our World" we took time to focus on wellbeing for ourselves and others. Each day had a special focus- Mindful Monday, Timeout Tuesday, Walk About Wednesday, Caritas Thursday and Fun Friday.



Classes also took time to celebrate St Patrick Day on Tuesday...there was a sea of green with shamrocks, pots of gold, horseshoes and lot of green food! This day culminated in an open afternoon. There were many parents

walking around rooms and sharing with their child/ children the great learning that is happening here.



Towards the end of the week we had a number of students represent the school by competing in the Catholic Zone Swim meeting and in the District Cross Country. John, Bronwyn and Danielle

Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 28th & 29th March 2015 (4th Sat & 5th Sun)

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Holy Mass Coordinators:	Jim and Fay	Rita Blacker	Gavin Clancy
Parish Choirs :	CFC	Frankie's	Miguel & Ana
Overhead Projectionist:	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Proclaimers of the Word: 1	Fiona Alahendra	John Winter	Heather Cooper
: 2	Camille Sonido	Tim Trainor	Colin or Mal Clancy
Communion Ministers :	Katherine Chuan	Laura Ferrall	Denise Clancy
	Nenette Chuan	Samantha French	Sandra Seneviratne
	Marjorie Weerasinghe	Rita Blacker	Joanna Roche
		Denise Love	
		Carmel Burgess	

- ◆ Other Parish Rosters for the month of March - Plant watering: Ann Mackay - Washing Purifiers: Rita Blacker
- ◆ Next Children's Liturgy 22.03.15 1st group = Anita 2nd Group = Sharon



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

SVDP News

We thank, you, the prisoners and members of the wider community for your continued support in providing food, clothing and furniture for the poor and disadvantaged amongst us. Your contribution makes life a little easier for them and often gives them the help they need to re build their lives. Sometimes we fail to recognise that the gift of giving is an expression of the connection and commitment we have with Jesus Christ. In the SVDP society the Spiritual development of its members is a priority and members are continually counselled to keep Christ as their focus. The society recognises that " good works" are essential and necessary if members are to follow Christ but the focus must always be on Jesus. As we continue our preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ we connect anew with Jesus and find the link between faith and giving. St James tells us that " faith without good works is dead", the reverse can also be applied. Pope Francis emphasis the need for a deep spiritual connection with Jesus if we are to work in his vineyard "The spread of the Gospel is not guaranteed either by the number of persons, or by the prestige of the institution, or by the quantity of available resources. What counts is to be permeated by the love of Christ, to let oneself be led by the holy Spirit and to graft one's own life onto

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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 \$2448.5
May God bless your generosity.

Date Claimers

Chrism Mass - Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 26 March 2015 commencing at 7.30pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

St Eddie's Men's Group

Next meeting will be 22 April 15 (4th Wednesday)
All men are encouraged to attend the parish Lenten Program commencing 25th February 15
Danny on 3208 2305 All welcome!

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.

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