

Welcome to St Edward the Confessor Parish

Established 1978

21st—22nd December2019 4th Sunday of Advent

Readings: Next Week:

Isaiah 7: 10-14; Romans 1: 1-7; Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 Matthew 1: 18-24 Colossians 3:12-21;



Isa 7:10-14,8:10; Rom 1:1-7; Matt 1:18-24

On this, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the gospel reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: "... The virgin shall be with child ... and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God. © Copyright Liturgy Brisbane 2019

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WE REMEMBER

In our prayers all who have died recently,

and those whose anniversaries are in this month:

> Muriel Jean Wiseman Stella Phillips

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:

> Peter Gunner Ben Price

"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

Names of sick, 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. Envelopes to request Masses to be offered for the sick, dving, deceased or for special intentions are available at the back of the church. Thank you.



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Christian community:

Please phone the parish office 3299 2000 for information regarding Baptism. Thank you ★☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

☆ To all the members of our ☆ Parish Community who are ☆ celebrating their ☆ **Birthdays and Wedding** ☆ Anniversaries in this Month. ☆ Congratulations ☆

CARE & CONCERN

<u>VISITATION/COMM</u>UNION FOR THE SICK

10.02.2020 Please contact the office if you require a visitation/ home communion.



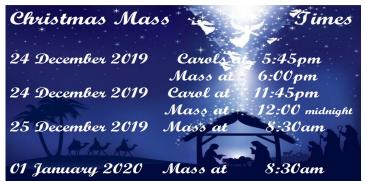
Men's Group Meeting "Getting to the Point"

Men's Group meet 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. Next meeting 15th January 2020 @ 7:00pm Venue: Meeting Room back of Church

> For information contact: Ron Ferrall 3290 3110 referrall@optusnet.com.au

PARISH UPDATE

Dates to Remember



Our parish office will be closed over the Christmas period from Wednesday 25th December until Friday 27th December 2019. There will be no week day Mass and Rosary on Friday 27th December and no morning Mass on Saturday 28th December 2019. Our office reopens on Monday 30th December.

I will be on annual leave from 06th January 2020 and will return on Wednesday 29th January 2020. In my absence Fr Leo Burke will be celebrating the week end Masses.

I would like to wish everyone a very Holy Christmas.



IN TIME OF DROUGHT

O God, Lord of creation, By whose power the whole earth came to be,

Look upon our parched land, we pray, And bestow upon it abundant rain, That pastures, fields and paddocks May by your goodness thrive once more. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Advent Wreath

The Angel's Candle

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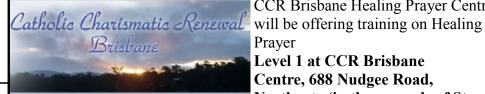
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The last purple candle is the Angel's Candle and represents the peace and justice that the angels and Christ brings to the world. It also can represent purity.





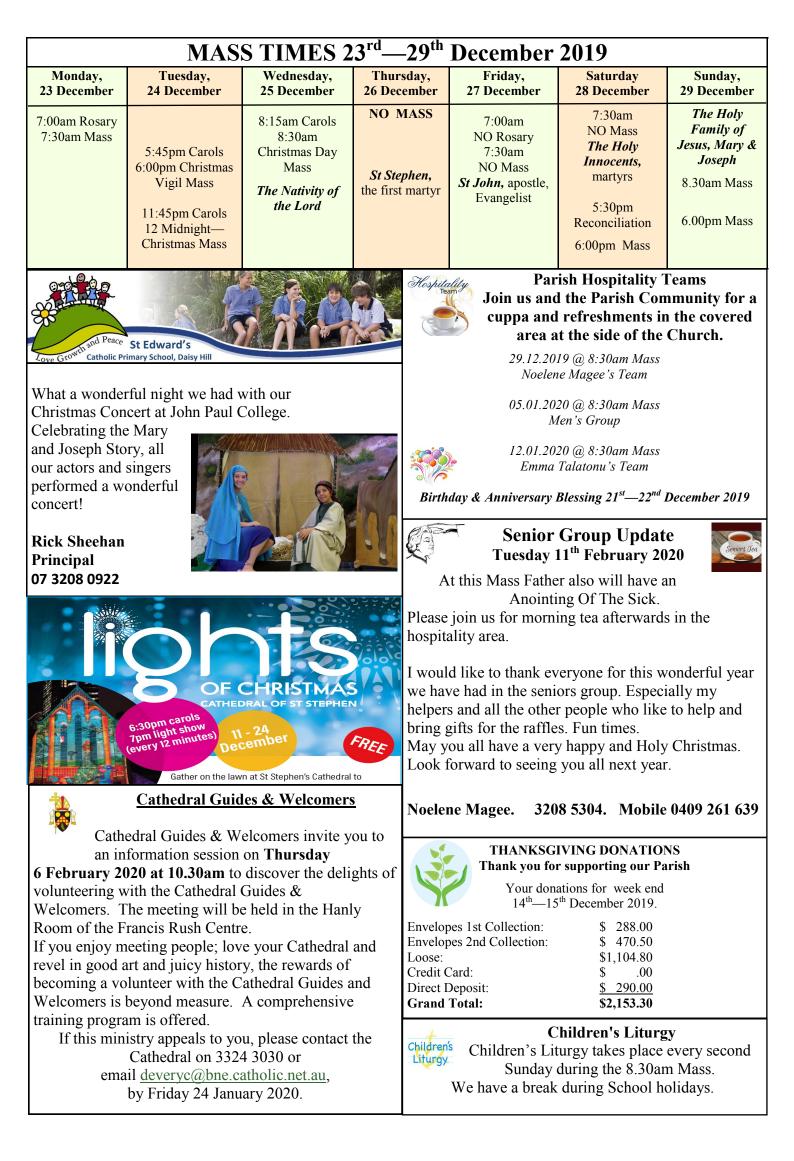
CCR Brisbane Healing Praver Centre Prayer

Level 1 at CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Road, Northgate (in the grounds of St.

John's Catholic Church). This level 1 course will be completed over 3 full Saturdays-

29 February, 28 March, 18 April (attendance at all three training days This Level 1 Course is open to all. required) For more details, fees and registration : secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au

Phone: 0435 558 390 or 3202 6856



	Ministers' Rosters for r Saturday @ 6:00pm	Sunday @ 8:30am	Sunday @ 6:00pm
Holy Mass Coordinators	Paul & Amorita Wessling	Steve Richardson	Gavin Clancy
Parish Choirs	One Himig	Steve Richardson St Cecilia	Familia Choir
Overhead Projectionist	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Proclaimers of the Word: 1	Candice Wessling	Natalia Isbon	Raphael Luna
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Proclaimers of the Word: 2	Lucas/Phoebe Wessling	Donnyelle Brown	Tressa Tom
Prayers of the Faithful	Priya/Nina Pereira	Chloe Gregorio	Aaron Browell
Communion Ministers	David McLean	Laura Ferrall	Cheryl McCaffery
	Iona D'Mello	Lewes Peddell	Anna O'Brien
	Bassania Perrett	Theresa Vaise	Mark Mancilla
	Scott Perrett	Denise Love	Odon Ramos
	Jan McMahon	Volunteer	Volunteer
		Brian Ridder John Guiton	
A Mary Commons	Dhasha Wassling		Caleb O'Brien
Altar Servers	Phoebe Wessling	Simeon Bampton	
	Layla Perrett	Virginia Isbon	Ava O'Brien
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