



St Edward the Confessor Parish

Established 1978

104 Chatswood Road, DAISY HILL. QLD 4127



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

Next Week: Gen. 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3; Heb. 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2: 22-40

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23rd—24th December 2023

4th Sunday of Advent—Year B/2

Son of David

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be

brought to the glory of his

Resurrection.



This year, the Fourth Sunday of Advent is swallowed up in Christmas

Eve. Perhaps we can celebrate it early so as not to lose the riches of this final week: the

Lord is very near. In our **First Reading**, God does not allow David to build him a physical house but promises rather to build him a house, a dynasty, that will last forever. The **Psalms** reinforces this promise, and emphasises God's Fatherly love and faithfulness. St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, tells of how God's mystery, kept secret through the ages, has now been revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.

In the **Gospel**, the well-loved narration of the Annunciation to Mary, we note how the angel emphasises that her Son will be of the House of David. Mary willingly agrees to be part of God's plan. Tomorrow is Christmas Day: may we hold out our suffering world in yearning to the Prince of Peace.

GOSPEL Luke 1: 26–38 REFLECTION

I light a candle, maybe my fourth Advent candle, and sit quietly. I breathe slowly, becoming aware of how I feel . . . perhaps excited . . . or maybe very weary. The Lord is very near. I draw close to him, aware of his faithful love. I take up the well known text of Gabriel's annunciation to Mary. I read it slowly, taking in its freshness and immediacy. I ponder how Mary feels and reacts. How does this touch me?

The angel says 'Rejoice', but also 'Do not be afraid'. How do I respond to these words today? In what ways can I rejoice in the birth of Jesus, and also spread joy around me? I speak to the Lord from my heart and I bring all that may be troubling me. 'Do not be afraid'. I think of Mary's faith and generosity and maybe ask for some share in this. I end my prayer in a spirit of gratitude with a 'Glory be . . . '

Image: A monument to King David in the old city of Jerusalem against the backdrop of a flowering tree. — depositphotos.com

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



WE REMEMBER

In our prayers all who have died recently,

Salim Hanna Bechara
Tony Ellis

and those whose anniversaries are in this month:

Eileen O'Brien
Muriel Jean Wiseman (Joy Moy's Mother)
Gertrude Berhardt
Elly Eichperger
Beverley Wilson
Elizabeth Bailey
Paul Cox

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

Names of sick, recently deceased or anniversaries for the deceased register on form provided on the Church desk. Envelopes to request Masses to be offered for the sick, dying, deceased or for special intentions are available at the entrance 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
Cheryl Blanco
Helen Gainey
Emerald Pereira
Samayah Hapid
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 (Juroibe's Mum)
Jack Stokes
Margaret Heath
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

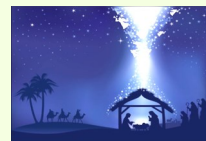
We welcome into our Christian Community.

For 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



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.

Groups for 2024

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

Keep safe and Well.

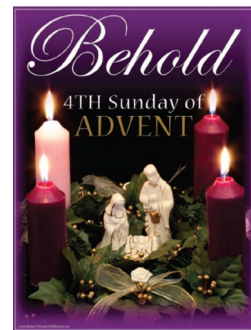
Fr Joseph

The Advent Wreath

The fourth of the Advent candle will be lit this week end at each of the Masses.

The Angel's Candle

The fourth candle of Advent represents **Love**, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the "Angel's Candle," the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the colour purple, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth.



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), Optimal Rome Extension (3)

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

Father Dan Ryan



MASS TIMES 25 th —31 st December 2023						
Monday, 25 December	Tuesday, 26 December	Wednesday, 27 December	Thursday, 28 December	Friday, 29 December	Saturday, 30 December	Sunday, 31 December
Christmas Day 8:30am Mass	NO Mass St Stephen, The First Martyr	NO Mass St John, Apostle & Evangelist 9:30am –9:30pm Corpus Christi Adoration	NO Mass The Holy Innocents, martyrs	NO Mass 5th day in the octave of the Nativity of the Lord St Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr	NO Mass 6th Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 6:00pm Vigil Mass	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Mass 6:00pm New Year Vigil Mass
 Children's Liturgy Children's Liturgy is having a break during the school holidays.				Prayer for Peace Loving God We earnestly pray for peace and stability in Myanmar amidst the ongoing internal conflict. Our hearts grieve for the children and families enduring displacement, fighting with hunger and poverty. Hear the prayer of these children and families and respond with the support they desperately need. May your love and warmth reach those who are most in need. In your mercy, grant peace and perseverance to the internally displaced children and families, providing them with the necessary resources for survival. We pray for the restoration of community and an end to conflict, allowing children and families to feel secure once again. Grant families the strength and perseverance they need as they travel through these challenging times. May your guiding light lead them towards hope and a brighter future. Amen.		
 Men's Group Meeting "Getting to the Point" Men's Group meet 2 nd 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						
						
Rick Sheehan, Principal . Phone: 3208 0922						
 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 <i>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.</i> <i>We will be back in 2024 for Mass and morning tea on Tuesday the 13th February 2024.</i> <i>I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas.</i>  Noelene Magee						
 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 and a Happy New Year Home Communion recommence on 05.02.2024		

Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 30th December 2023—01st January 2024

	Saturday @ 6:00pm	Sunday @ 8:30am	Sunday @ 6:00pm	Monday 01.01.2024 @ 9:00am New Years' Day
Mass Coordinator	Volunteer	Brian Ridder/Steve Richardson	Cheryl McCaffery	Rose George
Welcome Team (at entrance)	Rose George	Ed Havelock	Pat McCaffery	Volunteer
Parish Choirs	One Himig	Weerasinghe Family Choir	Volunteer	No Choir (inserted music)
Overhead Projectionist	Rose George	Tim Trainor	Cheryl McCaffery	Volunteer
Communion Minister (Bread & Wine)	Ian Seneviratne Volunteer x 3	Sio Afoa, Kathleen Layton, Samantha French, Laura Ferrall & Volunteer x 3	Pat Ferrer, Ana Fidow, Miriam Silva & Volunteer x 4	Ed Havelock, Ana Fidow, Laura Ferrall, Miriam Silva & Volunteers x 3
Proclaimers of the Word: 1	Anita Peres	Maree Gregory	Volunteer	Kathleen Layton
Proclaimers of the Word: 2	Loretta George	Maria Richardson-Beck	Miriam Silva	Terry Layton
Prayers of the Faithful	Volunteer	Ed Havelock	Volunteer	Volunteer
Hospitality	PPC	PPC	PPC	



Postage Stamps from your mail

Your stamps go towards funding for the Girl Guides Association to help children who live in the out-back. You will find a collection box in our Parish Office or pass them onto Fr Joseph.

Thank you for your continued support.



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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child care services

Outside School Hours Care

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W: www.centacarebrisbane.net.au

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THANKSGIVING DONATIONS**

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

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

16th—17th December 2023

Envelopes:	\$ 430.10
Loose:	\$ 1,041.00
Direct Deposit:	\$ 375.00
Eftpos:	\$ 150.00
Giving App:	\$ 48.85
Grand Total:	\$ 2,044.95



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
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