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Welcome to St Edward the Confessor Parish

Established 1978

23rd—24th March 2019 3rd Sunday of Lent THERE IS NO TIME TO WASTE

Catastrophes or accidents which take people's lives constantly force people to ask, Why? or Why them? Why did Princess Diana die so tragically at the age of 36? Why was Gandhi killed just when his country needed him most? Why did that young mother die giving birth to her child? Why did that young father die of cancer and leave behind a family struggling to survive? Why did my father die at the age of 66 while my mother lived to be 92?

In the Gospel today, Jesus mentions two apparently recent incidents in which lives were lost. In one case, Pilate the Roman governor had some Galileans killed in the Temple precincts. Perhaps the Galileans had violated some Roman regulation about public order. In the other, eighteen people were killed when a tower in Siloam, inside the south-east section of Jerusalem's wall, fell on top of them. There is no other record in history of either of these two events. However, the first is regarded as typical of Pilate's administration.

The slaughter of the Galileans by Pilate is unknown outside Luke; but from what is known about Pilate from the Jewish historian Josephus, such a slaughter would be in keeping with the character of Pilate. Josephus reports that Pilate had disrupted a religious gathering of the Samaritans on Mt.

Gerizim with a slaughter of the participants and that on another occasion Pilate had killed many Jews who had opposed him, when he appropriated money from the temple treasury to build an aqueduct in Jerusalem.

It seems that some people at the time were saying that this was a punishment of God on these people for moral wrongs they had done. Jesus disagrees. "Do you think they were more guilty than anyone else who lived in Jerusalem?" Jesus asks. "Certainly not!" he asserts. In fact, he says, his hearers will all meet a similar fate unless they change their ways. The sins of the victims were not the cause of their death but they are certainly warnings to the rest of us to see if we are ready for such an eventuality.

And Jesus goes on to illustrate his meaning with a parable. A man had a fig tree in his garden which did not produce fruit. Eventually he told the gardener to cut the tree down because it had not given fruit for three years in a row and it was only taking up space. However, the gardener urged that the tree be left for one more year and be given one more chance. In the meantime, he would hoe the ground and add fertiliser. If, after those efforts, there was still no fruit, let it be cut down. The story can be linked to what Jesus has just said. In a sense the people he has been talking to are like fig trees that have not borne fruit.

The three years mentioned in the story may refer to the length of Jesus' own ministry. However, they still have a chance to turn their lives around, a chance

which was not given to those who had died in those two incidents. We, too, are being given a chance – For a day? A month? Several years? We have no idea. What is clear is that there is no time to waste; we have to start today. For God, the past is not what counts or the future but only the present. As long as I am with him NOW I have nothing to worry about.





WE REMEMBER

In our prayers all who have died recently,

John Forrest Ferry Cora Sabbe Deirdre Roberts

and those whose anniversaries are in this month:

Frances Hampe Fr Bernie Kane

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

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. **Thank you**

PLEASE PRAY

For all our Sick parishioners and family members:

King Liam Dominic Lorbes Caroline Cruz

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.

Thank you



<u>BAPTISM</u>

We welcome into our Christian community:

Elora Gianna Ramos

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

Thank you



VISITATION/COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

25.03.2019, 08.04.2019 & 15.04.2019

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

Men's Group Meeting "Getting to the Point"

Men's Group meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Next meeting 26 March 2019 @ 7.00pm Venue: Room at the back of the Church. For information contact: Ron Ferrall 3290 3110 referrall@optusnet.com.au The 27 solar panels are now installed onto the roof of our parish hall. I am grateful and thankful to John Guiton and Cheryl McCaffery for spending extra hours last Wednesday to supervise the installation. Let's then wait and see in the next few months in how far our power bill is reduced.

PARISH UPDATE

Few days ago, we received an email from Bishop Brian Finnigan who presided over the liturgy of the Sacrament of Confirmation for 54 candidates on 14 March. He said in his email: *"I want to express my thanks for the wonderful hospitality, the gift of wine and the*



generous donation, which I received on Friday night. It was a very pleasant ceremony. The children were well prepared."

By the way, effectively immediately, our parish office will spearhead the sacramental program. This means, Cheryl and myself will put our hands on the job with the help of our dedicated sacramental team members Rita Blacker, Corrie Wall, Sandra Gauder, Gerald Shegog (school APRE) and we gladly welcome Dilu McCaffery as our new team member.

In the liturgical year, the most busy time for priests is not Christmas but Holy Week owing to its meticulous preparation but solemn liturgical celebrations from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. Our parish is always ahead of its planning for these liturgical events. Hence, everything is in control. In the meantime, please note of the following timetable:

April 15, Holy Monday

6:30PM: Conference on God's Mercy and Forgiveness 7:00PM Individual Confessions (There will be 6 priests to hear Confessions)

April 18, Holy Thursday

6:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00PM Eucharistic Adoration until 11:00PM

April 19, Good Friday (Fasting & Abstinence)

1:45PM Stations of the Cross on the School Ground 3:00PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Death

April 20, Holy Saturday

6:00PM Easter Vigil

April 21, Easter Sunday

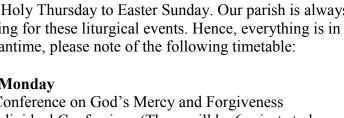
The same as the usual Sunday Mass times

Fr. Marce

Thought of the week

"My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person: He believed in me."

~ Jim Valvano





	Saturday @ 6:00pm	Sunday @ 8:30am	Sunday @ 6:00pm
Holy Mass Coordinators	Paul and Amorita Wessling	g Ana Fidow	Gavin Clancy
Parish Choirs	One Himig	Friends Choir	Voices of Praise
Overhead Projectionist	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Proclaimers of the Word: 1	Candice Wessling	Ugala Isbon	Raphael Luna
Proclaimers of the Word: 2	Phoebe Wessling	Natalia Isbon	Jurolbe Pereira
Prayers of the Faithful	Lucas Wessling	Grace Bampton	Aaron Browell
Communion Ministers	David McLean	Laura Ferrall	Eldrin Dee
	Trevor Carsas	Lewes Peddell	Aaron Nicolson
	Sally Carsas	Theresa Vaise	Leah Cortez
	Scott Perret	Denise Love	Claire Nicolson
	Jan McMahon	Charity Oporto	Anna O'Brien
		Brian Ridder	Mark Macilla
		Randa Abi-Fares	Odon Ramos
Altar Servers	Deandra Ganggangan	Simeon Bampton	Caleb O'Brien
	Deona Ganggangan	Virginia Isbon	Ava O'Brien
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