



# Welcome to **St Edward the Confessor Parish**

Established 1978



**30th—31st March 2019**  
**4th Sunday of Lent**

## **WHERE ARE YOU?**

### **CHURCH**

104 Chatswood Road,  
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Parish Priest  
Fr. Marce Singson

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Columbarium Manager  
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Today's Gospel story is known to us: The Prodigal Son. I wonder if the younger son was surprised when his father gave him his inheritance. This is not like asking for an advance on allowance. The son's request has real significance. The son is saying to his father, "You are dead to me. I don't need you. I just want your stuff." The son has separated himself from his father. Their relationship is now different.

The son has rejected and dishonoured not only his father but the entire village. He has hurt, shamed, and disowned them. Every resident of the village now stands as a reason the son cannot return. If he did return he would be met with anger. He would be in danger. Everyone – the son, his brother, the slaves and hired-hands, and all the villagers – thought the son was on a one-way trip. Everyone, that is, except the father.

Throughout all this the father is silent. He does not ask questions and why the son is leaving or where he is going. He does not argue or get angry. He does not ground his son or put him on restriction. He simply divided his property between the two sons.

The father's love is so strong and so big that it does not possess the other; but is willing to let go. His love is so strong and so big that it makes no demands but is willing to wait patiently. It is a love that forgives and welcomes home. His love will not rescue us out of or stop us from going to the distant country. Instead it redeems the time spent and the life lived in that place. That is good news for those of us who travel to the distant country; and we all go there at some point.

However we get there, the distant country is that place in which we are lost, dead, and hungry. In the distant country we are lost to ourselves, empty of meaning, and starving for life, love, and hope. Regardless of why we go there, the things we have done there, or the amount of time spent in the distant country we can always go home. If we go home we will have to face the villagers. We will meet all those many voices that live within us. "You don't really think you could go home do you? After what you have done? They don't want you there. You are covered in pig stink. They won't take you back. You aren't worthy. You never were." The only way home, it seems, is to deny that we are our father's children.

Where are you? Leaving home? The father offers freedom and you are loved. In the pig pens of life? The father waits patiently and you are loved. Coming home? The father will protect you and you are loved. Finally home? The father has prepared you a banquet and you are loved. It matters not where we are in this journey. The father always trusts his love for his children more than he does the words, decisions, and actions of his children. How can we do anything less?





## **WE REMEMBER**

**In our prayers all who have died recently,**

John Forrest Ferry  
Cora Sabbe  
Deirdre Roberts  
Kim Rohweder  
Paul Bedgbie  
Richard Soliano

**and those whose anniversaries are in this month:**

Fr Bernie Kane  
Peter Copson  
George Pearce

***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. **You can enter in advance as I will be on leave 08—25 April 2019.** Thank you*



## **PLEASE PRAY**

For all our Sick parishioners and family members:  
Caroline Cruz  
Wardle Family

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## **BAPTISM**

***We welcome into our Christian community:***

Frank Agron Ndoci

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

***Thank you***



## **VISITATION/COMMUNION FOR THE SICK**

08.04.2019, 15.04.2019 & 22.04.2019

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 09th April 2019 @ 7.00pm  
Venue: Room at the back of the Church.

For information contact:  
Ron Ferrall 3290 3110  
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## **PARISH UPDATE**

It is interesting to note that there are always a few new faces coming to our parish for Sunday Masses. They are new arrivals to our worshipping community. Last Sunday at 6pm Mass was an example: I prepared 250 hosts for consecration for communion. But as the Mass unfolded, I was panicky because all the benches at Mary's grotto and even beside our toilets were fully occupied, so we ended up adding another 100 hosts. We give thanks to God for these new arrivals who love to come to our parish to worship with us. What makes me sad is that I have no time to meet and greet them after the Mass because I have to attend to parishioners who need my attention for their concerns.

The Archbishop is making an assessment on how the new Sacramental Program is run in every parish, three years after the program's implementation. And so last Tuesday, we welcomed Carole Danby from the Archdiocese of Brisbane who came to our parish office for the review. Cheryl and myself attended Carole's queries: and we passed!

Cheryl will take her annual leave soon. Hence, I will be running the parish office from April 8 to April 25 because it is important that someone is in the office most especially because of phone calls from people needing urgent assistance. This is part of our hospitality and service as a parish.

By the way, the roofing of our hospitality area is finally complete. Hence, the area of our Sunday fellowship after Mass can now be extended and parishioners can enjoy the place free from sunshine and rain.

Michael Burgess is one of our supportive parishioners and he is good with fund-raising. He has come to me with the idea of collecting all our empty cans and bottles and sell at 10cents each. This is a wonderful indeed, and perhaps we can use the money to supply flowers for the altar of our church. I therefore encourage everyone to bring their recyclable empty cans and bottles to the church and place them in the wheelie bin beside St Declan's entrance. I thank Michael for his innovation and creativity.

Looking ahead, scared images and including the crucifix will be covered with purple cloths. This has been the practice of the Catholic Church since the year 800s. What's the reason behind this practice? While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. We use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday) and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Our three Palm Sunday Masses (April 14 and 15) will commence 10 minutes ahead of schedule owing to the solemn opening of the Holy Week through the Blessing of Palms at the main door of the Church. By the way, the adoration of the Blessed Eucharist on Holy Thursday night until 11:00PM will be held at St. Declan. This means, there will be a solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the altar of the Church (right after the Mass of the Lord's Supper) to St. Declan's Chapel.

***Fr. Marce***



# MASS TIMES 31st March—06th April

Sunday, 31 March	Monday, 01 April	Tuesday, 02 April	Wednesday, 03 April	Thursday, 04 April	Friday, 05 April	Saturday 06 April
8.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass  <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	7:00am Rosary 7:30am Mass	7:30am Mass  9:00am Mass Yurana Nursing Home— All Welcome	7:00pm Mass Adoration	7:30am Mass   <i>St Isidore</i>	7:00am Rosary 7:30am Mass Followed by <b>Stations of the Cross</b>  <b>St Vincent Ferrer</b>	7:30am Mass  5:30pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Mass



**St Edward's**  
Catholic Primary School, Daisy Hill

Last Friday Year 1 White presented a very thoughtful and engaging Assembly on Harmony. Their presentation challenged the school to reflect on how we practise harmony in our daily interactions, how we welcome, include, show compassion, celebrate diversity and difference. Thank you to all who supported the day with the wearing of Orange.

**Rick Sheehan**  
Principal  
3208 0922



**Parish Hospitality Teams**  
Join us and the Parish Community for a cuppa and refreshments in the covered area at the side of the Church.

**07.04.2019 @ 8:30am Mass**  
*Cecilio Sebial's Team—Lenten Season*

**14.04.2019 @ 8:30am Mass**  
*Emma Talatonu's Team—Lenten Season*

**21.04.2019 @ 8:30am Mass**  
*Easter Sunday—Parish Pastoral Council*

*Birthday & Anniversary Blessing will be 27th—28th April.*



**Senior Group Update Mass**  
**09 April @ 9:00am.**



At this Mass Father also will have an Anointing Of The Sick. Join us for morning tea afterwards in the hospitality area.

**Seniors Lunch:**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Lunch for this month we are going to the newly renovated Club Waterford, Kingston Rd, Waterford.

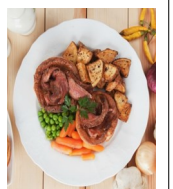
Lunch is at 12 noon. Meet at the church at 11:30am.

Numbers to me by **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.**

Noelene Magee

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## Position Vacant – Parish Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at the Loganholme Catholic Parish (St Matthews).

A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time

position of Parish Coordinator for 21 hours per week with the times and days to be negotiated with selected candidate.

**Closing date Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website

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## Position Vacant – Sacristan

Applications are open for a position at the Cathedral of St Stephen. A person with Cathedral or Parish experience in liturgical ministry is required for a full time position of Sacristan for 37.5 hours a week working on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Closing date 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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## Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 06th—07th April 2019

	Saturday @ 6:00pm	Sunday @ 8:30am	Sunday @ 6:00pm
<b>Holy Mass Coordinators</b>	Amorita & Paul Wessling	Brian Ridder	Jeanne Medina
<b>Parish Choirs</b>	Spiritus	St. Cecilia	D'Redz Choir
<b>Overhead Projectionist</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Proclaimers of the Word: 1</b>	Julian Chandrasekara	Xyle Sebial	Jericho Quinones
<b>Proclaimers of the Word: 2</b>	Jonathan Wessling	Chalani Welgama	Elana Alitin
<b>Prayers of the Faithful</b>	Ethan Ganggangan	Joseph Nkandira	Charmi Cortez
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Mary Pereira	Steve Richardson	Pat Ferrer
	Kevin Gauder	John Guiton	Nix Arezza
	Edmund Lai	Greg Gregorio	Sean O'Brien
	Axl Sonido	Reece Healy	Ason Medina
	Eve Douglas	Lewes Peddell	RJ Cortez
		Sio Afoa	Joey Nicolas
		Ed Havelock	Jasmine Medina
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Candice Wessling	<b>Volunteer</b>	Jamie Medina
	Phoebe Wessling	Virginia Mirago	Christina Vega
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Katrina Abi-Fares & Clare Reabow	



**Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults**  
**John Guiton 0499 105 146**  
**St Edward's Parish Representative**  
**Cheryl McCaffery—Assistant**  
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**Safeguarding Training: Please register**  
Please note, this training only applies to personnel (clergy, employees & volunteers) who:

- provide services mainly for children/vulnerable adults; or
- engage in activities mainly with children/vulnerable adults.

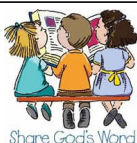
**Time, Date & Location: 6:30pm-8pm, April 11<sup>th</sup>,**  
Rosedale Parish Centre –  
955 Rosedale Rd, Rosedale South QLD 4123  
Phone: 07 3341 4421



**Children's Liturgy**

Held on

07th & 28th April 2019.



Family Day Care News

School age children, joining their siblings before and after school, in a small family group setting, for fun times at 'We Belong Family Day Care!'.



**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 Fr. Marce 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](http://www.bne.catholic.net.au) or [www.stewardsdaisyhill.org.au](http://www.stewardsdaisyhill.org.au)  
We are also compelled to adhere to the **Policy of the Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults**  
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>