

# Parish of St Edward the Confessor

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*.

# **CHURCH**

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# 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday (Year C)

6th - 7th February 2016

## **STICKING TO IT**

by Fr. Marce Singson

Obstacles Can't Stop You Problems Can't Stop You Most of All Other People Can't Stop You



Our 3 readings in the Mass today mention of a calling. In the first reading, Isaiah described his call from God. The second reading, St. Paul spoke of his own calling to be an apostle by the grace of God. And in the gospel, we saw Peter's call to be a "fisher of men." All these 3 men left one form of life for another that God had chosen for them. The new life

was more demanding, and required both sacrifice and perseverance. And of the 3 stuck to the new life chosen by God.

Strangely enough these days, some priests are going in the opposite direction. They left the priesthood to which they were called. They are not persevering. They are not sticking to their call. But this lack of perseverance is not only confined to priesthood or religious life. Leaving one's call from God is a syndrome of our society today. Divorce is becoming more frequent, and laws are being changed to make divorce even easier. It used to be that people pretty much settled down in one community for almost all of their lives, but moving from place to place has become almost a characteristic in our society today. University students in greater numbers than ever before are changing their courses or majors. People are easily dissatisfied of their jobs, and are constantly looking for something else. Perhaps with all the bombardment of our senses through the entertainment and social media, and the many experiences that are open to people today, we have become jaded. Perhaps with the great amount of leisure that modern gadgets afford us, we have become bored. Jaded and bored, we easily become dissatisfied.

But I believe that the attitude of mind we have makes a big difference. We are bound to have failures and discouragement. We always get a little bored doing the same things over and over again, especially the older we get. Yet one of the greatest graces God gives us is the grace of a new beginning every day. No matter how many mistakes we make, no matter how we may botch up our life, we can always begin again. Here is an outlook on life that may help: each day is like a whole new lifetime.

 $\mathfrak{W}$ hen you wake up in the morning, you are bleary-eyed and a little groggy. As we say, you are not operating on all cylinders. You are somewhat like a new baby just being born. With the first cup of coffee, you begin to wake up and gradually come to full vigour, like a person in his youth. Then the work of the day begins. As the day wears on, you begin to wear out. You start to get tired and weary, like the person in old age. Finally the day is over and it is time for welcome rest and sleep. Sleep is a biblical symbol of death, as it is in many poetry. And so when you go to sleep, it is like dying like ending your life. But you wake the next morning, and a whole new life lies before you. You can forget the past with all its frustrations and boredom, and start to make the most of the new life that God has given you.

| For privacy reasons names of sick or recently  | MASS TIMES  | READINGS  |  |
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| deceased in these column can only accepted if<br>requested by the sick or their family members<br>WE REMEMBER<br>In our prayers all who<br>have died recently,<br>and those whose anniversaries are in   | Sunday, 7th February 2016<br>" Mass: 8.30 am<br>" Mass: 6 pm  | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel Reading | Isaiah 6: 1-8<br>Psalm 137: 1-5, 7-8<br>In the sight of the angles I will<br>sing your praises, Lord<br>1 Corinthians 15: 1-11<br>Luke 5: 1-11 |
| this month.  | Monday, 8th February 2016<br>" Rosary 7.00 am<br>" Mass: 7.30 am  | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>Gospel Reading                | 1 Kings 8: 1-7, 9-13<br>Psalm 131: 6-10<br>Mark 6: 53-56   |
| For all our sick parishioners<br>and family members:<br>Linda Zimka, Annie Robinson,<br>Jason Blackwood, Wilfred<br>Sibayan, Domingo Sibayan,<br>Alfredo Cortez, Eugenio Sagun, Luzviminda<br>Basilio, Igor Hatlow, Susan Thomas, Elaine<br>Rodrigues, Mila Samson, Armando Samson,<br>Courter Kotter, Negalaria | Tuesday, 9th February 2016<br>Seniors Group Mass 9.00 am<br>" Mass: 7.00 pm<br>" Adoration                                      | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>Gospel Reading                | 1 Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30<br>Psalm: 83: 3-5, 10-11<br>Mark 7: 1-13   |
|  | Wednesday, 10th February 2016<br>Ash WEDNESDAY<br>"Mass: 6.45 pm  | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel Reading | Joel 2: 12-18<br>Psalm 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17<br>2 Corinthians 5: 20-6: 2<br>Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18   |
| Gautam Katre, Nancy Soriano, Salvador<br>Reymar Soriano, Barbara Howard, Scott<br>Bearon, Elaine Liddon, Margie Ausling,<br>Carolyn Winter, Edna Buagas, Vincent   | Thursday, 11th February 2016<br>" Mass: 7.30 am   | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>Gospel Reading                | Deuteronomy 30: 15-20<br>Psalm 1: 1-4, 6<br>Luke 9: 22-25  |
| Sarahena, Benedicta Alvarez, Michael<br>Abraham, Jeff Jones, Carmel Andrews,<br>Donald Ross, Victor Yerre, Zacarias Beltram,<br>Benedicta Alvarez, Zacarias Manuel,  | Friday, 12th February 2016<br>"Rosary 7.00 am<br>"Mass: 7.30 am<br>Followed by Stations of the Cross<br>CROSS.                  | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>Gospel Reading                | Isaiah 58: 1-9<br>Psalm 50: 3-6, 18-19<br>Matthew 9: 14-15   |
| Christopher Hamilton, Tom McCormack,<br>Kevin Healy, Michael Abraham, Ekuoti Tupi,<br>Cecilia Tia, Ava Gomes, Joy Moy, Maria<br>Tautua, Franco Milaudi, Kate Muller, Maria   | Saturday, 13th February 2016<br><sup>••</sup> Mass 7.30 am.<br><sup>••</sup> Reconciliation 5.30 pm<br><sup>••</sup> Mass: 6 pm | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>Gospel Reading                | Isaiah 58: 9-14<br>Psalm 85: 1-6<br>Luke 5: 27-32  |
| de Jesus, Rachael Osypiv, Romeo Lopez,<br>Benjoe Estubo, Shirley Roberts, Pat Mey,<br>Elizabeth Toh, Bruce Walker, Eliza Yunzal,<br>Virgilio Lopez, Fernando Lopez, Brendon<br>Vine, Rita Torio, Rani Kreknbech, Henie<br>Sagun Eugene Sagun Joseph Hatch William  | Sunday, 14th February 2016<br><sup>•</sup> Mass: 8.30 am<br><sup>•</sup> Mass: 6 pm   | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel Reading | Deuteronomy 26: 4-10<br>Psalm 90: 1-2, 10-15<br>Romans 10: 8-13<br>Luke 4: 1-13  |

#### **PARISH UPDATE**

New Parishioners: We heartily welcome our new community members: Bernadette Webb (Tanah Merah), Maria Benedito (Tanah Merah), Gerhard Kempe (Shailer Park) and Mary Ann Kerr (Shailer Park). We therefore have a total of 10 new parishioners for the month of January. These new parishioners are soul-searchers, like us. A smile is a powerful gesture of welcoming and acceptance! It would be nice therefore if our parishioners could give a smile whenever you encounter new faces in our parish.

Safeguarding the Children and Vulnerable: Last Monday, Feb 1, our parish had an internal audit regarding the implementations of the government as well as Archdiocese of Brisbane's policy on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable. Michelle Vuleta of the Archdiocese conducted the audit. Attending the audit were our 2 parish representatives John Wood, Cheryl McCaffery; with Leenore and myself. Michelle was happy of the result of the audit and she congratulated our parish for the job well done.

Children's Sunday Liturgy: Our Children's Sunday Liturgy will kick off this weekend and I thank the coordinator Denise Clancy and her team: Clare Reabow, Anita Peres, Sharon Biasillo, Iona D'Mello and Kristine McGuigan for their enthusiasm in helping and guiding our children to grow in their faith and understanding of God.

Pastoral Council: Our first Pastoral Council meeting was held last Thursday Feb 4. We expressed our vote of thanks and gratitude to our outgoing PPC members who finished their term of office: Rita Blacker, Shane McCaffery, Muriel Mairhofer. We also heartily welcome our new members: Benita Robbie, Rachel Porio and Rose George. A total of 9 PPC members. Their names will be published in our newsletter next weekend. The new set of PPC members will be officially commissioned on Sunday Feb 14 during the 8:30am mass.

Ash Wednesday: Lenten season comes early this year. Ash Wednesday is a very important day as it reminds us that we came from ashes and to ashes we return. To accommodate those who are working, our Ash Wednesday Mass is held in the evening at 6:45pm. There is no Holy Mass in the morning of that day.

Stations of the Cross: Our parish will have Stations of the Cross every Friday of the Lenten season, commencing Feb 12, after the 7:30am Mass.

Holy Week Reflection and Confessions: I have organised our Parish Holy Week Reflection on Holy Monday March 21 at 6:30pm. Fr. Ray Sanchez, CP, will deliver a 45-minute reflection on the Significance of the Passion and Death Jesus in our Life. Then Fr. Ray will lead us to the Examination of Conscience in preparation for the individual Confessions which will commence at 7:30pm. There will be 6 Priests to hear Confessions: Fr. Michael of New Farm, Fr. John of Loganholme, Fr. Ray of Oxley, Fr. Sunil of Marsden, Fr. Quentin of Greenslopes and myself. All priests mentioned have already confirmed of their coming on March 21. As you all know, Lenten season, especially Holy Week is a very important time of the year for us as Christians for it is a special time for our spiritual renewal. I therefore urge all parishioners to please note March 21 in your diary. You may bring your friends. Fr Marce



Alfredo Basilio. Rodrigu Gautam Reyman Bearon Carolyn Sarahen Abraha Donald Benedic Christo Kevin I Cecilia Tautua, de Jesi Benjoe Elizabe Virgilic Vine 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, Nichoson, Alice & Thelma Keiran Blackmore, Michael Reves, Joe Kindermann, Ken Robson, Paulo Roble, Jay Dotta, Elario De Jesu, Cath Futcher Cynthia Abanil, Adelaide Mackenzie, Corazon Darby, Allan Kingston, Mary McNeil, Val Temple, Tyrone Lamb, Evelyn Legge, Ann Carroll, Peter Chow, Harry Phillips, Margaret Phillips, Maria Fernandez, Glenda Fowler, Gary Trevena, Eileen Lamarque, Don Newcombe.

#### BAPTISM

#### We welcome into our Christian community:

Those baptised during this week. Please pray for these Family as we welcome them into our Faith Community.



Tahana Peci Jaime Vizcarra

Baptism 7 days a week. Please phone the Parish Office for information regarding Baptism.

#### COMMUNION OF THE SICK



Next date for Communion to the Sick is 7th March. Please phone the office if you would like to be added to our Communion list.

#### CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH Basic questions answered according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Let's get to know our faith.

**Question:** What role does the Holy Spirit play in the life of Jesus? // Under what signs and names does the Holy Spirit appear? What role does the Holy Spirit play in the life of Jesus?

Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot understand Jesus. In his life the presence of God's Spirit, whom we call the Holy Spirit, was manifest in a unique way.

It was the Holy Spirit who called Jesus to life in the womb of the Virgin Mary (Mt 1:18), endorsed him as God's beloved Son (Lk 4:16-19), guided him (Mk 1:12) and enlivened him to the end (Jn 19:30). On the Cross, Jesus breathed out his Spirit. After his Resurrection, he bestowed the Holy Spirit on his disciples (Jn 20:22). At that the Spirit of Jesus went over to his Church: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you" (Jn 20:21).

#### Under what names and signs does the Holy Spirit appear?

The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove. The first Christians experience the Holy Spirit as a healing ointment, living water, a raging storm, or a flaming fire. Jesus Christ himself speaks about the Counselor, Comforter, Teacher, and Spirit of Truth. In the sacraments of the Church, the Holy Spirit is bestowed through the imposition of hands and anointing with oil.

The peace that God established in his covenant with mankind after the flood was indicated to Noah through the appearance of a dove. Pagan antiquity, too, considered the dove to be a symbol of love. And so the early Christians understood immediately why the Holy Spirit, the love of God in person, came down in the form of a dove when Jesus allowed himself to be



Week Two at school has been an extremely warm one, but it did not stop great learning experienced at St Edward's. On Monday we had another successful and fun Swimming Carnival. The children were in

great spirits, showing great support for their teammates, enjoying free swims, giving races a go, cheering very loudly! Congratulations to our Green Team "Francis" on winning this year's carnival and also to all the age champions and runners up. There were a heap of parent supporters, which is always so appreciated.

Our Opening School Mass was held on Thursday. This celebration was an opportunity to welcome new and returning students, staff and parents. It was also the in

baptized in the Jordan. Today the dove is recognized worldwide as the sign of peace and as one of the great symbols for the reconciliation of man with God (cf. Gen 8:10-11).

#### Question: How has the Holy Spirit Spoken through the prophets? // How could the Holy Spirit work through Mary? What does it mean to say that the Holy Spirit has Spoken through the prophets?

Already in the Old Covenant God filled men and women with the Spirit, so that they lifted up their voices for God, spoke in his name, and prepared the people for the coming of the Messiah.

In the Old Covenant God sought out men and women who were willing to let him use them to console, lead, and admonish his people. It was the Spirit of God who spoke through the mouth of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and other prophets. John the Baptist, the last of these prophets, not only foresaw the coming of the Messiah. He also met him and proclaimed him as the liberator from the power of sin.

*How could the Holy Spirit work with in, with and through Mary?* Mary was totally responsive and open to God (Lk 1:38). Thus she was able to become the "Mother of God" through the working of the Holy Spirit and as Christ's Mother to become also the Mother of Christians, indeed, the Mother of all mankind.

Mary made it possible for the Holy Spirit to work the miracle of all miracles: the Incarnation of God. She gave God her Yes: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, she went with Jesus through thick and thin, even to the foot of the Cross. There Jesus gave her to us all as our Mother (Jn 19:25-27). (YOUCAT questions 116-117)

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returning students, staff and parents. It was also the induction of our Year Six Leaders where they pledged to promote the School Motto of "LOVE, GROWTH and PEACE" taking their place as builders of our school community. We congratulate them and wish them every blessing as they lead us in 2016.

The Life Ed van has taken residency on the basketball courts once again and will remain in place until 12 February. Life Education is the largest, independent, Australian, health and drug education provider for school children aged 5-13 years. Our students enjoy the opportunity to meet the loveable mascot Healthy Harold and are empowered

through this experience to make safer and healthier choices, now and in the future.

Have a wonderful week Bronwyn, Brendan and Danielle



| Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 13th - 14th February, 2016 |                      |                    |                  |  |  |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|--|
|   | Saturday 6.00pm      | Sunday 8.30am      | Sunday 6.00pm    |  |  |
| Holy Mass Coordinators  | John Wood            | Shirley D'Mello    | Joey Nicolas     |  |  |
| Parish Choirs   | Fabio & Nubia        | Couples for Christ | Glenn & Bambi    |  |  |
| Overhead Projectionist  | Volunteer            | Volunteer          | Volunteer        |  |  |
| Proclaimers of the Word: 1  | Belinda Castillo     | Esther Isbon       | Colin Clancy     |  |  |
| Proclaimers of the Word: 2  | Tristram Garbellotto | Evelina Afoa       | Marian Hoad      |  |  |
| Communion Ministers   | Dennes Ganggangan    | Sulianz Paterson   | Jed De Chavez    |  |  |
|   | Joseph Weerasinghe   | Isidore Storey     | lan Seneviratne  |  |  |
|   | Marj Weerasinghe     | Mary Alphonce      | Eldrin Dee       |  |  |
|   |                      | Maricel Tejada     |                  |  |  |
|   |                      | Johann Xavier      |                  |  |  |
| Altar Servers   | Paul Reddy           | K C Sebil          | Christine Ferrer |  |  |
|   | Candice Wessling     | Kim Alexander      | Job Villadolid   |  |  |



#### Sacramental Program Update:

Closing Date for Applications to enrol for the Sacramental Program 2016 is 12th February 2016. Please visit our Parish Website: www.stedwardsdaisyhill.org.au

To access and download electronic application forms and online payment options.

Forms are also available at the back of the Church. We receive Cash or Card Payments at the Parish Office.

General Rehearsal for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be held on the 26th April, 5.30 pm Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on the 28th April, 2016 at 6 pm.

of the Holy Spirit



<u>Little Books for Lent</u> The Little Books are pocket-size publications, based upon the writings of Bishop Ken Untener, previously of the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan, USA. These booklets provide a quotation from Scripture with a brief spiritual reflection

upon that Scripture. Also provided is a daily 'buffet table' with a variety of thoughts about the Liturgical Season, the feast of the day and various traditions and customs. The Little Book reflections are intended to take about Six Minutes a day.

Cost of each book: \$4 only, available at the back of the Church.



Lenten Program 2016 - All are welcome All Parishioners are invited to: "Being Lost ..... Being Found" A program designed by the Archdiocese which awakens and prepares you for the coming Holy Week. Dates : Starting Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Feb and continues for the following 4 Wednesdays <u>Time and Location</u> – 7-8 PM in the church

Tea and coffee will be available before the sessions There will be a cost of \$5 for your personal copy Books now available in the Vinnies Stall

Please record your interest on the form at the rear of the church

#### St Eddies Men's Group

The 2nd Wednesday for February happens to be Ash Wednesday, consequently, there will be NO meeting.

However all men are invited to attend the Lenten Program which commences on the 17th February.

Our scheduled meetings will recommence after Holy Week on 13th April (2nd Wednesday)

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Social Justice is at the heart of the values and works of the society of St Vincent de Paul and it is continually working to keep fairness at the forefront of government policy. At the end of 2015 John Falzon (society's CEO) gave a Social Justice update. These are some of the points he made in his report. He spoke about the Prime Minister's

urging us to embrace change and get ready for the ideas boom. John ask how can we best create the space for innovation instead of stifling it. He and his committee maintain the mining boom was squandered in tax cuts especially for those who had no real need for them. Currently the government is talking about increasing the GST, cutting penalty rates, reducing disability requests, all of which will impact on the poor who are struggling to survive below the poverty line.

In 2016, The Year of Mercy, the goal for all conferences is to be the voice of 2.5 million Australians, including 600,000 children who live a life if systemic poverty, and over 100,000 Australians who have no place to call home. The task of the society is to challenge and lobby the

government for change in direction particularly in the following areas: of social and affordable housing, income adequacy for all people, education equity, a job plan, stronger investment in public health, abandonment of cruelty in the way we treat people seeking asylum. Let us all be MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER.



### Seniors Group Mass

Please join in our Mass to celebrate God's strength

A warm cuppa Morning tea will be served after Mass. Come along and meet fellow Parishioners.

Transport can be arranged if required Enquiries to Noelene 32085304 or 0409261639 At St Edwards Catholic Church All are 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.

The Privacy Act impacts upon us all today and if you wish to peruse the Compliance Requirements and the Privacy Act, please go to the Archdiocesan Website <u>www.bne.catholic.net.au</u> or <u>www.stewardsdaisyhill.org.au</u>