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MASS TIMES

Sunday 7.30am

Wednesday 9.00am

Mass of Healing ~ 1st Wed of month

Reconciliation ~ by appointment

Rosary ~ Tues @ 8am

SECOND SUNDAY OF

LENT

YEAR A

1ST MARCH 2026

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Come to Mass Sundays 7.30am; Wednesdays 9am. Come to Rosary Tuesdays 8am;

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament: Thursday 7-8pm and Sundays 6:30-7am; Cliffers' Choir practise - Fridays 4-5pm.

GATHERING

BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

D EVANS

V1: Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Come bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

V2: Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around. He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light. Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

V3: Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place He comes to cleanse and heal to minister His grace. No work too hard for Him; in faith receive from Him. Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS THE SERVANT SONG

R GILLARD

V1: Will you let me be your servant?

Let me be as Christ to you

Pray that I may have the grace

To let you be my servant too

V2: We are pilgrims on the journey

We are travellers on the road

We are here to help each other

Walk the mile and bear the load

V3: I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear.

I will hold my hand out to you,

Speak the peace you long to hear.

COMMUNION THERE IS A LONGING

A QUIGLEY

Refrain: *There is a longing in our hearts,
O Lord for You to reveal Yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts
for love we only find in You, our God.*

V1: For wisdom, for courage, for comfort, hear our prayer. In weakness, in fear, be near, hear our prayer, O God.

Refrain

V3: For healing, for wholeness, for new life, hear our prayer.

In sickness, in death, be near, hear our prayer, O God.

Refrain

THANKSGIVING ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S 'THE PRAISES OF GOD'

On the mountain, the disciples glimpsed the glory of Christ and his divine identity. For St Francis, *The Praises of God* is borne of profound gratitude and love for God, our Creator and Redeemer. Let us pray Francis' prayer slowly together:

You are holy, Lord, the only God, and Your deeds are wonderful.

You are strong, great, almighty and the Most High.

Holy Father, You are King of heaven and earth.

You are Three and One.

You are Good, all Good, supreme Good, living and true.

You are love, wisdom, humility and endurance.

You are rest, peace, joy and gladness.

You are justice and moderation.

You are all our riches, and yet You suffice for us.

You are beauty and gentleness,

You are our protector, guardian and defender, our courage, our haven and our hope.

You are our faith and our great consolation.

You are our eternal life, Great and Wonderful Lord,

God Almighty, Merciful Saviour. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

TAKE THE WORD OF GOD

C WALKER, J HARRISON

V1: Take the word of God with you as you go.

Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow.

Refrain *Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.*

Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.

V2: Take the peace of God with you as you go.

Take the seeds of God's peace and make them grow.

Refrain

V3: Take the joy of God with you as you go.

Take the seeds of God's joy and make them grow.

Refrain.

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Joint Newsletter

We will be launching the inaugural combined Regina Caeli Parish and Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish newsletter for the fourth Sunday of Lent. We hope you enjoy catching up on what's happening at both Regina Caeli and Our Lady of Mt Carmel. *Fr Martinho Da Costa – Parish Priest and Administrator*

THE TRANSFIGURATION was a God-given gift for Peter, James and John revealing Jesus' divine identity and calling them to listen to him. We can wonder at how they sustained this gift of hope, even imperfectly, in their minds and hearts as they suffered later during the suffering and death of Jesus. Let's keep our perspective and hope as people baptised in Christ Risen. In the midst of confusion or suffering for us, let's nourish our personal and communal prayer lives and reflect on uplifting moments thanks to people around us which sustain us in God's gift of hope. These include:

- The uplifting, practical work of women and men at Care Kits for Kids supporting families in crisis
- The volunteers cooking free nutritious meals at FareShare Morningside to support people in crisis
- The thoughts, words and actions of parents caring for their children, including all with disabilities
- The welcome, connection, learning, celebration and fun for people at Regina Caeli's Friday Social
- The warmth and grace of the Ormiston Carmelite Nuns' welcome and support for all our concerns
- The welcome and support of Brisbane City Mission for homeless people in South Brisbane
- Hospital staff's professional and personal care for patients and their families needing critical care.

THANK YOU GOD.

INVITATION to Lenten Formation Gathering

inspired by Pope Leo's Lenten message:

*Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion**

Everyone at Regina Caeli and Our Lady of Mt Carmel is invited.

Date: Sunday 8 March

Time: 8:30-10:00am (after 7:30am Mass at Regina Caeli)

Venue: Regina Caeli

RSVP: <https://forms.office.com/r/fd9FG4n09d>

The gathering will take the form of a facilitated Conversation in the Spirit. It is an opportunity to listen and reflect on the changing nature of our church and local parish communities.

Please register your attendance at the link above by **midday Thursday 5 March**

* <https://www.google.com/search?q=pope+Leo+Lenten+message>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The Liturgy Committee wants to begin Children's Liturgy on 28th February. If this would help you and your children, please email Charmaine cm8tthews@gmail.com

AT ADORATION, there is a place for everyone in the stillness before the Sacramental presence of Christ Risen.

Come seek peace, renewal and wisdom for support, healing and hope... from the inside.

Take time with others Thursday evenings 7-8 pm and/or before Mass on Sundays 6.30 – 7 am

COME ENJOY FRIDAY SOCIAL, 6th March, 9.30 – 11.30 IN OUR HALL.

Gentle exercise with Aggie, celebrate St Patrick's Day, singalong, creative Writing with Mogens!!

Thank you to all who contributed to World Day of Prayer on Friday. Look forward to the next time we'll share with our fellow Christians in our district and enjoy people from Nigeria in our community.

PLEASE TAKE HOME THE BOOKLET 'A MEDITATIVE WAY OF THE CROSS', prepared for us, our housebound or sick parishioners and all on our email list for our prayer at home during Lent.

For our sick: Deb Houghton, Barry Warden, Trish McConnell, Emilia Calvisi, Peter Owen, Francis Xavier, Leo Schneider, Joan Lawson and also for people whom we know personally who are sick.

For all who have died including: Brian Poole, Maureen Hopgood, Ennio & Antoinetta Morlacci and family, Nandino & Ernestina Franchi, Ray Garrigan, Anne Maree Garrigan, Fred Loveday, Jack Egan, Daisy Ferlin, Ann Warden, Sabatino Morlacci, Ernestina Morlacci and for all victims of suffering in our world.

2026: THE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

How do we approach material possessions?

Although Francis was raised in wealth and comfort, he embraced a difficult way of life to which most are not called. Francis renounced his father's desire that he follow his father's materialistic lifestyle. In Rome, the beggars he encountered around St Peter's deepened his compassion and commitment to his own radical detachment from worldly goods, personified as 'Lady Poverty'. **He wanted to imitate the poor crucified Christ and to live with radical trust in God.** Though we may not be called to live such radical poverty, how do we approach material possessions in our consumerist society?

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2026 IS ON SUNDAY, 1 MARCH 2026.

Pope Francis in his Laudato Si encyclical encouraged all of us to care for our common home every day. When out walking, could most of us pick up three pieces of litter every day? Would it be a habit we could keep - less plastic flowing to Moreton Bay, mental and social benefits for us personally and our environment's beauty to be enhanced. Carry a reusable bag and gloves for health purposes if needed.

On Sunday 1st March, join others between 8 am and 9.30 am, at Whites Hill Reserve. Begin opposite the Coffee Shop to clean up along the edges of the sporting fields. Regular walkers will clean the bushland. Meet Gary King, the Site Supervisor. Google www.cleanup.org.au/

Our volunteer gardeners have done a magnificent job. It is now our turn to work with them:

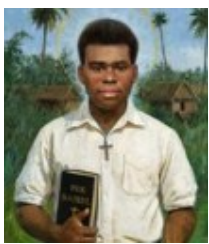
Please come to our Working Bee, Saturday 14th March 7 am – 9 am. Thank you for bringing any of these tools and/or a trailer or truck. Your most important gift will be yourself. Enjoy the Bee!!!

DUMP
VOUCHERS



Sun. 29 th Feb.	Children's Liturgy	3rd April	Good Friday
Sat. 14 th March 7-9am	A GROUNDS WORKING BEE!!!	10 am	Stations 3 pm Commemoration
Tue. 17 th March	St Patrick	3 rd April	Iona Passion Play 7 pm Iona Perf. Arts Theatre
Thur. 19 th	Feast of St Joseph	4 th April	Easter Vigil
Sat. 21 st Mar.	Harmony Day	5 th April	Easter Sunday
29 th March	Palm (Passion) Sunday with children	10 th May	Mothers' Day

Archbishop's Lent Pastoral Letter—Please see Archbishop Shane Mackinlay's Lenten letter at the following link: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Lent-Pastoral-Letter-2026.pdf>



During the Eucharistic Prayer, listen to Fr Paul invoke the prayers of St Peter To Rot. **ST PETER TO ROT** was a Papua New Guinean catechist and martyr, born in 1912 in New Britain (then German New Guinea). During the Japanese occupation (1942–45), Christian worship was banned. Peter, a Lay Catechist, continued to teach, pray with people, and secretly distribute the Eucharist. He opposed strongly the Japanese authorities' attempts to reintroduce polygamy, defending the Church's teaching on Christian marriage. He was executed by the Japanese in 1945 for refusing to abandon his faith and pastoral mission. Beatified in 1995 by St John Paul II, he became our first Papua New Guinean to be canonised on 19 October 2025 by Pope Leo XIV. He is remembered for his steadfast faith under persecution, courage in defending family life and humble, joyful service as a leader.

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for assistance with Sacraments, funerals, pastoral support or would like to speak with a priest.

You are very welcome within our parish life and ministry.

Your financial support is essential and valued. Please contact parish administration to organise direct debit donations or planned giving envelopes.

To donate via EFT details are as follows: Payee Account name: Coorparoo Heights Parish.

BSB: 064 786 Acct No: 1000 13354 Please reference all donations!

You may use the 'pay pass' facility in the Church foyer and we also 'pass the plate' at the weekend masses.

Thank you for your prayer and support!

Sunday Mass

1 March 2026

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

'The word of the Lord.'

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5,18-20,22

R. "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."

Lector: "The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. ." (R.)

Lector: "The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. ." (R.)

Lector: "Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation J Maher - **Mass of the Sacred Heart**

Glorify to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

No one lives on bread alone

But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Glorify to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 17:5

Glorify and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glorify and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone

like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

'The Gospel of the Lord'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Unite Against Poverty this Lent.



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