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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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
8TH FEBRUARY 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; Clifferters' Choir practise - Fridays 4-5pm.

GATHERING D SCHUTTE **GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD**

Refrain: *Glory and praise to our God
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings He bears
to those who trust in His ways.*

V1: We are the daughters and sons of Him who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has done in every heart that sings. **Refrain**

V2: In His wisdom He strengthens us like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save. **Refrain**

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS R GILLARD **THE SERVANT SONG**

V1: Will you let me be your servant.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

V2: We are pilgrims on a 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—*INSTRUMENTAL* **GOD OF THE POOR (BEAUTY FROM BROKENNESS)**

THANKSGIVING G KENDRICK **GOD OF THE POOR**

V1: Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
Lord, in the suffering, this is our prayer:
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace.
Sunrise to sunset, Your kingdom increase!

Refrain: *God of the poor, friend of the weak,
Give us compassion we pray.
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame*

V5: Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame
until your justice burns brightly again,
Until the nations learn of your ways
Seek your salvation and bring you their praise. **Refrain**

SENDING FORTH M HAUGEN **BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM**

V1: You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O People:
Life in the Kingdom of God.

Refrain: *Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!*

V2: You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! **Refrain**



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PLEASE GIVE US FEEDBACK BY NEXT SUNDAY!!!!

Thank you for your responses so far. Our Liturgy is our core business. We need it to inform us in all we do personally, in our family, in our workplace, community and society. Please tell us how YOU experience Liturgy at Regina Caeli. What you write will be valued.

Please take home the evaluation sheet in your Newsletter or on a seat near you.

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Please return it via the Collection Plate or to our new Suggestion Feedback Box in the foyer or in the centre aisle. We will report back your feedback.



'The Economic Cost of our Living: Economic and Social Cost for the Common Good'

Come to Archbishop MacKinley's launch of the 2026 Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement. Trish MacMahon, State President. of the S.V.D.P. Society will speak.

Come Tuesday 10th Feb. for 7 pm, St James' Hall, Kirkland Ave, C'rparoo – off street parking!

This year the **2026 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** Ecumenical ceremony pays homage to **Nigeria**, a republic, the largest country in Africa by population and a member of the British Commonwealth. Its capital is Abuja.

2026 World Day of Prayer service and light refreshments for our area is generously provided by:

ST THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH, 31 PERTH ST CAMP HILL

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27 @ 10AM

The theme this year is, *I Will Give You Rest: Come*, and is drawn from Matthew 11:28.

Let us join the people of Nigeria this World Day of Prayer celebrating in prayer and solidarity.

It is a heartfelt invitation from Jesus to all who are burdened and heavy-laden
And so, you are invited to come, just as you are. Bring all that weighs you down, so that you may find rest.
Christian women from **Nigeria** are calling out to you, beckoning you to come and find rest for your souls.

Let us take the opportunity this World **Day of Prayer** and share each other's burdens
and find renewed strength in our unity.

May each of us find belonging here, as we are united in the embrace of Christ's love.



'The artwork depicts the daily reality of rural Nigerian women who labour from sunrise to sunset.

The three women sitting together are from diverse cultures.

Their shared experiences unite them

as they carry burdens and traumas – physical, emotional and spiritual.

Their burdens become bearable as they bring their weariness to Christ and as they support one another in community.'

PLEASE COME FOR 10 AM AT ST THOMAS CHURCH, 10 STEPHEN ST, CAMP HILL ON FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY. ENJOY A MORNING TEA AFTERWARDS.

It's the Winter Olympics!!! COME ENJOY FRIDAY SOCIAL, 20th FEBRUARY, 9.30 – 11.30 IN OUR HALL. Bring a small plate to share for morning tea or \$5. Good people, a happy atmosphere, a variety of activities, a delicious morning tea.

AT ADORATION, there is a place for everyone in the stillness before the Sacramental Presence of Christ Risen. Come for peace, renewal first through listening and wisdom for support, healing and hope... from the inside.

Take time Thursday evenings 7-8 pm. Come before Mass on Sundays 6.30 – 7 am.

You will never be alone.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The Liturgy Committee wants to begin Children's Liturgy on 22nd February, on the fourth Sunday mornings of the month. If this would help you and your children, please email Charmaine cm8tthews@gmail.com

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for February, 2026: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable illnesses, and their families, receive the medical care, support, strength, and hope they need.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK, HOUSEBOUND OR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

For our sick: Deb Houghton, Barry Warden, Trish McConnell, Emilia Calvisi, Peter Owens, 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, Ennio & Antoinetta Morlacci and family, Nandino & Ernestina Franchi, Ray Garrigan, Anne Maree Garrigan, Fred Loveday, Jack Egan, Daisy Ferlin, Ann Warden, Ennio Morlacci, Antionetta Morlacci, Sabatino Morlacci, Ernestina Morlacci and for all victims of suffering in our world.

10th Feb. Launch of Social Justice Statement, St James Hall, Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo 7 pm	Thur. 19th March Feast of St Joseph
Wed. 18th Feb. Ash Wednesday Mass 9 am	Sat. 21 st Mar. Harmony Day
Fri. 20th Feb. Friday Social 9.30 – 11.30 (hall)	29th March Passion (Palm) Sunday Children's participation in procession.
Sun. 22 nd Feb Children's Liturgy 7.30 am	2nd April Holy Thursday
Fri. 27th Feb. World Day of Prayer at St Thomas'	3rd April Good Friday
Sat. 14th March 7-9am A GROUNDS WORKING BEE	4th April Holy Saturday
Tues. 17th March St Patrick's Day	5th April Easter Sunday
Tues. 17th March Lunar New Year	24th May Pentecost Day

1. Please place your suggestions in the Suggestion Feedback Box in the foyer.
2. After Masses, please lock windows, take home the Newsletter, close the Waverley Rd gate.
3. **If you can mend a simple garden seat to place in our garden for people's rest and prayer, your help would be appreciated.** Phone Brian 0402 588 296. **Thank you for all your assistance.**

2026: THE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Do we know this about Francis?

Named Giovanni (John) di Pietro di Bernardone at birth in 1181/82 in Assisi, Italy, he was nicknamed 'Francesco' ("the Frenchman") by his father, a wealthy cloth merchant who loved all things French. His father had high hopes for his carefree, troubadour son even to become a famous knight in the conflicts which were constant features of 12th-century Umbrian life – sieges of hilltop castles, raids on fortified villages, retaliatory actions and capturing rival nobles. The rivalry was made worse by conflict between the Papal States and the Holy Roman Empire. Assisi was aligned to the Holy Roman Empire while Perugia, 25 kms away was aligned to the Papal States. In 1202, Francis was captured during the Perugia-Assisi war. He spent approximately one year in Perugia's harsh communal prison, returning home weakened and ill. That year in captivity is widely seen as a turning point in Francis's life. The illness, humiliation, and forced reflection set the stage for his later conversion.

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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

8 February 2026

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

'The word of the Lord.' **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9

R. "A light rises in the darkness for the upright."

Lector: "He is a light in the darkness for the upright:

he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour." (R.)

Lector: "The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord." (R.)

Lector: "With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory." (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Halle

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

the man who follows me
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

'The Gospel of the Lord'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



**Fill in the blanks for Matthew 5:13-16
for the impact of living the Beatitudes.**

salt	You are the _____ of the earth. If the salt _____ its saltiness, how can it be made salty _____? It is no longer _____ for anything, except to be thrown out and _____ by people.
light	
again	You are the _____ of the world. A city on a hill cannot be _____. Neither do people light a _____ and put it under a _____. Instead, they put on its _____. In the same way, let your light _____ before others so that they may be helped by who you are and _____ your Father in heaven.
bowl	
good	<i>The Catholic Toolbox</i>
hidden	
house	
lamp	
loses	
praise	
shine	
stand	
trampled	

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