

# Regina Caeli Catholic Church

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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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A  
15TH 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; Cliffters' Choir practise - Fridays 4-5pm.**

### **GATHERING** A MILNER & L CONNAUGHTON **LOVE IS HIS WORD**

**V1:** Love is His word, Love is His way,  
Feasting with all, fasting alone,  
Living and dying, rising again  
Love only love is His way.

**Refrain:** *Richer than gold is the love of my Lord.  
Better than splendour and wealth.*

**V6:** Love is His name, love is His law,  
Hear His command, all who are His,  
Love one another, I have loved you  
Love, only love, is His law. **Refrain**

**V7:** Love is His Law, Love is His word,  
Love of the Lord, Father, and Word,  
Love of the Spirit, God ever one,  
Love, only love, is His word. **Refrain**

### **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS** L DIESS **GRANT TO US, O LORD**

**Refrain:** *Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed:  
Recreate in us your own Spirit, Lord!*

### **COMMUNION**—*INSTRUMENTAL*

### **THANKSGIVING** M HAUGEN **EYE HAS NOT SEEN**

**Refrain:** *Eye has not seen, ear has not heard  
what God has ready for those who love him;  
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus,  
teach us the wisdom of God.*

**V1:** When pain and sorrow weigh us down,  
be near to us, O Lord,  
forgive the weakness of our faith,  
and bear us up within your peaceful word. **Refrain**

**V1:** Our lives are but a single breath,  
we flower and we fade,  
yet all our days are in your hands,  
so we return in love what love has made. **Refrain**

### **SENDING FORTH** G KENDRICK **SHINE JESUS SHINE**

**V1:** Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

**Refrain:** *Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be  
light*



### **SENDING FORTH** G KENDRICK **SHINE JESUS SHINE**

**V2:** As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever-changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me **Refrain**

## ASH WEDNESDAY

1. It is the first day of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It is a time to pr\_\_\_y, fas\_\_\_ and gi\_\_\_e.
3. Get signed with A\_\_\_H\_\_\_S !!!
4. The ashes came from burnt pa\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Let's turn our h\_\_\_\_\_ to God.
6. We are preparing for E\_\_\_\_\_!
7. Lent's 40 days is symbolic and biblical.  
There will be 46 days to Holy Thursday  
but the Sundays are like 'little Easters';  
they are not Days of Penance.

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## Come to Ash Wednesday Mass 9am

9am Ash Wednesday Mass at Regina Caeli Catholic Church.

7pm Ash Wednesday Mass at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church.

**NO 9am Mass at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church**



**Thank you for your feedback on your experience of Liturgy at Regina Caeli—report to come!**

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.'*

**It's the Winter Olympics!!! COME ENJOY FRIDAY SOCIAL, 20th FEBRUARY, 9.30 – 11.30 IN OUR HALL.** Morning tea will be served this week - Good people, fun activities following the Olympics!

**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**

**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](mailto:cm8tthews@gmail.com)

### **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.

**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.

Tue. 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Lunar New Year	Thur. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of St Joseph
Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Ash Wednesday	Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar.	Harmony Day
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Friday Social 9.30 – 11.30 (hall)	29 <sup>th</sup> March	Passion (Palm) Sunday
Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Children's Liturgy	Children's participation in procession.	
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 10 am	World Day of Prayer St Thomas'	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Holy Thursday
Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup> March 7-9am	A GROUNDS WORKING BEE!!!	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday
17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick	4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Vigil

1. Please place your suggestions in the Suggestion Feedback Box in the foyer.
2. Join the Parish Leadership Team—contact Fr Martinho or Damien Barker 0438 783 226
3. Join the Parish Liturgy Committee—contact Brian Moffett 0402 588 296
4. We thank our cleaners and all who work for the good of our community.
5. **A simple garden seat, to be good for many, needs your help.** Brian 0402 588 296. **Thank you.**

### 2026: THE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

### Do we know this about Francis?

Francis' dreams (and his father's hope for him) of knighthood and worldly glory were never realised. Out of prison on the road to Apulia, he experienced a powerful inner and spiritual intervention, a dream from God! "Francis, who can do more for you—the servant or the Lord?"

"The Lord," Francis replied.

"Then why are you serving the servant?"

The message was unmistakable: *Francis, return home. Stop chasing honour and begin listening. God has a different path for you.* Francis returned to Assisi, abandoning his military ambitions. His friends were astonished - he had left full of excitement and returned reflective and changed. 'Conversion' always needs time. Francis became a seeker of God's will ..... more to come.

**The Cost of Our Living: Economic and Social Justice for the Common Good** is the first of what will be the Bishops' two Social Justice Statements 2026 (February and August). *In 2025, over one in three households reported experiencing food insecurity, many skipping meals or relying on emergent food relief...The crisis affects everyone but falls most heavily on those already vulnerable: single parent families, people with disabilities, First Nations communities, refugees, older people on fixed incomes, unemployed people, and those in casual employment.*

These are not just economic statistics - they are human stories of struggle and resilience. We cannot turn away.

The Statement elaborates principles of Catholic Social Teaching: human dignity and the universal destination of goods, the Common Good, solidarity and subsidiarity, and the preferential option for the poor. Thirteen practical responses are offered. Please read this Statement. Google 'catholic.org.au Social Justice Statement 2026'

#### PLEASE CONTACT PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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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****15 February 2026****THE LITURGY OF THE WORD****Sirach 15:15-20**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

*He never commanded anyone to be godless.*If you wish, you can keep the commandments,  
to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you;

put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him;

whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;

he is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear him,

he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless,

he has given no one permission to sin.

'The word of the Lord.'

**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm****Ps 118:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34****R. "Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord."****Lector:** "They are happy whose life is blameless,  
who follow God's law!They are happy those who do his will,  
seeking him with all their hearts." (R.)**Lector:** "You have laid down your precepts  
to be obeyed with care.May my footsteps be firm  
to obey your statutes.(R.)**Lector:** "Bless your servant and I shall live  
and obey your word.Open my eyes that I may consider  
the wonders of you law." (R.)**Lector:** Teach me the demands of your statutes  
and I will keep them to the end.Train me to observe your law,  
to keep it with my heart. (R.)**Second Reading****1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.*We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity:  
not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters  
of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom  
of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that  
God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It  
is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever  
known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory;  
we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen  
and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that  
God has prepared for those who love him.These are the very things that God has revealed to us  
through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of  
everything, even the depths 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

**Matthew 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

**Gospel****Matthew 5:17-37**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.*Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to  
abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish  
them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and  
earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear  
from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man  
who infringes even one of the least of these commandments  
and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least  
in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and  
teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of  
heaven.'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the  
scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom  
of heaven.'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not  
kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the  
court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his  
brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his  
brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if  
a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So  
then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there  
remember that your brother has something against you, leave  
your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with  
your brother first, and then come back and present your  
offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while  
you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand  
you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will  
be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out  
till you have paid the last penny.'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit  
adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman  
lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his  
heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and  
throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of  
you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your  
right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away;  
for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have  
your whole body go to hell.'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must  
give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who  
divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her  
an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman  
commits adultery.'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You  
must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the  
Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven,  
since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his  
footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great  
king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot  
turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you  
mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes  
from the evil one.'

'The Gospel of the Lord'

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**