

# 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

THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A  
25TH JANUARY 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 M MANGAN

### HEARTS ON FIRE

**V1:** We come from ancient dreamtime, from the bush, or by the sea.

We come from a thousand city streets.

We are the rich and lowly, we are the poor and strong.

We come to share this moment, gathering here, singing one song.

**Refrain:** *With our hearts on fire with the love of Jesus,  
Hearts on fire, let's spread the Word,  
Hearts on fire, feel the Spirit blazing,  
Hearts on fire, called to live the Good News in this land,  
Setting hearts on fire, with our hearts on fire,  
Setting hearts on fire.*

**V2:** We long to live in freedom, we yearn for unity.

We dream of justice, joy and peace.

Spirit, fill us with your power.

Jesus, help us live your call.

O Creator give us wisdom so we will be Good News for all. **Refrain**

### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

R HORNER

BREAD BROKEN, WINE SHARED

**Refrain:** *Bread broken, wine shared; Jesus, here,  
Taking our lives, opening our hearts, making us whole,  
Setting our loving free.*

**V1:** Take all our dreams, all that we are, all we could ever be.

Lord of all life, we want to be Yours.

We take bread and eat. **Refrain**

**V2:** Open our minds, open our hearts.

Let love set us free within.

Lord of all life, we want to be Yours,

We pour wine and drink. **Refrain**

### COMMUNION—INSTRUMENTAL

### THANKSGIVING

T WATTS & M O'BRIEN

A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD

**Refrain:** *Create a new heart, holy Lord.*

*Beckon our lives through your word,*

*Open our eyes to your call,*

*united as one for your world.*

*Heighten our minds to your thoughts.*

*Heal us of pride and of hurt,*

*May we go forth in your name.*



Continued... **We pray our hearts change.**

**V1:** The heart of the cross lowly and poor, calls us on.

Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. **Refrain**

**V2:** Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.

Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems.

### **Refrain**

SENDING FORTH PD MCCORMICK

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

Australians all let us rejoice, for we are one and free.

We've golden soil and wealth for toil, our home is girt by sea.

Our land abounds in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare.

In history's page, let every stage Advance Australia fair!

In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia fair!

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross, we'll toil with hearts and hands.

To make this Commonwealth of ours renowned of all the lands.

For those who've come across the seas, we've boundless plains to share.

With courage let us all combine to advance Australia fair.

In joyful strains then let us sing Advance Australia fair!

A copy of this newsletter is available online under News/Events (<https://www.reginacaeliparish.org.au/newsletter-2025.html>)

### Crack the Code for Good News:

A = 1, B = 2, C = 3, D = 4, E = 5, F = 6, G = 7,  
H = 8, I = 9, J = 10, K = 11, L = 12, M = 13,  
N = 14, O = 15, P = 16, Q = 17, R = 18, S = 19,  
T = 20, U = 21, V = 22, W = 23, X = 24, Y = 25,  
Z = 26

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• 6 - 15 - 18      \_\_\_\_\_

• 20 - 8 - 5      \_\_\_\_\_

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• 15 - 6      \_\_\_\_\_

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Question: "Who said this?"

from Microsoft Co-Pilot

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Pope Leo XIV has called for an end to war, including in Ukraine and Gaza, urging world leaders to seek "genuine, just, and lasting peace". He stressed the importance of unity in our synodal and missionary Church. He urged journalists to use language to promote peace rather than division. He has encouraged the building of bridges between people and nations, advocating diplomacy and understanding. Google Vatican News is <https://www.vaticannews.va> for very interesting updates, speeches, and announcements.



**WE WELCOME FR PAUL SIREH O.CARM** and all he will bring to our community. Fr Paul comes to us from Melbourne where he was Chaplain to Whitefriars (Carmelite) College, Donvale. Fr Paul has served at Mt Carmel Parish, Coorparoo where he was Parish Priest. Welcome Fr Paul.

**AT ADORATION**, there is a place for everyone in the stillness before the Blessed Sacrament of Christ Risen, to find ourselves - every young and older person - embraced by God, contemplating Christ. Come for the peace – to slow down together, a time to let go of hurry. Come for our own renewal first through listening... all of us, including children, praying in simple ways. Come for wisdom to support our families, for healing for our wounds, and for hope,...

from the inside.

**Take time Thursday evenings 7-8 pm. Come before Mass on Sundays 6.30 – 7 am. You are never alone.**

**Thank you to all for contributing to our community life and our mission since Advent.**

**Thank you** to Mathias, Sisca, Grace and Stevano Satragraha for the extraordinary Crib you created for all of us. **Thank you** to all who have kept our hilltop grounds and gardens an asset throughout summer, even for our local community. **Thank you** to our cleaners (inside, outside and the Altar linen) caring for all who come to pray. **Thank you** to all who have repaired any faulty facilities. **Thank you** to our musicians and Cliffers who have come every Friday learning and enjoying themselves as they prepare for our Sunday Masses, and to all our Readers and Sacristans. **Thank you** to all who have nourished our community through prayer – our housebound parishioners in their homes, people who have prayed at Rosary, Adoration, Wednesday Mass or Morning Prayer, and at our Sunday Mass. **Thank you** to all who have supported many beyond our community – in our families, workplaces and in society. **Thank you** to all who have supported the parish financially, for your donations of containers for cash and for your generosity to the SVDP and other Appeals last year. God will bless every day to come in 2026!

26 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Australia Day	Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar.	Harmony Day
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday Social 9.30 – 11.30 (hall)	29 <sup>th</sup> March	Passion (Palm) Sunday
Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Ash Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Holy Thursday
Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Clean Up Australia Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday
Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup> March	7-9am A GROUNDS WORKING BEE	4 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Saturday
Tues. 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day	5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday
Tues. 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Lunar New Year	24 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost Day

**PLEASE GIVE US FEEDBACK!!!!** Growing in our faith, hope and love in Christ is our core business. We need to be informed by the Liturgy in all our commitments – personal, family, community, society and ...

**Please take the evaluation sheet on your seat home. Tell us how you experience Liturgy at Regina Caeli.**

**We will value what you will write and we want to support you.**

**Please return it via the Collection Plate or to our new Suggestion Feedback Box in the foyer.**

**We will report back your feedback.**

**PLEASE CONTACT PARISH ADMINISTRATION**

BY PHONE 3398 3697 OR EMAIL [reginacali@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:reginacali@bne.catholic.net.au)

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!*

## 2026: THE YEAR OF \_\_\_\_\_ ?

The Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope, concluded on 6 January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany, when Pope Leo closed the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica. About 33 million people – beyond expectations - visited Rome and the Vatican during the 2025 Jubilee Year, according to Vatican officials.

Get ready for different kind of Year of \_\_\_\_\_ - the Year of St Francis of Assisi !! 2026 will mark 800 years since St Francis died. Francis Bernadone lived 1181/1182 – 1226. The Year is being framed in response to our own age of conflict, division, and ecological anxiety. Francis looks to the poor crucified Christ who is risen. He lifts his mind and heart in praise of God, detaches himself from materialism to trust in his Father in Heaven, cares for the lepers and makes peace with the wolf at Gubbio. Peace with God, with others, and with creation are inseparable dimensions of Francis' call to reconciliation. Information from Franciscan communities will come.

**Come enjoy our first 2026 Friday Social, 6 th 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.**

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

**For our sick:** 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, Neil Trottier, Maureen Hopgood, Jim Paterson, Ennio & Antoinetta Morlacci and family, Attilio, Nandino & Ernestina Franchi, Ray Garrigan, Anne Maree Garrigan, Carmelina Scida, Joas Oliveira da Costa, Fred Loveday, Jack Egan, Daisy Ferlin, Ann Warden, and for all victims of suffering in our world.

### MODULE 3 OF CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS – BEING SACRAMENTAL

This is a course being conducted by the Archdiocese's Centre for Catholic Formation for anyone seeking a richer Catholic understanding of sacramental life.

#### It explores:

- Sacramentality — God's communication through creation, symbol, and ritual.
- The seven sacraments, their theology, and their lived experience.
- The liturgy as the context in which sacramental life unfolds.
- The nature of grace, and how grace is received both within and beyond the sacraments.

This module will engage both head and heart.

#### Schedule & Delivery

- Start date: Monday 2 February 2026. **Individual registrations close 29 January.**
- Time: 7:00–9:00 pm • Duration: 9 Monday evenings
- Location: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Brisbane CBD

**Cost** \$250 per person It will be conducted by informed, first class presenters.

**Parking** will be in the Cathedral underground car park, entry from Charlotte St behind the Cathedral.

**Contact** Phone 07 3324 3440 Email [accf@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:accf@bne.catholic.net.au) **YOU WON'T REGRET IT!**

### WE INVITE YOU TO HELP IN SOME SIMPLE WAYS:

1. 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. After Masses, lock the windows, take home the Newsletter, close the Waverley Rd gate, lock the toilets.
5. If you can mend a simple garden seat, your help would be appreciated. Phone Brian 0402 588 296.

**DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BLUE TREES PROJECT?** Google [bluetreeproject.com.au](http://bluetreeproject.com.au) A vivid example of 'a blue tree' can be found in the Bill Hewitt Reserve, 147 Samuel Street, Camp Hill.

### A FREE WEBINAR TO INFORM YOU:

THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD AS ACTIVE SUBJECTS OF GOD'S MISSION Fr Ormond Rush and Francis Sullivan AO  
Thursday 5 February 2026 6:00 pm (Brisbane time) Google [www.garrattpublishing.com.au](http://www.garrattpublishing.com.au)

**Sunday Mass****25 January 2026****THE LITURGY OF THE WORD****Isaiah 8:23-9:3**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase,  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of Midian.

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

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 26:1,4,13-14****R. "The Lord is my light and my salvation."**

**Lector:** "The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?" **(R.)**

**Lector:** "There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple." **(R.)**

**Lector:** "I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

**Second Reading****1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

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 4:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

**Gospel****Matthew 4:12-23**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!  
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!  
The people that lived in darkness

has seen a great light;  
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death  
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

'The Gospel of the Lord'

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