

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 22)

ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

RESPONSE: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

LECTOR: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

LECTOR: He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

LECTOR: You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

LECTOR: Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

TODAY'S READINGS 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

NEXT WEEK (5th Sunday of Lent, Yr A) Ezekiel 37:12-14; Ps 129; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

*Want
to learn
more?*

Daybreaks Daily Reflections for Easter and Lent takes the reader into the depths of God's mystery. In this booklet, Father Ron Rolheiser provides reflections for each day of Lent and Easter. The booklet is available from Majellan Media for \$7.50. For more information contact us at 03 9592 2777 or office@majellan.org.au

Congratulations to Jenny Anne from Perth who won the Majellan Media iPad mini competition. She wrote: 'A Christ-centred celebration of togetherness in our family, making amends and little acts of kindness that will have a ripple effect to the world!'

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Christ lights our way



22 March 2020 4th Sunday Lent Year A

A man has been blind from birth. He lives in 'darkness'. People, including Jesus' disciples, look at him as a sinner punished by God, wondering whether he or his parents are to blame for his blindness. Yet neither he nor his parents are responsible. His destiny is marked from the beginning.

All this changes when he meets Jesus who announces: "As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world." Jesus sees the man's situation in a completely different 'light'. His focus is to rescue this poor, despised and labelled man from a life of 'darkness'.

Jesus' light penetrates the man's blindness. He then sees and discovers light for the first time and can enjoy his proper human dignity. However, it's not only his physical sight which is restored. He now sees beyond the miraculous sign to discover the deeper meaning of Jesus' life and mission.

Following the healing, there's confusion and the man's under pressure. The religious leaders feel obligated to control the purity of their religion. Only they will decide if the man is to be received into the religious community and admitted to the Temple.

But they are unable to accept what they have seen with their own eyes. They raise questions about whether the healing is authentic. Perhaps the man hadn't been

blind from birth? How can someone like Jesus who doesn't keep the Sabbath do something like this? The newly-sighted, newly 'enlightened' man stands firm. He can't explain what happened, but knows it did and that its somehow come from God; from someone who is a prophet walking among God's people.

Sadly, he's subjected to abuse and put-down by the religious leaders. What do you know about such things? How can someone like you ("a sinner through and through") teach us (the righteous) the truth of what has happened? Abuse turns to eviction and they drive him away. Not only do they refuse to see, but they also refuse to hear.

For us, this story invites a faith response. In baptism, we were given a lighted candle as a sign that we want God to enlighten our minds and hearts to what is true. This means living with spiritual sight and physical sight.

We are encouraged to develop the confidence of the newly-sighted man who knows what he has seen and is prepared to speak of it, even when it means rejection by his community and even his family. The light of Christ has come into our lives and as long as we are in the world, we are to be the light of Christ, especially where there is darkness.

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PARISH NEWS

WEEK START SUN **MAR 22, 2020**

4TH Sunday in Lent

REGINA CAELI CATHOLIC PARISH
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CURRENT PARISH MASS TIMES

SUN 6.30AM, 8.30AM ~ **CANCELLED**

MON 6.30AM ~ **MASS STILL CELEBRATED**

TUES 7PM ~ **MASS STILL CELEBRATED**

WED 6.30AM ~ **MASS STILL CELEBRATED**

THURS NO MASS

FRI 6.30AM ~ **MASS STILL CELEBRATED**

SAT 8AM ~ **MASS STILL CELEBRATED**

SAT 6PM ~ **CANCELLED**

ALL WEEKDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY MASSES AT 8AM



BAPTISM TALK: 1st Sunday of most months
at 4pm in Parish Hall

~ **Still scheduled as usual**



RECONCILIATION ~ Only by appointment



CHILDREN'S CHURCH ~ **CANCELLED**



OVER 50'S BUS TRIP ~ **APRIL TRIP CANCELLED**



CCSG LITERARY GROUP ~ **CANCELLED**



UKULELE GROUP: ~ **CANCELLED**



**REGINA CAELI HALL - General / Yin /
Chair Yoga MIXED CLASS** ~ **CANCELLED**

'REGINA CAELI PARISH' ROUND 2

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION PREP HAS
BEEN PUT ON HOLD. WE ENCOURAGE
PARENTS & CANDIDATES TO WORK
TOGETHER THROUGH THEIR BOOKLET, CRAFT,
PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO CEREMONY &
PRAYERS, (THE OUR FATHER, SORRY PRAYER)

WE WILL BE IN CONTACT VIA EMAIL
TO CONVEY THE NEXT STEPS THAT WE TAKE.

CANCELLED

- Parish Leadership Development Day
- Iona Passion Play
- OLMC Zumali Fundraiser
- Youth sponsored activities within Archdiocese
- All Regina Caeli parish group activities refer to Parish News in this bulletin
- Chrism Mass TBA



One of the primary measures put in place to curb the spread of coronavirus is 'social distancing.' As a parish we still need to feel connected & supported. We encourage all to be vigilant in checking in on the welfare of those around us.



*Though parishioners' Sunday obligation has been dispensed, all are welcome to attend **Weekday & Saturday 8am Mass** or feel free to spend some quiet time in the church.*

Church is open from about 5.30am - 6pm each day, except Tuesday where it will close at 7.30pm. For parishioners needing transport please contact parish office.

Regina Caeli has a parish website. Weekly bulletin and other material will be updated each Friday. Hard copies available in foyer.
<http://www.reginacaeliparish.org.au/>

As with all parishes liquidity of parishes relies on the generosity of its parishioners. It is important we remember that generosity is even more important at the moment to keep parishes viable. Donation plates will be at all doors of the parish at weekday & Saturday morning Masses & the Archdiocese is encouraging parishioners to consider direct debit as a vehicle for donating.

A copy of the letter from the Archbishop, Mark Coleridge, with provisions to apply, as of March 19 is enclosed.

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2020

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Caritas
AUSTRALIA

32 yr old Sakun lives in a village in central east India, developed polio as a child & has difficulty walking. Until now Sakun, an indigenous Gond woman, has been isolated in her community, unable to earn a livelihood & without knowledge of government schemes that could help her. After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. Through their strategic guidance and support, Sakun now earns her own income and makes a small profit which goes towards her family's basic needs. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world.



Let's Go Further, Together! Please donate through Parish boxes, envelopes, P: 1800 024 413 or visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

REGINA CAELI DATE CLAIMERS: FROM MAR 2020

SUN MAR 22: LENT WEEK 4

WED MAR 25: PARISH FINANCE MEETING

SUN MAR 29: LENT WEEK 5

SUN APRIL 5: LENT WEEK 6 - PALM SUNDAY

TUES APRIL 7: PARISH MASS OF RECONCILIATION

SUN APRIL 12: EASTER SUNDAY

WED MAY 6: OVER 50'S BUSTRIP



RECENTLY DECEASED: EMERITUS ARCHBISHOP

JOHN BATHERSBY, FR PETER CONROY,
SR MARY RAYMOND HAMMOND RSM

ANNIVERSARIES: SARAH POLKINGHORNE,

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Pat Beckett, Augusto Cesar, Joshua Chester, James Clifford, Pat & Jack Cochrane, Veronica & Cathy Comiskey, Mark Cummins, George D'Allura, Robbie Dicker, Susan Donald, Rosa De Francesco, Bart Gaffney, Loye Gardiner, Paul Heathwood, Philomena Hegarty, Allaura Hows, Kate Jennings, Kath Keogh, Nicky Logan, Katie Loveday, Cheryl Loveridge, Enid McCarthy, Trish McConnell, James McKeon, Peter McLaughlin, Terry McNelly, Mark Mensal, Fr Ron Mollison, John Morgan, Christopher Mothershaw, Marie-Louise O'Brien, Pamela O'Reilly, Peter Reid, Wal, Joyce & Janeen Smith, Lester Steen, Mary Twomey, Nathaniel Williams, Zelina & family



In light of coronavirus (COVID-19) the Archdiocese of Brisbane has followed the advice of the QHD, however, new directives on a federal level are in place & being constantly revised and for this we need to be mindful. The Archdiocese will continue to monitor & provide further advice.

Importantly, the Prime Minister has announced a ban on indoor gatherings of >100 people with outdoor gatherings limited to <500 people. This will impact impending Easter ceremonies.

We continue to heed guidelines already in place:

- Communion distributed in the hand only & cessation of distribution from the chalice
- All ministers of Holy Communion adhering to appropriate handwashing protocol of before and after distributing Communion
- Practise Social distancing
- Holy water removal from fonts at church doors, though available for people to take home.
- Utilise alcohol-based gels or rubs (or like products) These are available at all entrances.

PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS

Almighty and all-merciful God,

lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds, in whom there is no shadow of death, save us in this time of crisis; grant wisdom & courage to our leaders; watch over all medical people as they tend the sick & work for a cure; stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation; if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open. By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear, that hope may never die and the light of Easter, the triumph of life, may shine upon us & the whole world. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

Residential Aged Care Home, Fortitude Valley,
Villa Maria has undergone extensive renovations and is opening arms to many people and their families in the future. Visit:
<https://www.catholichealthcare.com.au/residence/villa-maria-centre-fortitude-valley/>