

EASTER DAY 19TH & 20TH MARCH, 2025

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He is risen



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO PROJECT COMPASSION.

Please place your donation on the plate during Mass.

It will be forwarded to Caritas Australia.

CALENDAR HOLY WEEK AND FIRST WEEK OF THE EASTER SEASON

Tuesday 22nd April Rosary @ 8 a.m. Together, let us pray for peace and for others in need.

Wed. 23rd April Mass with ANZAC remembrance and prayers;

Saturday 26th April Working Bee supporting our hardworking gardeners with the gardens.

Sunday 27th April Canonisation of Carlo Acutis, who died of leukaemia in 2006 aged 15

Tuesday 29th April Rosary @ 8 a.m. Together, let us pray for peace and for others in need.

Wed. 30th April 9 a.m. Morning Prayer including Holy Communion while our priests are away

On the Thursdays in the Easter Season, 4-6 pm, Regina Caeli will be open to all for Silent Prayer.



CARLO ACUTIS was a British-born Italian teenager known for his deep faith, profound love for the Eucharist and his innovative use of technology to share faith, resonating deeply with young Catholics. Born in London, on 3rd May, 1991, his family moved to live in Milan. Carlo passed away at the age of 15 on 12th October, 2006, suffering from leukemia. He offered his sufferings for the Pope and the Church. He was beatified by Pope Francis on October 10, 2020.

2025 CARMELITE PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF AUSTRALIA & TIMOR LESTE

Frs Martinho and Matthew will be in Melbourne for the triennial Australia Timor Leste Carmelites' Provincial Chapter from Mon. 28th April until Mon. 5th May. Directions for the next three years are discerned and the Prior Provincial and Council (the leadership team) will be elected. Fr Matthew has overseen the preparations for the Chapter. This year, the Chapter's theme is *"Abide in me... bear much fruit."* (John 15:5) Please keep the Carmelites in Chapter in your prayers.

On Saturday 3rd May at 5 p.m., Br Anacleto Guterres da Costa, who has lived at Mt Carmel in recent months, will be ordained a priest in Melbourne. Google [youtube.com/live/vsyRRLzxtvQ](https://www.youtube.com/live/vsyRRLzxtvQ) to be there through livestream. Fr Anacleto's first Mass at Mt Carmel will be on Sunday 11 May.

While Frs Martinho and Matthew are in Melbourne, the Mt Carmel Parish Office will be closed. However, if for any emergency you need to contact a priest, please use the Regina Caeli Parish Office contact number 3398 3697 which will be monitored by our priests. Bishop Bill Morris and Fr Josh Nash will preside at Regina Caeli and Mt Carmel Masses on 3rd / 4th May. During May, the Archdiocese will conduct its annual recording of how many people are being reached in local communities at parish Masses.

LET US PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK, ARE HOUSEBOUND OR HAVE DIED:

For our sick: Susan King, Fred Loveday, Francis Xavier, Brian Poole, Peter Owens and Emilia Calvisi.

For our faithful departed including Maria Vitulano and for all whose anniversaries are at this time.



Thank you for 'having a go' in our Easter Raffle – drawn Easter Sunday!

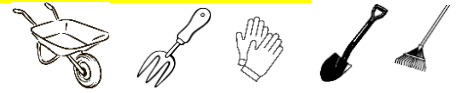
1st Prize: \$100; 2nd Prize: \$50; 3rd Prize: \$25 - Tickets \$5 - Every ticket is a gift!

*** Please enrol online now children in Year 4 to prepare to receive the *Sacrament of the Eucharist*. They would already be Baptised and Confirmed. *The link:* <https://forms.office.com/r/Pi28LWFj9E>

PLEASE COME SAT. 26TH APRIL 7A.M. TO 9 A.M. TO A WORKING BEE IN OUR GARDENS.

*PLEASE JOIN OUR HARD-WORKING GARDENERS.
BRING IF YOU CAN...*

your



and a bag of grass clippings for mulching.

*****THANK YOU FOR ALL CONTAINERS FOR CASH YOU HAVE PUT IN OUR BINS IN THE FOYER.**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS CANDLE VIGIL FRI. 2ND MAY 6pm to 7pm OLOGraces, Carina

Last year, with Carole Danby from Our Lady of Graces Parish and Queensland Churches Together, a Candle Vigil and Prayers during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (May) was held here at Regina Caeli. To spread this awareness throughout our Deanery, this year it will be held at Our Lady of Graces Parish, Mayfield Rd, Carina, on Friday 2nd May from 6pm to 7pm with soup and bread to follow. Please join us in solidarity with all who suffer in silence, the victims of current or former intimate partners, their families, those traumatised by family violence and those who have escaped violence.

THE SITE OF JESUS' DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION – THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE



After Jewish revolts against the Romans' occupation, the Romans were keen to erase all memory both of the Jews and of the early Christians who had continued to visit the place of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection in Jerusalem. To do this, the Romans built over this site a temple dedicated to Aphrodite. Ironically, they confirmed for all time knowledge of where Jesus was crucified, died and rose.

In the 4th century, the first Christian Roman Emperor Constantine and his mother Helena visited the site and ordered the construction of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre - dedicated about 335 CE. Since that time, Jerusalem has been invaded by diverse rulers: the (eastern) Roman Empire, the Byzantine Empire until 637; the Rashidun Caliphate, the Umayyad and Abbasid Caliphates, the Fatimid Caliphate, the Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem (1099–1187), the Ayyubid Dynasty, the Mamluk Sultanate, the Ottoman Empire (1517–1917) and the British Mandate (1917–1948). 1948 to the present is called the Modern Era. This Church has been destroyed twice (in 614 and 1009) and was renovated in a major way by the Crusaders in 1099. These changes explain much of what we see there.

Since the 11th century, the site has been jointly managed by the Greek Orthodox, Armenian Apostolic, Roman Catholic, and the Coptic, Syrian and Ethiopian Orthodox Churches. The 'Status Quo' agreement for their sharing was formalized first by the Ottomans in 1767. Still today, these diverse ethnic and religious traditions can be assertive in holding onto their allotted spaces and practices within the Church, because they value the site as the place of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.

Two surprising legacies of the Ottomans' leadership are visible daily. Firstly, for the sake of neutrality, even centuries later, the responsibility for opening the Church each morning and locking it each night is still in the hands of two Muslim families: the Nuseibeh and Joudeh Al-Husseini families. Secondly, a wooden ladder has been leaning against a window of above the entrance to the Church since at least the 18th century. Keen not to upset the 'Status Quo', no-one has dared to move it, making it a symbol of the Church's complex history in the unique cultural and inter-faith tapestry of Jerusalem.

