

Regina Caeli Catholic Church

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 Fr Albino Dos Santos O.Carm, Associate Pastor

NORMAL MASS TIMES

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 7.30am

Wednesday 9am

Mass of Healing

1st Wed of the month 9am

Reconciliation

5.30pm Saturday / or by appt.



MASS TIMES

Rosary: every
 Tues @ 8am

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
 ~ YEAR B ~ DECEMBER 10, 2023

GATHERING TEXT 9TH CENT O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL



V1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here,
 Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

V7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of all mankind;
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
 And be Thyself our King of Peace. **Refrain:**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE M HAUGEN GIFT OF GOD

R/- Come to us, O, Emmanuel. Come to us, O, Emmanuel.
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V1 Shake the nations with your presence;
 Make the mountains quake and tremble:
 Rend the heavens and comedown. R/-

V2 See us here, we are people: We the clay, and you
 the potter: You have formed us-we are yours. R/-

V3 Speak the word of hope and comfort: Cry the song
 of sweet forgiveness: O Jerusalem, take heart. R/-

OFFERTORY B HURD READY THE WAY

V1 Ready the way of the Lord. (2)
 A voice cries out in the wilderness.
 Ready the way of the Lord.

**Refrain: Here is your God,
 coming with your vindication.**

Look and behold the saving power of God.

V4 Those who are blind will then see.
 Those who are deaf will then hear.
 Those who are lame will then leap for joy.
 Those who are mute will then sing. **Refrain:**

COMMUNION

INSTRUMENTAL

REFLECTION

C LANDRY

WAITING IN SILENCE

V2 Waiting in silence, waiting in hope,
 we are your people, we trust in your love.

O Sun of Justice, true Prince of Peace,
 Come with your justice, Lord. Maranatha!

V3 Waiting in silence, waiting in hope;
 we are your people, Lord, we seek your truth.
 Wisdom Incarnate, teach us your way;
 Show us the path of life, Maranatha!

RECESSIONAL

M HERRY

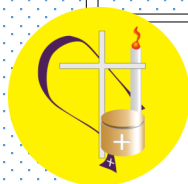
JOYFUL IN HOPE

V1 Joyful in hope, your people pray,
 Joyful in hope, we're on our way.
 Though the road may not be clear,
 We believe Lord, you are near
 With the open hand and heart – of a friend.

V2 Jesus, your call is clear today;
 With Mary, go in haste; be on your way,
 Look around you, see the poor,
 Your call to youth, and more!

Be light to all the world – God's loving call!
 V3 Mary, so open to the Lord;
 though young at heart, your "fiat" offered all!
 Give us courage in your name,
 to go and do the same;
 Make Jesus known and loved – in all the world.

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REGINA CAELI ~ FIRST RITE OF RECONCILIATION

celebrated weekly at:

Regina Caeli ~ All Saturdays 5.30 - 6pm
 Mt Carmel ~ Saturdays 4.30 - 5pm

Mass of Forgiveness ~ Mt Carmel, Wed Dec 20 @ 7pm

Evangelisation Brisbane's Children & Families
 team has created resources to help children engage
 with upcoming liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas,
 including: Advent candle holder & baby Jesus Christmas
 tree craft Advent Calendar; Little Nativity pack; Video series
 Visit: tinyurl.com/adventchristmasresources2023





...to all who support Regina Caeli in any way, be it practically or financially, all assistance is valued important & vital to sustain our parish of the future. **For new practical helpers contact p/office.**

To offer financial support contact office or you may donate online. Details for EFT:

Payee Account Name: Coorparoo Heights Parish
BSB 064 786 A/c 100013354 please ref all donations:

Gifting App downloadable <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/>



RECENTLY DECEASED: JOHN MOFFETT, MARIE TAYLOR,

LYNETTE CHOE, KATHLEEN BEVIS, ANNIE TOM

IN OUR PRAYERS: ROY GLEADHILL, BART GAFFNEY,

CLARE HAMMOND, MARY HAZEL, LUCY HOUGHTON,

JACK & JOY MCNAMARA, MARGARET OWEN, DAVID PARKER,

WALLY & JOYCE SMITH;

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: JOSHUA CHESTER, VERONICA & CATHY

COMISKEY, GINA D'ALLURA, BRIAN & THERA HARDING,

PAUL HEATHWOOD, ALLAURA HOWS, KATH KEOGH, NICKY LOGAN, TRISH

MCCONNELL, FR RON MOLLISON, PETER OWEN, PETER REID, LESTER

STEEN, NATHANIEL WILLIAMS, PAT WEIR, ZELINA



Should you require a priest for anything at all, need loved ones receive Sacrament of Healing, want to visit Reconciliation, unable to attend Mass but wish to receive Communion, enquiring about RCIA/RCIC, Funerals, Weddings or Baptism, Sacrament preparation or perhaps volunteer, *need transport to attend Masses; for any Sacramental needs or any enquiries, please contact parish office.*

FYI Regina Caeli delivers newsletters to those who find



themselves isolated & unable to visit parish. Please contact parish office with any concerns!



THIS WEEKEND! All welcome to our parish, **'CHRISTMAS' SEASON CELEBRATION**

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10 @ 5PM

Let us take time to be grateful for the year that was and time to thank our wonderful parishioners for contributing their presence, their time and talents in so many ways.

Christmas Season Celebration



Come along for a

Christmas Season Celebration

in the Parish Hall and surrounds

Sunday 10th Dec, 5pm - 7:30pm



- BYO Light Food and Drinks
- Coffee & Tea provided
- No charge
- Music and good cheer with fellow parishioners



The Advent Wreath



is a traditional part of the Advent season.

The **circle** is a symbol of eternity & reminder that God has no beginning or end

& the inclusion of the evergreens symbolises eternal life.

Fastened to the wreath are **4 candles, 3 purple, 1 pink**, representing the 4 weeks of Advent. The gradual lighting of all the candles each week represents the increasing light of Christ as his coming draws near & provides a focus for our reflections each week. There is a **5th**, & final, candle to be lit. Known as "**Christ's candle**", this **white** candle is placed in the middle of the Advent Wreath and lit on Christmas Day to represent the pure light of Jesus, who come on Christmas day as a baby in a manger.

ADVENT WEEK 2: 2nd candle, purple represents PEACE.
Prayer: God of light, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. When we worry, are anxious or feel overwhelmed, help us to seek quiet spaces & trusted companions who will listen to us. May these times, places and people of peace remind us that you come to us to be one of us, with us & for us. Amen.

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On 2nd Monday of month @ 9.30am ~ **Literary Group**



On every Tuesday @ 8am ~ **Rosary**

On every Wednesday @ 9am ~ **Mass**

On 4th Friday of month @ 6.30pm ~ the **'Cliffsters'** return in 2024

On each 1st & 3rd Friday of month ~ **'Friday Fortnight'** in the hall @ 9.30am

Sun Dec 10: 2nd Sunday In Advent Year B

Sun Dec 10: Christmas Season Celebration @ 5pm

Tues Dec 12: Rosary @ 8am **Wed Dec 13:** Mass, @ 9am

Sun Dec 17: 3rd Sunday In Advent Year B

Tues Dec 19: Rosary @ 8am

Wed Dec 20: Mass @ 9am

Wed Dec 20 @ 7pm Mass of Forgiveness ~ Mt Carmel

Sat Dec 23: NO 6pm Vigil Mass

Sun Dec 24: 4th Sunday In Advent Yr B, 7.30am

Christmas Eve: Carols @ 5.30pm; Mass @ 6pm



LOOKING AHEAD! The Catholic Leader, will, in Jan 2024, be a...

subscriber only communication.

No newspapers will be sold at parishes.

Subscribers will receive their monthly 'paper,' directly to letterbox. It's essential

to continue support of our Catholic Leader. To assist in transition The Catholic Leader has a special offer of introduction. **It's definitely worthy of consideration.**

Your Catholic news free until this Christmas when you subscribe for 2024



Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening, and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe & healthy ministry environment.

Privacy policy: The privacy of all individuals is important to Regina Caeli Parish, and we are committed to protecting all personal information we collect and hold.



Our privacy policy is available on archdiocesan website or request a copy from parish office.

<http://brisbane.catholic.org.au>

" Mogens Johansen is Regina Caeli Safeguarding representative. Mogens can be contacted by email at mamo4711@icloud.com or (m) 0400 948 079."

IMPORTANT!!!

All volunteers are required by Archdiocese to be suitably

inducted as volunteers. Part of this compliance is asking all volunteers to familiarise



themselves with 'best practice,' hence the Archdiocese asks that all volunteers fill out your details & return & watch a short video.

For [Safeguarding Essentials \(Level 1\) video](#)

visit AOB website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au>

Follow prompts of: Menu, Safeguarding, Safeguarding Training or follow the link

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>

Important News from the Carmelites

Following the Carmelite Provincial Council meeting last week we announce that Fr Albino Dos Santos will be leaving our Coorparoo Carmelite Community to join our Carmelite Community, of Wentworthville. Since moving to Coorparoo twelve months ago, Fr Albino has brought a sense of joy, care and pastoral concern to the community through his ministry as a Carmelite and priest.

He has supported the ministry of St Vincent de Paul & the Lay Carmelites, ministry to parish aged care communities, outreach to the local Timorese community, and celebrated masses for the Mt Carmel and Regina Caeli Communities, among the many ways he has generously shared of himself through ministry and friendship in Coorparoo.

This decision to move has been made amidst pressing community and pastoral needs in Wentworthville Community and we acknowledge that this will bring some disappointment and sadness to the people of Mt Carmel and Regina Caeli parish communities, who have come to value the gifts and relationships Fr Albino has shared. It is because of Fr Albino's caring and gentle pastoral presence that we have chosen him to serve the needs in the Wentworthville Community, a decision that we are grateful, he has generously accepted. Fr Albino will leave Coorparoo in late January to take up his ministry in Wentworthville at the beginning of February, who we are sure will gratefully receive his presence. I trust that the community will express their gratitude for Albino with their farewells. We wish him well in his new community at Wentworthville. In addition, Br Marcolino Gomes, will join the Coorparoo Community in February 2024.

Marco is currently living in our Middle Park Community in Victoria and serving as a deacon in the Port Melbourne/Middle Park parish.

We are sure he will be embraced with welcome on his arrival in Coorparoo and will bring great enthusiasm to the Carmelites ministry of pastoral care.

We wish him well in his new community at Coorparoo.

In Carmel,

Fr Bruce Clark and the Provincial Council

THIS WEEKEND is last weekend available



TO DONATE GOODIES TO ASSIST WITH VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR THOSE WHO WILL FIND CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS A CHALLENGE THIS YEAR.

Regina Caeli Parish has historically assisted other parishes in many ways with hamper preparation. Hamper preparers are seeking non-perishable food items and toys that are suitable to be included in hampers. Please don't wrap toys and ensure all food items are **in date** for Dec 2023 at least.

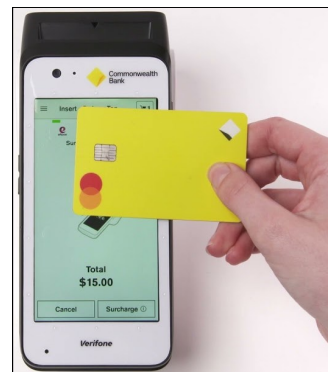
Please deliver 'GOODS' to Parish by no later than **Sun Dec 10 at 7.30am Mass**. All will be onforwarded on **Mon Dec 11**.



Regina Caeli has introduced a **Pay Pass** facility for donations. Parishioners & visitors may select a 'preset \$ value: of \$5, \$10 or \$20 or any amount of their choosing. This will allow parishioners & potential donors to not rely solely on cash in hand to support our wonderful parish. There is **always & will be always**

opportunity to donate cash over the plate if persons so desire. Parish will assist all parishioners become comfortable with the system.

'Smart Terminal' located on stand in foyer.



As there will be some alterations to Masses on w/end of Sat/Sun December 23/24 for Regina Caeli & Mt Carmel, prior to Celebration of Christmas services, Mass Times have been provided ahead of time.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel 312 Cavendish Rd	Regina Caeli Church 81 Waverley Road
Saturday Vigil Mass 23 December	
6:00pm	NO VIGIL MASS
Sunday Mass 24 December	
NO MORNING MASS	7:30am
CHRISTMAS Eve Sunday 24 December	
5:00pm Family Mass (Shed) 8:00pm	6:00pm
CHRISTMAS DAY Monday 25 December	
8:30am	7:30am

Sunday Mass **10 December 2023**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading **Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

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

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 84:9-14**

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.**

Lector: I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Lector: Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

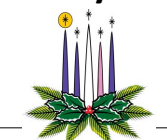
Lector: The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Second Reading **2 Peter 3:8-14**

A reading from the second letter of St Peter
We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar

**Template
to make
Advent
Wreath
in foyer!**



the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

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

Gospel Acclamation **Luke 3:4, 6**

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths: all people shall see
the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

Gospel **Mark 1:1-8**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: *Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,* and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

JESUS AND JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Help the Disciple get to Jesus	
START	
END	
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