

# Regina Caeli Catholic Church

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Tues, Wed, Thurs, 9.30am - 2.30pm

Fr Martinho Da Costa O.Carm, Parish Adm.

Fr Matthew Tonini O.Carm, Associate Pastor

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## 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

**3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
~ YEAR B ~ DECEMBER 17, 2023

### GATHERING

B DUFFORD

LIKE A SHEPHERD



**Refrain:** Like a shepherd he feeds his flock  
and gathers the lambs in his arms,  
holding them carefully close to his heart,  
leading them home.

**V1** Say to the cities of Judah:

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Go to the mountain top, lift your voice;

Jerusalem, here is your God. **Refrain:**

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE M HAUGEN GIFT OF GOD

**All:** Come to us, O, Emmanuel. Come to us, O, Emmanuel.

**Cantor:** Come, announce a year of favour: **All:**

**Cantor:** God's day of vindication: **All:**

**Cantor:** Bringing joy to all who mourn.

### OFFERTORY G NORBET PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU MY FRIENDS

**Refrain:** Peace I leave with you, my friends,

Peace the world cannot give.

Peace I leave with you, my friends,

So that your joy be ever full.

**V1** The Father's love I came to give,

To be the hope for all who live. **Refrain:**

### COMMUNION L LAWNTON The Maiden and Her Child

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!

**V4** Waiting in silence, waiting in hope;  
we are your people, we long for new life.

O Key of David, open our hearts.

Give us new vision, Lord, Maranatha!



### RECESSIONAL

B BONIWELL

PREPARE THE WAY

**V1** There was a man of God whose name was John.

He came to speak for the light.

The voice of one in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord."

**Refrain: Prepare the way of the Lord.**

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**V2** Mountains and hills shall be brought to the ground,

the winding paths be straightened

and all on earth shall see his face;

prepare the way of the Lord. **Refrain:**

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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



*As we head into Christmas, many are taking well earned breaks to visit family and friends. We wish our parishioners taking advantage of the holiday season, and travelling a very happy Christmas and a bright New Year.*

*We also take this opportunity to thank all, for your generosity on so many fronts, throughout the past year, be it practical or financial help or simply your valued presence. We thank you and look forward to a new and special year ahead. Travel safe!*



### 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](https://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/>**



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!

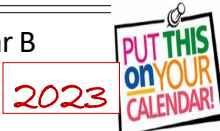


**On** 2nd Monday of month @ 9.30am ~ **Literary Group**



**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 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**  
**Mon Dec 25:** The Nativity of the Lord ~ Christmas Day  
**Tues Dec 26:** St Stephen (Feast) ~ Boxing Day  
**Wed Dec 27:** **No Mass**  
**Sun Dec 31:** Sunday of Feast of The Holy Family



**RECENTLY DECEASED: JOHN MOFFETT, MARIE TAYLOR,**

**LYNETTE CHOE, KATHLEEN BEVIS, ANNIE TOM**

**IN OUR PRAYERS: RAY GARRIGAN, ANNE MARIE**

**GARRIGAN, 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

**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 & lit on Christmas Day to represent the pure light of Jesus, who comes on Christmas day as a baby in a manger.

**ADVENT WEEK 3:** The **3rd candle** is pink & represents **JOY**. The change in colour reminds us that we are at the midpoint of Advent and we are close to Christmas - *the day of Jesus' birth!*



**We take from the reading today...**

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I, is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit & fire. *Luke 3:10-18*

**Prayer:** God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his love and become one with him when he comes in glory. Amen.



**PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY LAST WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!**

All were welcomed to a truly 'fun-filled night!'

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSISTED AND OR, THOSE WHO ATTENDED.**

**ALL WERE IN THE "SPIRIT OF YULETIDE." GOOD COMPANY, TASTY MORSELS & GREAT MERRIMENT!**

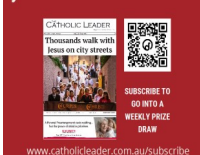
**LOOKING AHEAD!** The Catholic Leader, will, in Jan 2024, be a...

**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](mailto: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/>



Thank you to all who contributed generously towards Regina Caeli's part in Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

Those who benefit from your generosity are always very appreciative.

**Our prayer...** Please offer strength, courage & Your peace to all who navigate uncertain times.

Open our hearts to love & comfort

those who are sad & lonely. Let us share our time, gifts & talents with those in need. Help us to care for the sick & oppressed & may we all help & support each other to build a better world. Amen.



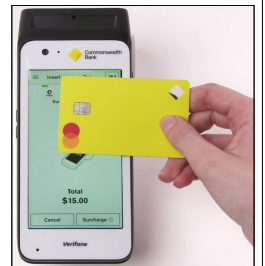
Regina Caeli has introduced a **Pay Pass** facility for donations. Parishioners & visitors may select a 'preset \$ value: of \$5, \$10 or \$20 or any amount

of their choosing. This allows 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.



## Advent Concert Series St Stephen's Cathedral December 2023



5pm Saturday 2nd  
Advent Vespers  
Cathedral Schola #

5pm Sunday 3rd  
Dominic Perissinotto  
(pipe organ) \*

5pm Sunday 10th  
Christopher Trikilis  
(pipe organ) \*

5pm Sunday 17th  
(in the Chapel)  
Susan Collins (violin) \*

3pm Saturday 23rd  
Christmas Carol Service #

# Free Admission

\* Ticketed Admission

## Christmas 2023 MASS TIMES

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 17 December 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I exult for joy in the Lord.*

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,  
to bind up hearts that are broken;  
to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in  
prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.  
'I exult for joy in the Lord,  
my soul rejoices in my God,  
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,  
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,  
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,  
like a bride adorned in her jewels.  
'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,  
as a garden makes seeds spring up,  
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise  
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

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

Responsorial Psalm Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

**R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

**Lector:** My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R.**

**Lector:** The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him. **R.**

**Lector:** He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel,  
his servant, remembering his mercy. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body,  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all  
things give thanks to God, because this is what  
God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try  
to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy  
with contempt; think before you do anything -  
hold on to what is good and avoid every form of  
evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and  
holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless,  
spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus  
Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*There stands among you, unknown to you,  
the one who is coming after me.*

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He  
came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light,  
so that everyone might believe through him. He was  
not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.  
This is how John appeared as a witness. When the  
Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask  
him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he  
declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well  
then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said.  
'Are you the Prophet?' He answered,  
'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you?  
We must take back an answer to those who sent us.  
What have you to say about yourself?' So John said,  
'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:  
Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and  
they put this further question to him, 'Why are you  
baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and  
not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water;  
but there stands among you unknown to you the one  
who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his  
sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far  
side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Light of the World

There came a man who was sent from God; his name  
was John. He himself was not the light; he came only as  
a witness to the light. John 1:6, 8 (NIV)

Based on John 1:6-8, 19-28 (NIV)



Advent  
template  
Wreath  
& Nativity  
pack in  
foyer!



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