

Regina Caeli Catholic Church

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NORMAL MASS TIMES

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 7.30am

Wednesday 9am

Mass of Healing ~

1st Wed of month @ 9am

Reconciliation ~5.30pm Sat/or by appt.

1ST SUNDAY OF
LENT YEAR C
9 MARCH 2025

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.

GATHERING D BROWN

COME AS YOU ARE

- V1:** Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as your are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven.
Come as you are; why stand alone?
- V2:** No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away, shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.
- V3:** I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise.
Why do you think I'd love you the less?
- V4:** Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

M HERRY

SONG OF THE COVENANT

- V1:** I will take you from the nations, and gather you from the world.
I will bring you into you own land;
and you shall be my people and I will be your God,
And your idols will gather into dust.

Refrain:

**Give us new hearts, O Lord. Give us new hearts O Lord.
Give us hearts of flesh. Remove our hearts of stone.**

HOLY COMMUNION—INSTRUMENTAL

THANKSGIVING C LANDRY

ONLY A SHADOW

- V1:** The love we have for you, O Lord, is only a shadow of your love for us;
Only a shadow of your love for us, Your deep abiding love.
- V2:** The bread we take and eat, O Lord, is your body broken and shared with us;
Your body broken and shared with us, the gift of your great love.
- Refrain: Our lives are in your hands, our lives are in your hands;
Our love for you will grow, O Lord; Your light in us will shine.**



SENDING FORTH F ANDERSEN

STRONG AND CONSTANT

- V1:** I will be your God who walks with you.
You will be always within my hand.
Take my heart and give it all to me.
- Refrain: Strong and constant is my love
Strong and constant is my love**
- V2:** Should you wander far away from me
I will search for you in every land.
Should you call, then you will truly know
- Refrain**
- V3:** When you know sorrow within your life
I will come, I will embrace your heart.
Through your pain you will discover me.
- Refrain**

Yarra Theological Union, Melbourne (where our Carmelites studied) with Garratt Publishing, is presenting a series of virtual Lenten talks by three Australian biblical scholars together each week exploring the Readings.

These free sessions will be held on Tuesdays – 4, 11, 18, 25 March & 1 and 8 April 2025 from 6.00pm – 7.00pm Queensland time (AEST) – for one hour.

Speaking to us will be:

- Prof Mary Coloe PBVM Presentation Sister
- Dr Mary Reaburn NDS Sister of Our Lady of Sion
- Dr Chris Monaghan CP Passionist Priest

They speak in plain English!!!

Teachers can obtain certificates for 6 hours accreditation for their professional development requirements.

Administration requirements associated with seeking this accreditation, require a nominal fee of \$25 (inc GST).

Certificates will be issued post the completion of all events.

REGISTER FOR FREE by going to (<https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/events/>).

You only need to register once - registration covers all 6 sessions.

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Regina Caeli Parish Leadership Team: February 2025 Meeting

The parish leadership team meets monthly, except for January.

To help parishioners stay informed it is planned to provide the parish with a summary of each of these meetings through the parish newsletter.

The following issues were discussed at the last meeting:

- All our meetings commence with a prayer and/or reflection, in recent times this has often be drawn from the Synod.
- The meeting acknowledged the wonderful work performed by our many volunteers with maintenance of the grounds, church cleaning and the various church related activities. Well done to all involved!
- In response to a concern raised by a neighbour about the gum trees the parish is seeking further expert advice as to the health of our trees. This will happen in late March.
- The Waverley Road entrance to the parish will be locked outside of mass times and other parish events during the week. This action is to restrict the parish property being used a thoroughfare by local traffic.
- The parish is seeking a safeguarding officer as Mogens has come to the end of his faithful service. If you are interested to know more about this role, please let someone on the PLT know.
- Current changes that have happened since Jeanne's resignation were discussed and this will remain an open item for discussion for the next meeting.
- Following on from the presentation to the parish late last year about Navigating the Future for the parish a small sub-committee is being formed to carry this work forward. John Corbett is leading this process on behalf of the PLT. When there is something to report the PLT will get back to the parish.
- Our next meeting is at 9.45am on Thursday 20 March. There are one or two vacancies on the PLT which would be helpful to have filled. If you are interested, could you let either Fr Martinho or someone on the PLT know.

Regina Caeli PLT: Vicki Dunn, Charmaine Matthews, John Corbett, Brian Moffett, Fr Martinho and Damien Barker (chair)

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Welcome to Regina Caeli Community, you are welcome here. Please contact our parish office by phone or email if you need assistance with sacraments, funerals, pastoral support or would like to speak with a priest. We also welcome inquiries to get involved in parish life and ministry. Your financial support is essential and valued. There are a variety facilities available to donate. Parishioners may organise monthly direct debits through parish office, or donate via EFT.

EFT Details: Payee Account Name: *Coorparoo Heights Parish*

BSB: 064 786 **Acct No:** 100013354

Please ref all donations!

Perhaps take advantage of planned giving envelopes, and, we still pass the plate. Parishioners may also use 'pay pass' facility in foyer. All donations, however they arrive, are most welcome. Thank you.

Parish Calendar — March

Tue 11 **Rosary @ 8am.** Together, let us pray for peace and the intentions of many.

Wed 12 **Mass @ 9am.** Come share in the Paschal Mystery of Christ.

Thur 13 **Celebration of Reconciliation** at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church @ **5:30pm** for a 6pm start

Fri 14 1. **Friday Social** in our Hall from 9:30-11:30am

2. Fr Leo Burke's funeral, St Stephen's Cathedral, 10am.

3. **Stations of the Cross @ 6pm.** We invite you to remain, if you can, for reflection on next weekend's Readings.

Fri 28 Come enjoy the Clifters preparing for Easter. 5:00-6:00pm in the Church.

AN ICON FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – SATURDAY 8TH MARCH, 2025

Mary MacKillop's remarkable contributions to education and social justice were founded upon both the needs she saw and responded to, and her deep faith and trust in God's providence. She co-founded the Sisters of St Joseph in 1866, in the face of opposition from some powerful people. She was amazingly practical in providing quality education for the life and faith for the poor and marginalized, so many in rural areas. A lecturer at Griffith University said that her Sisters' rural schools helped shaped the model of education that developed throughout Queensland. Her dedication advocating for the rights and needs of the underprivileged, particularly women and children, is a lasting legacy.

She prayed with gratitude, seeking strength, guidance, and love. Some key aspects of her prayer were:

1. **Gratitude:** "Gratitude is the memory of the heart." (1907)
2. **Trust in God's Providence:** "Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God." (1888)
3. **Prayer:** "Believe in the whisperings of God to your own heart." (1868)
4. **Reflection:** "Keep courage whatever you do. The best and strongest trees...are the slowest growing." (1875)
5. **Pilgrim Prayer:** We are but travellers here; our homeland is in heaven. (1866) "Be kind to the poor foreigners. Remember I was a foreigner, and was never laughed at, nor treated unkindly." (1875)

PLEASE COME TO WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—change of date

Kia Orana – Hello! Welcome!

HERE AT REGINA CAELI ON TUESDAY 18th MARCH 10 AM

The country of focus is the Cook Islands (Rarotonga) ... great people stories, beautiful music. Come learn with beautiful people from the FaithWorks Uniting Church, St Stephen's Anglican, St Thomas', St James' and Mt Carmel Parishes. If you like, get in the spirit of the day creating and wearing a head flower garland (Ei Katu) worn by both men and women. Enjoy Morning tea afterwards. Please bring a small play to share if you can. Thank you.

Lenten Prayer Opportunities

All parishioners are invited to come to our **Lenten Friday Stations of the Cross and group reflection on the Readings of the Sundays in Lent.**

We will begin Stations at 6 pm and the Reflection on the Readings about 6.40 pm. Thank you Neisha for facilitating what will be personally enriching for many.

All Welcome. (If the day and time will not suit you, there is another offering you can take advantage of. See front page of newsletter)

Project Compassion: This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. **Please donate today!**

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. **Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion Or by calling: 1800 024 413**

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



FRIDAY SOCIAL Friday 21st March in our Regina Caeli Hall 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 p.m.

Are you a family member or a friend **wanting some clarity with information on Aged Care Services?**

Come along to Friday Social for this free presentation from Scott – from ADA Australia – the Queensland service for the Older Persons Advocacy Network.

When – Friday March 21, 2025. Doors open at 9.30 am

Where – Regina Caeli Hall

Time – the presentation is from 10 am to 10.30 am with ample time for questions. Bring a plate of morning tea to share or simply donate \$5 for a delicious morning tea afterwards. No bookings required – just grace us with your presence and enjoy the morning. See you there, Charmaine

Let's pray our own petition for these:

That all the people of the Church will be guided by the Holy Spirit

That the world and its leaders will seek wisdom, justice, compassion and peace.

That people suffering – the sick, the poor, the marginalised – and the deceased will...

That people in our Parish and local community will live with faith, hope and love.

That our personal intentions may be prayed for.

For the mission of the Church; for justice and peace and care for our world, and in our society; for people with needs; for all in our community and families; for those who have no-one to pray for them.

We pray for Fr Leo Burke who served us generously and passed away on Thursday 27th February. His funeral will be at St Stephen's Cathedral on Friday 14th March at 10am.

We pray for those who are sick or housebound including: Fred and Pat Loveday, Francis Xavier, Nello Ferro, Clare Garrigan, Norma Hayes, Valda & Noel Studders, Julie Hunt, Neil and Madeline Trottier, Mary Cummins, Brian & Thera Harding, Ennis Lucchi, Michael Connolly, Veronica Comiskey, Santo & Glenda Tringali, Emilia Calvisi, Peter Owens, Kay Bertini and for people you know of; and for Fr Leo Burke, Peter Hunt, Elaine Jordan and Dorothy Owens who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

For our loved ones; those recently deceased; those with Anniversaries; deceased members of our community; those unwell including those in aged care homes in lock-down at the moment with CoVid and all in need of our prayer.

Sunday Mass

9 March 2025

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.

'The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2,10-15

R. 'Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble:

Be with me Lord: your hand to hold.'

Lector: 'He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

Lector: 'Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.' **R.**

Lector: 'They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.' **R.**

Lector: 'His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name

of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

'Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!'

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
'Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!'

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied,
'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you
to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus

Christ.

**LENTEN CONCERTS 2025: THURSDAYS AT NOON
ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL**

St Stephen's Cathedral's lunchtime Lenten Concert Series is here for you to enjoy. Come, be inspired each Thursday at noon during Lent. Be uplifted by glorious Lenten music performed by our Cathedral's talented music department. Admission is FREE, and concerts immediately precede the 12:30 Mass.