

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.

Rosary ~ Tues @ 8am

2ND SUNDAY OF
LENT (YEAR C)
16 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 B BONIWELL

WILL YOU LOVE ME

V3: Can you walk in the footprints of silence?
Through the wilderness sands in the sun,
From the desert of doubt and temptation.
To the glorious mountain of fire?

Refrain: *Will you love me as I have loved you?
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars will be gone like
the night,
And the sun will be shining on you.*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

M HAUGEN

EYE HAS NOT SEEN

Refrain: *Eye has not seen. Ear has not heard,
what God has ready for those who love him;
spirit of love, come give us the mind of Jesus.
teach us the wisdom of God.*

V1: When pain and sorrow weigh us down,
be near to us, O Lord,
forgive the weakness of our faith,
and bear us up within your peaceful word.

Refrain

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.*



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SENDING FORTH M HERRY

SONG OF THE COVENANT

V1: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from
the world.
I will bring you in to your 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...*

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.

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.



WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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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: 1000 13354

Please reference 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.

THANK YOU FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Sincere thanks to Archbishop Mark, Fr Martinho and Fr Matthew for their concern for the safety of our parishioners in cancelling Masses here at Regina Caeli last weekend. It was gratifying to hear of how parishioners cared for their family members, neighbours and people in need during this past week. We owe deep gratitude to officers in the Bureau of Meteorology, the police, our local government personnel, SES workers, so many public servants, electricians from throughout Queensland and beyond, soldiers, media presenters and staff, retail workers, hospital staffs, lifesavers at the Coast and many more, who have helped often in hidden ways throughout Alfred's impact upon all. In one sense, Alfred brought many people together in supportive ways. However, we cannot be blind to the anxiety, suffering and loss of property many people suffered.

EMMANUEL CITY MISSION 19 Merivale St, South Brisbane

This is normally a day-time service. However, faced with 'Alfred', this inspiring mission of the Emmanuel Community opened its doors to provide accommodation, food and hygiene for at least 100 people nightly sleeping rough in Brisbane at the moment. Please google the website of 'Emmanuel City Mission' to learn about these committed Catholics serving the people of Brisbane.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Please look forward to coming to Regina Caeli on Tuesday 18th March at 10 a.m.

We will welcome members of the Uniting Church, Anglican Church and from three other Catholic Parishes with great stories from women in the Cook Islands, beautiful music and crafts and friendship over morning tea. Please bring a plate if you can; in any case, please come yourself.

Parish Calendar — March

Tue 18 World Day of Prayer at 10am

Fri 21 Friday Social in our Hall from 9:30-11:30am—Aged Care Services.

Stations of the Cross @ 6pm

Lenten Reflection and Lenten Journey @ 6.40pm

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

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

Tony Alonso is coming to Brisbane—15th-17th MAY

Look ahead to internationally renowned composer, theologian and recording artist. Lecture, workshop, public concert and a Parish Music Ministry Workshop. More information on the posters in the Church foyer.



Please 'Unite Against Poverty' through Caritas Australia's **PROJECT COMPASSION**.

Please take home an **envelope** or **donate using the QR code (below left)**. Week by week throughout Lent, let us fast from something not essential to be able to donate to help communities facing poverty, food insecurity, a need



for education, water shortages and protection against expected future challenges.

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*), a primary school student from Samoa, faced severe water shortages at her school. Caritas Australia worked with Caritas Samoa from this beautiful island nation, to provide 10 000 L water tanks for some schools to harvest clean water for the students' and teachers' drinking and sanitation, freeing them to focus on education.

By prayer and action, let us follow Christ.

Visit Caritas Australia online caritas.org.au/project-compassion or call **1800 124 413**

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 invite you to stay longer for Neisha to lead us in a 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)

A Summary of the Regina Caeli Parish Leadership Team (PLT) February 2025 Meeting

The parish leadership team meets monthly, except for January.

The following issues were discussed at the February meeting:

- Our meetings commence with a prayer and/or reflection. Recently, it has been 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 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)



Sunday Mass

16 March 2025

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1,7-9,13-14

R. 'The Lord is my light and my salvation'

Lector: The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before who shall I shrink? **R.**

Lector: O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **R.**

Lector: It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **R.**

Lector: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things.

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the savior we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

'Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!'

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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

LET US PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK OR HOUSEBOUND INCLUDING:

Fred and Pat Loveday, Francis Xavier, Nello Ferro, Brian Poole, 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.