

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

4TH SUNDAY OF
LENT (YEAR C)
30 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 HURD

TASTE AND SEE

Refrain: *Taste and see, O taste and see,
Taste and see the goodness of God.*

V1 Glory, glory to God most high,
glory, blessing and praise.
With one voice, O people, rejoice in our God,
who hears the cry of all in need. **Refrain**

V2 Who has fashioned the earth and sky,
who created the deep,
who exalts the lowly and sets captives free,
who opens the door to all those who seek. **Refrain**

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

M HERRY

SONG OF THE COVENANT

V3: Heart of Jesus, heart of mercy, loving face of God
revealed.
You proclaimed the word 'not sacrifice but mercy'.
For in you we see the Father who longs for our
return.
Ever faithful, his covenant of love.

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

V4: The dreams we share today, O Lord,
Are only a shadow of your dreams for us;
Only a shadow of your dreams for us;
If we but follow you.

V5: The joy we share today, O Lord,
Is only a shadow of your joys for us;
Only a shadow of your joys for us;
When we meet face to face.

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 D SCHUTTE

CITY OF GOD

V1: Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain: *Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!*

V2: We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of
day.
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.
Refrain

**Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, 13th April,
culminating in the Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good
Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.**

**Please volunteer to contribute in some way to our
Liturgies. Please use the forms at the end of your seat to
tick how you can help and place your form, signed with
your name and phone contact, in the red box in the
centre aisle. Thank you.**

On 24th March, Pope Francis appeared for the first time in
48 days before leaving the Gemelli Hospital. He greeted
nearly 3000 people gathered with his presence. He
blessed them and gave the 'thumbs up'. His voice was still
affected by the respiratory therapies. Earlier, he had
renewed his call for peace in Gaza and in other conflict
zones. He expressed his gratitude for global efforts
towards dialogue, especially in the South
Caucasus. (*Vatican News* 24.03.2025)





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 of 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.

PLEASE COME TO STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAY EVENING AT 6 P.M.

As part of our Lenten Journey, we invite you to stay longer for Neisha to lead us in our reflection on the Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. It is very worthwhile!

Parish Calendar — April

Tuesday 1st April Rosary @ 8 a.m. Together, let us pray for peace and the intentions of many.

Wednesday 2nd Mass @ 9 a.m. Come share in the Paschal Mystery of Christ.

Friday 4th April Friday Social. Regina Caeli Hall 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Friday 4th April Come for the Stations of the Cross @ 6 p.m. Please remain, if you can, to learn about next weekend's Readings.

Friday 11th April Come for the Stations of the Cross @ 6 p.m. Please remain, if you can, to learn about next weekend's Readings.

FRIDAY SOCIAL— 4th April in our Regina Caeli Hall 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Relax into Chair Yoga with Carmel from Yoga by Carm.

Join in an EARLY ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION – STORIES, SONGS AND MAYBE A GAME OF 2 UP!!!

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

Susan King, Fred Loveday, Francis Xavier.

For our recent departed Nelli Ferro and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

LENTEN CONCERTS 2025: THURSDAYS AT 12 NOON ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL

St Stephen's Cathedral's lunchtime Lenten Concert Series is here for you to enjoy. Admission is FREE.

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

Nelli Ferro's passing very recently reminded us of the Regina Caeli story. The site for the Church was purchased by the Archdiocese in 1935 during the tenure of James Duhig, Archbishop of Brisbane. In that era, many families did not have one car, let alone two! 'Duhig the Builder' established over fifty parishes. He wanted people, as far as possible, to be within walking distance of the local Church. St Agnes Parish, Mt Gravatt, opened in 1950 to serve the burgeoning post-WWII population extending from Mt Gravatt to Woodridge – there were thirteen Mass Centres! James Duhig was Archbishop of Brisbane for 48 years, 1917–1965; he was one of the longest serving bishops in the Catholic Church.

The first Parish Priest at Regina Caeli, Fr Cyril Shand (1954-1960), celebrated Mass first under the Presbytery. On 17th October, 1954, Archbishop Duhig dedicated Regina Caeli – 'Queen of Heaven' Church. Windows, images, art works and plaques inside and outside the Church commemorate the contributions of priests and parishioners. The heroic contributions of all not named are also valued.

Parish Priests who succeeded Fr Shand were Fr Kevin Skeehan (1960-61), Fr Mick Carew (1961-68), Fr Lex Carroll (1968-81) and Fr Pat McCormick (1981-2000). Regina Caeli has been ably assisted and administered since by Fr Tom Jones (1999-2000), Fr John McKeon (2000), Fr Laurie Bissett, M.S.C. (2000-2001), Fr Tony Randazzo (2001-2002, now Bishop of Broken Bay), Fr John Garrahy (2003-2021), Fr George Joseph (2021-2021), Fr Kevin Smith (2022) and Fr Martinho Da Costa, O.Carm (2022- present).

LAUDATO SI': On Care for our Common Home

A Webinar on how young people have responded to Pope Francis' Encyclical 10 years ago - FREE!

Wednesday 2nd April. 7p.m. – 8 p.m. by Zoom

Google: www.garrattpublishing.com.au/event/generation-laudato-si-webinar/

Register for this ahead of Wednesday 2nd April.



PLEASE READ THIS STORY FOR YOU TO LEARN WHAT PROJECT COMPASSION ACTUALLY ACHIEVES FOR PEOPLE.

Please take home an envelope. Throughout Lent, let's fast from something not essential to be able to donate to help communities facing poverty, food insecurity, water shortages and a need for education and empowerment.



Photo: Caritas Australia.

4th SUNDAY of LENT – 29TH & 30TH March IRENE FROM D.R.C.

Today, we learn about Irene, a young woman from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The D.R.C. is one of the poorest countries in the world and has suffered decades of conflict. Many people like Irene have faced unimaginable challenges to survive. Displaced by war, Irene was forced to raise her two children on her own after her husband left. Without a formal education and with limited job opportunities, Irene struggled to make ends meet. Irene remained determined, and with her mother, through her sacrifices, cared for her and her two children, growing cassava for food and fishing when she could.

Irene's life changed when she joined the Youth Capacity Strengthening Program run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas Kongolo. Irene learned sewing and farming. Given a sewing machine and materials, she began to create and sell clothes. Irene provided for her children and sent them to school. She also learned farming techniques to grow food for her family. Now, Irene is able to provide for her whole family; proudly saying: "There are 15 of us at home, and I take care of everyone".




Irene's also shared her new skills with others, teaching other women in her community how to sew and to provide for their own. Women can now care of ourselves with dignity and empowerment.

By prayer and action, let us follow Christ.

Visit Caritas Australia online caritas.org.au/project-compassion or call **1800 124 413** or donate using the QR code above.

EASTER MASS TIMES AT REGINA CAELI AND OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISHES

MASS	REGINA CAELI	OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL	Additional Information
Mass of Forgiveness— Wednesday 9th April	Please see additional information*	7pm Mass of Forgiveness at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church	*There will still be a regular 9am Mass at Regina Caeli (no Mass of Forgiveness at RC)
Palm Sunday – Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th April	Regular Weekend Mass Times Saturday 6pm Sunday 7:30am	Regular Weekend Mass Times Saturday 6pm Sunday 8:30am and 5:30pm	Please bring your own palm 
The Lord's Supper – Holy Thursday 17th April	6pm at Regina Caeli Church	7:30pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church	
Good Friday - Friday 18th April	10am—Stations of the Cross 3pm – The Passion of the Lord	10am—Stations of the Cross 3pm – The Passion of the Lord	
Easter Vigil - Saturday 19th April	6pm at Regina Caeli Church	7:30pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church	
Easter Sunday - Sunday 20th April	7:30am at Regina Caeli Church	8:30am at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church	

Sunday Mass

30 March 2025

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-7

R. 'Taste and see the goodness of the Lord'

Lector: I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Lector: Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Lector: Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

Second Reading

2Corinthians 5:17-21

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 15:18

'Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!'

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.