

WEEK START SUN DEC 25, 2019

CHRISTMAS DAY

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NORMAL PARISH MASS TIMES

SUN 6.30AM, 8.30AM
MON 6.30AM
TUES 7PM
WED 6.30AM
THURS NO MASS
FRI 6.30AM
SAT 8AM & 6PM



ALL WEEKDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY MASSES AT 8AM

BAPTISM TALKS ~ 1st Sunday
of most months at 4pm in Parish Hall.
No appointment necessary!



RECONCILIATION ~
Saturday 5.30pm or by arrangement



CHILDREN'S CHURCH ~
All 8.30am Sunday Masses
(Feb - Dec)



OVER 50'S BUS TRIP ~
1st Wednesday of any month March - Dec



CCSG LITERARY GROUP ~ IN THE HALL
NORMALLY 2nd Monday of month:

NEXT MEETING: Mon Feb 10 @ 9.30am, 2020
<https://ccsgliterature.wordpress.com>



UKULELE GROUP: Contact Roger 0419 713 422
REGINA CAELI HALL - General / Yin / Chair Yoga
MIXED CLASS YOGA Book in 0413 547 415



or FB msg: <https://www.facebook.com/Yoga-By-Carm-555436404884947/>

FYI: Regina Caeli is 1 of 8 parishes of
Brisbane East Deanery. The other 7 that work
in close alliance are: Sts Thomas, James,
Peter & Paul, Oliver Plunkett, Our Lady
of Graces, & Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane.



At this time of year we especially remember all
who are unwell, face challenges & personal
tragedy, those whom their safety is threatened,
those in need, lonely, be it at home or abroad. We
pray for those God has already taken into his care. Amen.

A Christmas message...



A modern song we use in our
Liturgy by Deidre Brown,
*Come as you are; That's how I want you.
Come as you are; feel quite at home...*

Mary & Joseph accepted this invite to bring Christ
into the world. The shepherds in the fields
accepted the invite as they are caught
up in the Christmas story. In years to come
the apostles leave their former lives to accept
the invite Jesus makes to follow him.

This is not a once only acceptance but one
that is continuing as they live with the knowledge
they are special, thus knowledge gives Mary
& Joseph the courage to travel to Egypt
& then to re-establish themselves in Nazareth.
This invite is given to us as well to accept the offer
to bring our gifts & needs, our hopes & joys
& fears & successes, that as we acknowledge
these in our lives we are led to recognise
the God the author of all life.

Fr John Garrahy

National Prayer for Drought & Bushfire: ~

Look with favour on our drought stricken
land & our fire ravaged areas. **Sustain**, strengthen
& give hope to farmers & all affected by drought.
In your loving providence please send abundant rain
& renew the faith of your people & the face of our
land. **We** pray for those lives & livelihoods affected
by recent fires. **We** pray for those who have lost
homes & businesses, are scared & have been
traumatised by their experience, comfort
& heal them in body, mind & spirit & give
them hope of restoration. Amen.



**2020
CHRISTMAS
MASS TIMES**

'CHRISTMAS EVE'
TUESDAY DEC 24

CAROLS 6PM FOR
6.30PM MASS START

'CHRISTMAS DAY'
WEDNESDAY DEC 25
6.30AM & 8.30AM

NO EVENING MASS CHRISTMAS DAY

NO BOXING DAY MASS

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS @ 8AM

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Avery Dulles, who died before
Christmas in 2008, was a
distinguished theologian, Jesuit priest
and a member of the College of
Cardinals. Reflecting on Christmas,
he once wrote: *"The incarnation does
not mean that God saves us from the pains
of this life. It means that God-is-with-us.
For the Christian, just as for everyone else,
there will be cold, lonely seasons, seasons of
sickness, seasons of frustration, and a season
within which we will die. Christmas does
not give us a ladder to climb out of the
human condition. It gives us a drill that
lets us burrow into the heart of everything
that is and, there, find it shimmering with
divinity."*

These words became very personal
for Avery Dulles when he experienced
his own pain. He had been seriously
ill for some time prior to his death,
afflicted by growing paralysis which
saw him lose the ability to speak and
to move his arms. He knew well that
God's presence in our world, through
the birth of Jesus, doesn't take us

beyond our struggles and our pain.
He knew that, rather, it helps us to
look honestly at ourselves.

Avery Dulles looked honestly at his
situation and found words of embrace
and acceptance: *"I can identify with the
many paralytics and mute persons in the
Gospels, grateful for the loving and skillful
care I receive and for the hope of everlasting
life in Christ. If the Lord now calls me
to a period of weakness, I know well that
his power can be made perfect in infirmity.
Blessed be the name of the Lord."*

Christmas leads us directly to
God's divine love – a love so great
that God chose to dwell with us in
the fullness of our humanity, one like
us in all things but sin. Through Jesus'
birth everything is touched by God.
May the light of Christ within us
glow with divinity so we may bring
happiness, peace, and joy into the
lives of those around us.

David J Hore CSsR
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We Respond ...

VIGIL MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 88)

ANTIPHON: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

RESPONSE (R): For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

LECTOR: "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages." **R.**

LECTOR: Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

LECTOR: "He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure." **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn): The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

READINGS Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25

MIDNIGHT MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

Or

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 95)

ANTIPHON: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

RESPONSE (R): Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

LECTOR: O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

LECTOR: Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

LECTOR: Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. **R.**

LECTOR: With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn): The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

READINGS Isaiah 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

DAWN MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 96)

ANTIPHON: A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

RESPONSE (R): A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

LECTOR: The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, the many coastlands be glad. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. **R.**

LECTOR: Light shines forth for the just and joy for the upright of heart. Rejoice, you just, in the Lord; give glory to his holy name. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn): Rejoice, O Daughter Sion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem: Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Saviour of the world.

READINGS Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

MASS DURING THE DAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder; and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 97)

ANTIPHON: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

RESPONSE (R): All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

LECTOR: Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

LECTOR: The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

LECTOR: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

LECTOR: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn): All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

READINGS Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18