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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 102)

ANTIPHON: The Lord is kind and merciful.

RESPONSE: The Lord is kind and merciful.

LECTOR: My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

LECTOR: It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals everyone of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

LECTOR: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

LECTOR: As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

(Or) Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God, who is coming into this world.

TODAY'S READINGS Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

NEXT WEEK (1st Sunday Lent, Year A) Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 50; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Free Family Guides

Family Guide Resources, including free downloadable material and stories of interest for couples, parents and children are designed to help families cope with the stresses of modern day living. Articles and links cover a range of topics, including Mental Health, Drugs and Alcohol, Pregnancy, Adolescents, Grief, Shame, Anxiety, Relationships, Marriage breakdown and Disabilities. The guides are now available on the new www.majellan.media website. We will continue to keep adding material to the Family Guide Resources over time. For more information go to **www.majellan.media/guides/**

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Living a moral life

23 February 2020 7th Sunday Year A

Gordon Gekko, the infamous lead character in the 1987 movie Wall Street, uttered the dictum, "Greed is good", which was to become the anthem for the decade of the 80s. Greed, or variously avarice and covetousness, are one of the Seven Deadly Sins, that popular list of "cardinal vices" that seem to have entered Catholic lore back in the 13th century.

The Seven Deadly Sins (pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath and sloth) have left their imprint on art and literature over the centuries. They figure in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales and the paintings of Hieronymus Bosch. Stephan Sondheim's musical Getting Away with Murder, Kurt Weill's opera and ballet The Seven Deadly Sins, as well as the 1995 movie Se7en all took the cardinal vices as their leitmotif.

The impetus behind this listing of sins is founded on the notion that simply following rules or laws is not enough to ensure a moral life. To live a moral life, one must cultivate virtuous habits and avoid habitual vices.

The same thought is woven through today's readings, where Moses, Jesus and Paul recommend the habitual practices of love over envy, mercy over wrath, and generosity over greed.

Such a lifestyle that seeks to foster the virtue of loving neighbour and enemy alike might seem foolish or unwise, as Paul notes. It would appear to be counterintuitive to let one's guard down, to build bridges across economic, cultural and ideological boundaries, rather than to construct walls that perpetuate such divisions. It may also challenge our natural inclinations to be greedy and jealous of own ideas, culture and lifestyle. Being generous, merciful and inclusive may require us to give up some aspects of our cherished possessions.

Pope Francis has noted that human morality is akin to the maintenance of ecological balance in the world. Just as we can violate and compromise the environment by polluting our waterways and air with toxic waste, we can do violence to our moral ecology when we sully our relationships with discord, dissension, fear, mistrust and alienation.

Vices such as greed, wrath, pride, envy or more accurately avarice (Lt avarus, meaning "to crave"), becomes injurious to the moral ecology when "wanting more" or "wanting what others don't have" becomes obsessions that pollute and poison relationships with other people.

Today's readings ask us to reflect on our relationships and consider how our obsessions may be preventing us from a more fulfilling engagement with our neighbours and with God.

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Week start Sun Feb 23, 2020
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Year **A**

Parish Office: *Tues, Wed, Thurs, 9.30am - 2.30pm*
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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 March 9 @ 9.30am, tbc
at 9.30am 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/

Please mark your calendar! Lent is near...

Ash Wednesday Masses
February 26, 2020
@ 6.30am & 9am

Ash Wednesday

Regina Caeli date claimers: from Feb 2020

Mon Feb 24: Ageing Wisely Seminar - OLG
Wed Feb 26: Ash Wednesday
Sun Mar 1: Friends of Regina Caeli 9.30am
Fri Mar 6: World Day of Prayer 10am
Paul Turner Lecture 5.30pm
Sat Mar 7: Mass of Healing & Hope
Sat/Sun Mar 14/15: Reconciliation Session 1
Parisf Presentation
Sat/Sun Mar 21/22: Reconciliation Session 2
Sat/Sun Mar 28/29: Reconciliation Session 3
Mon Mar 30: Reconciliation Ceremony

1st Friends of Regina Caeli Parish Meeting for 2020 after 8.30am Mass March 1 in the hall. We hope all interested parishioners are able to attend.

Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by all recent tragedies. ***We*** remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. ***We*** hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. ***Bring*** them consolation and comfort. ***Surround*** them with our prayers for strength. ***Bless*** those who have survived and heal their memories. ***May*** they have the courage to face the days ahead. ***Help*** us respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, and in comfort to the best of our abilities. ***Keep*** our hearts focused on the needs of all the community. ***Amen***.

Recently Deceased: Fr John Barry osa, Len Borowski, Fr Peter Grice, Sr Mary Raymond Hammond RSM, Fr Paul Stenhouse MSC,
Anniversaries: Laura Gleadhill, Ted Butterworth, Les Heathwood, Samuel Johnson, George Lee, Samantha Neilsen, Josie Sternfeldt, Trevor Smith
Special Intentions: Pat Beckett, Augusto Cesar, Joshua Chester, James Clifford, Veronica & Cathy Comiskey, Mark Cummins, George D'Allura, Robbie Dicker, Susan Donald, Rosa De Francesco, Bart Gaffney, Loye Gardiner, Paul Heathwood, Philomena Hegarty, Allaura Hows, Kate Jennings, Kath Keogh, Nicky Logan, Katie Loveday, Cheryl Loveridge, Enid McCarthy, Trish McConnell, James McKeon, Peter McLaughlin, Terry McNelly, Mark Mensal, Fr Ron Mollison, John Morgan, Christopher Mothershaw, Marie-Louise O'Brien, Pamela O'Reilly, Peter Reid, Wal, Joyce & Janeen Smith, Lester Steen, Mary Twomey, Nathaniel Williams, Zelina & family

We hope you can tick at least 1 box as a helper?

- ☐ ***Maintenance***
- ☐ ***Gardens /grounds,***
- ☐ ***Altar Serving,***
- ☐ ***Musician,***
- ☐ ***Welcomer,***
- ☐ ***Reader,***
- ☐ ***Collector,***
- ☐ ***Sacristan,***
- ☐ ***Communion Minister***
- ☐ ***Church Cleaner***
- ☐ ***Other helper***

Please consider how you could assist..

Parish Leadership Development Day
PROGRAM

- Mass with Archbishop Mark
- Archbishop's Address
- Intentional Leadership
- *Morning Tea*
- Why Discipleship Matters
- Intentional Parish
- *Lunch*
- The Future of Your Parish
- How to Become an Intentional Parish

Saturday 28th March, 8:30am - 3pm
Dominic Centre,
(100 Mayfield Rd, Carina)
Register: ebab.weebly.com
RSVP due: Wed 18 March
More info: (07) 3324 3440

'Regina Caeli Parish' 2020 Sacrament Enrolment:
All enquiries parish office

Regina Caeli Over 50's Club 2020 Bus Trip itinerary & M / Tea dates now available.
1st Bus trip March 4 with **8.30am start:**
Mt Tamborine & lunch at St Bernard's Hotel!
Join in the fun, bring a friend ~ Contact
Leila Bourke: h: 3397 1545 or m: 0407 971 545;

Mass of Healing & Hope
Saturday March 7, 2020 at 9am
Please join us for Mass & afterwards Morning Tea in the foyer
Other 2020 seasonal dates for Masses of Healing and Hope are:
Other dates: **June 6, Sept 5 & Dec 5 2020**

A "THE LITTLE KING MOVEMENT" Invitation...

Retirement is like a signpost pointing us in a different and new direction. It is not a **STOP SI**GN. So, this is why we'd like to invite you to our '**GOLDEN YEARS DAY**' which is held on the **Last Friday of each month.**

The day starts with 10am Mass, Morning Tea, Concert and Lunch. We'd love to see you there!
It is a free day, but *please* give call on **3391 1432** or e: **lkm67@bigpond.net.au** for catering purposes. We look forward to hearing from you.
Our next gathering will be **February 28** Craft Group has also a stall on the day with lots of great buys.

As we are **host** parish for this event, we would enjoy your support... **Next** prep meeting to finalise any loose ends prior to **World Day of Prayer** in parish hall **Fri Feb 28, 10am**. We look forward to your company.

Villanova College - Applications for Year 5 & 7, 2022
Yr 7 in 2022: Applications open now for Yr 7, 2022 (boys in Yr 5 now - applications close Fri 21 Feb, 2020. To enrol, visit www.vnc.qld.edu.au
Year 5, 2022: Applications for Yr 5, 2022 (boys Yr 3 now) open week commencing Mon 15 June, close Fri 17 July. To join our mailing list to receive an email notification when applications open, please register at:https://www.vnc.qld.edu.au/enrolments/enrolment-registration/ **2020 Open Day** Wed 27 May.
Principal's Tours: Visit website for dates & to register https://www.vnc.qld.edu.au/enrolments/tours/