

We Respond

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Or

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 18)

ANTIPHON: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

RESPONSE: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

LECTOR: The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

LECTOR: The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

LECTOR: The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

LECTOR: They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

TODAY'S READINGS Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

NEXT WEEK (4th Sunday of Lent, Year B) 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 136; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

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Year of the Family

Pope Francis has declared a "year of the family" to celebrate the 'beauty and challenges' of family life. It will begin on March 19 on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph and run until June 26, 2022. The Majellan which has long been a proud supporter of the 'family' will feature stories and provide resources on our website to promote *Amoris laetitia* (The Joy of Love). Details at www.majellan.media

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Understanding the Jesus story



7 March 2021 3rd Sunday Lent Year B

If there is one incident in Jesus' life that leads us to question his judgment, the story of him taking a whip and angrily driving people out of the temple must rank as a strong contender. We have heard in recent weeks that Jesus can be forthright in challenging people – even calling pharisees 'hypocrites' to their faces! But our major image is of a patient and forgiving Jesus rather than someone striking out at people with a raging temper.

So, how are we to understand this story? A good place to start is another story of Jesus visiting the Jerusalem temple with his mother and father when he was a twelve-year old boy. On that occasion, Jesus becomes so caught up by the temple experience, he misses the caravan taking his family back to Nazareth. When his parents realise Jesus is missing, they hasten back to find him among the temple priests and elders, engaging with them about the meaning of the Scriptures.

Now, the temple for traditional Israelites was the holiest of all places on earth enabling people to experience the presence of the living God in their lives in an unsurpassed way. This must have been Jesus' boyhood experience evident in his response to his confused parents: "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?" (Lk 2:49).

So, when Jesus returns to the temple some twenty years later and finds it filled with hawkers, merchants and other traders, he is incensed that greed and money-

lust have turned his 'Father's house' into a marketplace. However, rather than directing his anger to the little people who are simply trying to make a living, surely Jesus should have confronted the temple priests who no doubt benefited financially from this defilement of God's house.

Jesus has this opportunity to respond to the chief priests when they challenge him for his table-turning, whip-lashing behaviour. In answer to their question: "On what authority do you do this?" Jesus' strange response confounds everyone: "Destroy this temple and I will raise it up again in three days."

Somehow, this is a moment of insight for Jesus. He begins to realise his mission of communicating God's love and forgiveness will result in the destruction of the other temple – his own body – on a cross. Yet, God's glory will always shine through beyond suffering, cruelty and death itself.

This is the paradox St Paul writes about in his letter to the Corinthians. He realises how preaching a crucified Christ is folly to Jews and Greeks alike. Yet Paul also knows we must acknowledge our own sinfulness and stupidity if we are to experience God's power and wisdom. Too often, we are like the temple traders busy with our own pursuits rather than seekers of the living God. Often, we ignore God's covenant because we are afraid to witness to a crucified-and-risen Christ who heals our weakness and failures with divine love and mercy.

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WEEK START SUN MARCH 7, 2021
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YEAR **B**

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NEXT BAPTISM ENROLMENT TALK SUN MAR 7
AT 4PM IN PARISH HALL. NO APPT NECESSARY!

Sat ~ 9am, 6pm;
Sun ~ 6.30am & 8.30am
Mon & Wed ~ 6.30am;
Tues & Fri ~ 9am



MASS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ~ 9AM

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(Please incl ref) 'Passing the plate' is prohibited at the moment, hence, "gifting" boxes are located at all doors if you are wishing to support parish.

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Parish Giving app available.



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Archdiocese of Brisbane:

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For online mass: Live web cast visit archdiocesan website or www.archbne.org/bzw

Regina Caeli Parish will deliver newsletters to those who may find themselves isolated and/or unable to visit parish itself. Contact us for



an email copy or hardcopy delivery to home.



ON THE BACK OF OUR RECENT FINANCIAL REPORT & NOTING THAT WE HAVE LESS & LESS CASH IN OUR WALLETS THESE DAYS, (WE SEEM TO PAY BY CARD A LOT MORE) IF PARISHIONERS WISH TO DONATE ON LINE FOR CONVENIENCE, PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE & WE WILL CONVEY ALL POSSIBILITIES.

Coming up in 2021... **March**

7 3rd Sunday of Lent
8 International Women's Day (UN)

13/14 Reconciliation Prep 1:

14 4th Sunday of Lent
17 St Patrick (Feast)
19 St Joseph (Feast)
21 5th Sunday of Lent

20/21 Reconciliation Prep 2:

25 Annunciation of the Lord (Feast)
25 Chrism Mass – Cathedral of St Stephen, 7pm

27/28 Reconciliation Prep 3:

30 Parish Mass of Reconciliation in Holy Week 7pm
28 Palm Sunday – The Passion of the Lord



All welcome!
Children's Church
8.30am in hall!



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We are looking to spruce up gardens and grounds before Easter at Regina Caeli: **FRI MARCH 19 @ 7AM.** All willing helpers are encouraged. Gardens are getting out of control.

We need your mowers, mattocks, rakes, digging forks and muscle to do a garden makeover. Weeds are thriving, unfortunately! Please give a hand or maybe adopt a garden. Bring any garden tools you think might help!!



In cultures like ours this seems to be a time of allergies & addictions. More people, especially children, seem to be allergic to all kinds of things; & more people seem given to addictions of one kind or another - drugs, screens, gambling, pornography and so on. It's hard to say why this is so; perhaps it's just that we're better at diagnosing & understanding allergies & addictions than we were. Lent is a time to name our addictions & to take action to free ourselves from their grip which can be a kind of slavery. Alcoholics

Anonymous has been a great help to many people struggling with alcohol addiction; & there are forms of the same strategy to help with other addictions. But the age-old discipline of fasting is another way the Church offers to free us from the clutch of the false gods. We need food to live, but it can also become an obsession, even an addiction. To fast is to say no to food as an obsession or addiction. Fasting says that we don't live on food alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God, the God who doesn't enslave but sets us free. Fasting deprives the body so the soul may feed off God's word. Only those who know how to fast will really know how to feast; and it's for the Easter feast that we prepare through these fasting days of Lent.

The 'Norm from Jan 22, 2021'

- ♦ Stay home if unwell; Masks optional
- ♦ Sign In & Sanitise your hands
- ♦ Social Distancing (1person or family / 2m²)
- ♦ Sanitise your space with wipes on exit
- ♦ Only Priests to distribute Communion
- ♦ Sign of Peace spoken greeting only
- ♦ Gifting boxes available at all doors for donations
- ♦ Take newsletter home with you. No Hymn books



RECENTLY DECEASED: Frs Pat Dowd & Peter Gillam, Edward Briggs, Neil Fallon, Bart Gaffney, Lucy Houghton, Fay Thomas, Dominic Vu
ANNIVERSARIES: A'BISHOP JOHN BATHERSBY, LES HEATHWOOD, JOSIE STERNFELD, GEORGE LEE, LAURA GLEADHILL, TREVOR SMITH, SAMUEL & HILDA JOHNSON, SAMANTHA NEILSEN, KAZIMIERA LYP, Ennio & Antoinette Morlacci, Vellelmo Calvisi,
SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Joshua Chester, Pat Cochrane, Veronica & Cathy Comiskey, Neil Cremin, Pat Dugger, George D'Allura, Loye Gardiner, Ray Garrigan, Paul Heathwood, Allaura Hows, Kath Keogh, Nicky Logan Paddy Logan, Katie Loveday, Trish McConnell, Fr Ron Mollison, Marie-Louise O'Brien, Pam O'Reilly, Peter Owen, Peter Reid, Wal & Joyce Smith, Lester Steen, Nathaniel Williams, Zelina & family



PROJECT COMPASSION
BE MORE

WEEK 3: Oliva, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, & was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money as she couldn't add up. Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy & numeracy classes. She set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, as they were too shy to attend larger classes. Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving & she is helping her children with homework. She aims to become a pastor & run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.' **Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 & support people like Oliva gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.** You can donate through Parish boxes & envelopes, ph 1800024413; or www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion



PROCESSIONAL @ B FARRELL **Christ be our Light**

V1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
Refrain: Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.



OFFERTORY @ MARTY HAUGEN **WE REMEMBER**

R/- We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate, for you are with us here; & we believe that we will see you when you come, in your glory, Lord, we remember, we celebrate, we believe.

V1 Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed. Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart. **R/-**

COMMUNION @ MARTY HAUGEN **RETURN TO GOD**

Instrumental

REFLECTION @ S TOOLAN **I Am The Bread Of Life**

V1 I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.
Refrain: And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up, and I will raise him up on the last day.
V2 The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and you who eat of this bread, you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever. **R/-**

RECESSIONAL @ B FARRELL **UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT**

Refrain: Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die, it remains but a single grain with no life.
V1 If we have died with him then we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him. **R/-**
V6 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; peace which the world cannot give is my gift. **R/-**