of Jesus. Like Zacchaeus, we often prefer to keep Jesus at a 'distance' lest we too are challenged to change our lives, attitudes and behaviours. Many Christians are more "fellow travellers" of Christianity than genuine disciples.

Pope Francis has noted the Zacchaeus syndrome at work in people who don't feel 'big' or worthy enough, whose sense of shame causes spiritual paralysis, and who are offset by the cynicism of others. But he then notes that Zacchaeus took a risk, "ran ahead", "climbed" the tree and, when Jesus called, "hurried down". We too are called to put our own lives on the line by accepting Jesus' invitation to enter our house and life.

> Gerard Hall SM @ Redemptorists 2019

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## We Respond ...

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not

far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 144)

ANTIPHON: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

RESPONSE: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

LECTOR: I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. R.

LECTOR: The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. R.

LECTOR: All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and dedare your might, O God, R.

LECTOR: The Lord is faithful in all his words

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and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a

hymn)

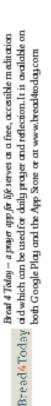
You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me shall have life because of me, says the Lord.

TODAY'S READINGS Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10

NEXTWEEK (32nd Sunday of Year C) 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Psalm 16; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-35; Luke 20:27-38

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The Lachaeus within as

Most of us have heard the story, apocryphal or not, of a subway sign saying "Jesus is the answer", under which someone had written: "But what is the question?" To be a Christian is not to be someone who has all the right answers. The true disciple of Jesus is someone who searches and questions, someone who never abandons the path of seeking and asking.

Jesus did not say "I am the answer to your questions". Rather, he stated, "I am the way, the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6), promising to walk with us on life's journey. Jesus is not an answer to a problem, but an invitation to embrace the mystery – the mystery of our own personhood, the mystery of life, and the mystery of the living God.

If we choose to follow Jesus, there is much we can learn from the gospel story of Zacchaeus. Sometimes called the "Gospel in miniature", the Zacchaeus story has inspired Christian thinkers and artists throughout the centuries. First and foremost, it establishes the focus of Jesus' mission in reaching out to those on the margins, those Jesus refers to as the "lost sheep".

Secondly, it highlights the way Jesus addresses Zacchaeus and us all by name with the words: "Come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house tonight." Here we are invited to open our hearts to receive Jesus in our midst. It is this personal relationship with Jesus — "welcoming him joyfully" — that is the centrepoint of our Christian faith and discipleship.

Thirdly, we do well to recognise there are many Zacchaeuses in our world today who have much to teach us. These are people on the fringes of faith, people who may call themselves agnostics or even atheists, but who continue to search and question. Even without knowing it, they are genuinely religious seekers. Moreover, they remind us that too many religious people, like the scribes and pharisees of Jesus' time, are so full of their own certainties and holierthan-thou' attitudes, they cannot but fail to hear the truly liberating message of Jesus.

Finally, let us recognise that Zacchaeus lives within each of us. While few of us can lay claim to being wealthy Roman tax-collectors, we all fall 'short' of being true disciples

WEEK START SUN NOV 3, 2019 31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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#### NORMAL PARISH MASS TIMES

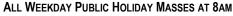
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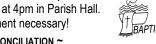
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BAPTISM TALKS ~ 1st Sunday of most months at 4pm in Parish Hall.

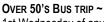
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RECONCILIATION ~ Saturday 5.30pm or by arrangement

CHILDREN'S CHURCH ~

All 8.30am Sunday Masses (Feb - Dec)



1st Wednesday of any month March - Dec CCSG LITERARY GROUP ~ IN THE HALL **NORMALLY** 2nd Monday of month:

**NEXT MEETING:** 11 Nov, 16 Dec, 2019

AT 9.30am https://ccsgliterature.wordpress.com

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#### REGINA CAELI DATE CLAIMERS: FROM NOV 2019

SAT NOV 2: ALL SOULS' DAY MASS: 8AM

SAT/SUN Nov 2/3: RECONCILIATION SESSION 3

Mon Nov 4: Reconciliation Ceremony I. 6.30pm

SAT NOV 9: BED PLANNING DAY: 8AM Sun Nov 24: Day on the Green Sun Dec 1: Advent Week 1

SAT DEC 7: MASS OF HEALING & HOPE, 9AM

Sun Dec 8: Advent Week 2 Sun Dec 15: Advent Week 3 SUN DEC 22: ADVENT WEEK 4

## 'REGINA CAELI PARISH'



**SACRAMENT ENROLMENT: CHILDREN** 

(YEAR 3 IN 2020) ARE ENROLMENT ELIGIBLE IN RECONCILIATION PREPARATION ROUND 2, & HENCE, CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION IN 2020.

ALL ENQ ~ PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE

#### Friends of Regina Caeli

Next meeting this weekend 3/11/19 @ 9.30am

AGENDA: fine tune "Day on the Green" function and other issues if need be! All welcome to come, join in and get involved! Parish relies on Your personal support and this in turn assists our Parish doors

to stay open into the future.



National Prayer Campaign for Drought:

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a November National Praver Campaign for drought. All people are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by drought & to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note large parts of the country are directly affected by drought & the impact is

national, hence our response ought be national. Access resources & find out more at:

### www.catholic.org.au/drought

Our Prayer: We ask now in Faith, Hope & Love that you look with favour on our drought stricken land & our fire rayaged areas. **Sustain.** strengthen & give hope to our farmers & all those 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 who lives & livelihoods have been affected by recent fires. We pray for those who have lost homes & businesses, for those who were scared

& have been traumatized by their experience, comfort & heal them in body, mind & spirit & give them hope of restoration. Amen.

November is the month we celebrate all the Holy Souls. Envelopes are available in the foyer ALL Y SOULS

for your Mass intentions for our loved ones whom have gone before. RECENTLY DECEASED: LORNA DAGWELL. ANNIVERSARIES: JOHN RICHARDSON

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Georgie Anderson, Pat Beckett, Augusto Cesar, Joshua Chester, James Clifford, Veronica & Cathy Comiskey, Mark Cummins, Robbie Dicker, Susan Donald, Rosa De Francesco, Loye Gardiner, Paul Heathwood, Philomena Hegarty, Allaura Hows, Kath Keogh, Nicky Logan, Katie Loveday, Cheryl Loveridge. Enid McCarthy, Trish McConnell, James McKeon. Peter McLaughlin, Terry McNelly, Mark Mensal, John Morgan, Christopher Mothershaw, Marie-Louise O'Brien, Nancy O'Dea, Peter Reid, Wal & Joyce & Janeen Smith, Mary Twomey, Nathaniel Williams, Zelina & family

> Regina Caeli Parish Day on the Green Sun Nov 24 @ 3pm

> > Our "end of vear" festivities are staged

to celebrate all parts of our Regina Caeli Parish. This means, we want everyone to attend, to take time to say

thanks for the year that was, acknowledge our volunteers & have some fun.

We offer a **special welcome** to parishioners & friends who may have not joined us socially in the past. It is time to join in! Although the afternoon isn't considered a fundraiser, some



Christmas sweet treats will be on sale. During the afternoon we would like to highlight some activities & interest

groups of Regina Caeli. The afternoon will be filled with live music, singing, games, BBQ & cold refreshments, loads of hospitality & time to open our new shed.

# What we really need is you!!

Your attendance helps us be seen as a vibrant parish for the future. RSVP appreciated



**CELEBRATE OUR BRISBANE** EAST DEANERY WITH MASS. BREAKFAST AND MEETING.

WHERE: REGINA CAELI **SAT Nov 9, 2019** WHEN:

8ам TIME:

> The deanery group incorporates 8 parishes & 10 churches, and as always, is a great way to make that vital connection with neighbouring parishes.

Time to get involved! All interested persons welcome. RSVP: REGINA CAELL e: reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au

or ph: 3398 3697

## Regina Caeli Over 50's Club Bus trip. Wed Nov 6.

Lyell Deer Sanctuary My Samson

BYO M/Tea, Lunch at Samlord Valley Hotel

Bus Departs 8.30am: Contact:

Leila Bourke: m: 0407 971 545; h: 3397 1545

To those who shovelled undersoil, laid turf & more around the shed on Thursday last, thanks to all helpers. **Great effort & Great result!** 



