



Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

(Canonically Established: 18th January 2006)

OUR PARISH VISION

“An inclusive, welcoming and dynamic faith-filled Catholic Community, living and sharing the Gospel, to set the world ablaze.”

5th Sunday of Lent (Year C) – 3 April 2022



“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Today's Scripture Readings

Is 43:16-21; Ps 125; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 50: 4-7; Ps 21; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the Sick

Tirso Danga, Bernadette Chetty, Adora Castillo, Lilian Song, Sr Pauline Nicholson, Conchita Claudio, Fr Niall Harrington, Isabella Sciberras, Patricia Muscat, Mary Buhagiar, Emmanuel Chime, Robert Schembri, Fr John Tollan, Violeta Serimogan, Rodolfo Limueco, Anh Tran, Althea D'Souza, Ezio Rischitelli, Alida Beric, Patricio Lavilla Jr.

For the Dead

9:00am: Anna Fernando, Serge Romeo | **10:30am:** Patricia Ann Kelly, Teresa Tran Thi Nhai | **12:00pm:** Lagrimas Libo-on, Alfonso Libo-on, Medardo Libo-on |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,279.00** Presbytery: **\$500.55**

Thank you.

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

Assistant Priest: REV. FR SIMEON ANTHONY

Parish Coordinator: MR ROBERT DURAI

Evangelisation Coordinator: MRS NATASHA BERCHY

Baptism Coordinator: MRS MARY BORG (Tuesdays Only)

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday 9:30am–5:00pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil): 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am & 12:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES, SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Tuesday: 7:00pm

Monday, Wednesday - Saturday: 9:30am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

1st Friday: 7:30pm (Mass followed by adoration of Bl. Sacrament)

CONFESSIONS: Tuesdays: 6:00pm; Saturdays: 8:45am, 10:00am and 5:00pm or by Appointment at any other time.

ABLAZE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18 - 30 Years)

Every Wednesday: 7:00 - 8:30pm

HOLY HOUR FOR MOTHERS

Last Wednesday of the Month: 7:30 - 8:30pm

LEGION OF MARY

Every Monday: 7:00 – 8:30pm

SRM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday: 7:30 – 9:00pm

PARISH PLAYGROUP

Every Thursday: 10:30 – 12:00pm

ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP

Fortnightly on Fridays for Youth in High School (Year 7 to 12): 7:00 - 8:30pm

SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH

CHRIST THE PRIEST PRIMARY SCHOOL (Prep-Yr. 6)

54 Caroline Springs Blvd. | Phone: 93618600

(PRINCIPAL: Mrs Adele Vesty)

ST GEORGE PRECA PRIMARY SCHOOL (Prep-Yr. 6)

22-48 Lancefield Drive | Phone: 7378 5500

(PRINCIPAL: Mr Jim Sheedy)

CRC CAROLINE SPRINGS (Year 7-10)

10 College Street | Phone: 9217 8000

(PRINCIPAL: Mr Jamie Madigan)

For the latest updates, please visit our Parish Website and other social media platforms

Website: www.stcatherinecarolinesprings.org.au

Facebook: [@St.Catherine.Siena.CarolineSprings.Australia](https://www.facebook.com/St.Catherine.Siena.CarolineSprings.Australia)

Twitter: [@CS_Catholics](https://twitter.com/CS_Catholics) | YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/carolinespringsparish>



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CAROLINE SPRINGS

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze"

Friday 1st April 2022

My dear people,

The final report of our Stewardship Renewal Program will be presented to key stakeholders on Wednesday 6th April 2022. Mr Frank Schobben is waiting on the responses of several more people before he can make his final representation. I will share with you all the details of his report next weekend. There are several more thanksgiving envelopes to be collected from the gathering space.

This Sunday will be the last Sunday of the Lenten initiative. We have received positive feedback about this initiative. Both parents and children equally enjoyed the opportunity for the children to read and bring up the offerings at Mass. The Children's Liturgy was also available at these Masses. Its success has reminded us of the importance of Children's Liturgy at Mass and we are eager to resume this in the parish. We are inviting anyone who would like to help in this wonderful ministry to contact the parish office. We can discuss which Masses this will be offered as well as the training and resources needed. If you are interested, we will provide you with the formation for this worthwhile ministry.

Holy Week and the Easter Triduum are just two weeks away. Again, this year, Lent has flown by. I invite you to take note of the different times of the Holy Week and Easter Triduum liturgies. These details are now in the bulletin, on the website and on the doors of the church. I look forward to seeing all of you at the different liturgies.

Several weeks ago, I announced that Mary Borg, our Parish Secretary, had resigned. Mary has since accepted to continue to work part time. She will be in the office all day on Tuesday and will be looking after all enquiries about the celebration of Baptism at parish level. Baptism enquiries will now be dealt with on Tuesdays. Mary will also continue with some clerical work while she is in the office. I am very grateful to Mary for this. I am likewise very grateful to Fr Simeon, Robert and Natasha for all the fantastic work that is accomplished in the office every day.

Our novena of prayers for peace in the world, particularly in Ukraine, finished last Tuesday. I warmly thank all those who participated, in particular those parishioners who came up with the idea and those who led the prayers. There is a photo taken on the last day of the novena on our Facebook page. Although the novena has concluded, we must continue to pray for all those affected by this dreadful tragedy.

Last Wednesday, Fr Simeon and I, together with around 150 priests of the archdiocese, attended a Clergy Gathering called by Archbishop Comensoli. It was an opportunity for him to talk to us about some of his desires for the archdiocese. It was a wonderful day and the fellowship among priests was truly welcome.

I wish all of you a blessed fifth Sunday of Lent and May God bless you.

We continue turning to our patron saint and we ask for her intercession.

St Catherine of Siena, Pray for us.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr Richard Rosse PP

EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

Can you provide aid to the Catholic people in Ukraine? They need your help!

The Catholic charity, Aid to the Church in Need is conducting an emergency appeal to support the Church in Ukraine.

Funds are being sent to clergy and religious who are on the ground assisting the people. So far an initial of \$2 million was sent in the days following the invasion. Now, they need financial help with the ongoing support of the people who have been displaced from their home. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families.

There are prayer cards and 'how-to-donate' flyers in the Gathering Space. For more information, please visit www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine or phone 1800 101 201.

Your help and prayers are important! PLEASE GIVE.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

COME JOIN US



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
10am & 7pm

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY 10th APRIL
Vigil - Saturday 9th April | 6pm
Sunday 10th April | 9am,
10:30am & 12pm

HOLY THURSDAY

THURSDAY 14th APRIL
Mass | 7:30pm
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY 15th APRIL
Stations of the Cross | 9:30am
Good Friday Service | 3pm
Tenebrae | 7:30pm

EASTER VIGIL

SATURDAY 16th APRIL
Mass | 7:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY 17th APRIL
Mass | 9am, 10:30am & 12pm

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BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

Please note that starting from this week, baptism enquiries and bookings in the parish will only be done on Tuesdays from 09:30am to 5:00pm.

Second-Hand BIBLES for SALE !

We have plenty of bibles which we got from Christ the Priest Catholic Primary School on sale at the piety stall. There are two different types/makes of bibles.

One type is selling at \$10 and the other (limited in numbers) going for \$15 each. Please buy 1 or 2 either for yourself or to give away as a gift.



LEGION OF MARY & VISITATION OF OUR LADY'S STATUE

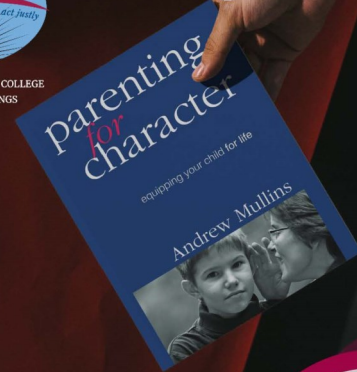
The Legion of Mary is looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the Praesidium of our Parish, you are welcome to contact Antoinette. Be advised too that the Legion will meet on Monday evenings from 7pm until 8:30pm instead of Thursdays, starting from 4th April 2022.

Furthermore, families are encouraged to have the Statue of Our Lady visit their homes for a week for personal prayers and veneration with their families. For more information, please call **Antoinette Spiteri on 0402 423 826.**



Parenting for Character

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE
CAROLINE SPRINGS



Every parent wants their child to turn into young men and women who are sincere, generous and ready to meet the challenges of this world. This seminar is focused on equipping parents with practical goals that will help your child positively develop into happy teenage and adult lives.

Andy Mullins is the author of Parenting for Character and a former Sydney principal. In recent years he has been invited to speak to parent conferences in UK, Canada, NZ, and other countries. He now teaches at the University of Notre Dame Australia, directs a project for university students in Carlton, is on the board of Harkaway Hills College, and plays tennis when he can.

Copies of Parenting for Character will be available for purchase for \$25.



Dr Andy Mullins
Author

When
6:30pm Wednesday 27 April

Where
Catholic Regional College,
Caroline Springs
10 College Rd, Caroline Springs

Booking Link
www.trybooking.com/BYAEQ

LENTEN CONFESSION

Confessions will be held in the church on **Wednesday 13 April from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.** No appointments are needed. Please come to the church during the stated time and both Fr Richard and Fr Simeon will be available to hear confessions.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

We are hoping to bring back the CHILDREN'S LITURGY after a very successful initiative with Christ the Priest Primary School over Lent. However we need help running this. Training and resources will be provided. If you feel you will be able to assist in this very important ministry in our parish and are passionate about passing on the faith to our children, please contact the parish office on 8361 9822 or email natasha.berchy@cam.org.au

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
- Proverbs 22:6

PARISH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL PROGRAM

Our Program has been finalised and once again we sincerely thank everyone for their involvement and generous response.

A summary of the results will be made available soon.

Collect today your acknowledgement letters and your new giving envelopes (where applicable). They are available in alphabetical surname order in the Gathering Space.

Note that the new pledge commitments take effect on Sunday 3rd April. Thank you once again.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

We still need Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) for the Holy Week liturgies. Please choose one ministry per Mass for the Holy Week liturgies to allow as many volunteers as possible to participate.

Sign-up sheets are available in the gathering space.

CHANGE OF MASS & ADORATION TIMES

Tuesday 12 April

Please note that the Parish Daily Mass on Tuesday 12 April will be at 9:30am instead of 7:00pm. This is due to the Chrism Mass at the cathedral in the evening.

The adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 8:30am until the start of Mass.

FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS

There will be NO 8:00AM MASS for the next three Fridays. It is the last week of school term followed by school holidays.

The 8:00am Mass will resume on Friday 29 April.

2024 CRC CAROLINE SPRINGS ENROLMENT FORM SIGNING

Fr Richard will be available at the following dates and times to sign Catholic Regional College (CRC) Caroline Springs Enrolment Forms for Year 7, 2024 for families who reside in St Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs ONLY. A parent or legal guardian MUST present the completed form for signing. It is not an expectation that you bring along the student in which you are applying for.

Note that Families need to book for the signing of forms. Go directly to: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/y6qk8> and follow the instructions.

Each session is only for 10 minutes. Please ensure that you are on time and to bring a FULLY COMPLETED CRC Enrolment Form and have your Thanksgiving Number to the signing session.

If you need to make any changes to your booking please do so through School Interviews, log in to your booking from the confirmation email and select 'Reschedule'.

PARISH EASTER RAFFLE

1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes of Easter Hampers

Cost of tickets is \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Tickets will be sold after all weekend masses.

The Easter Raffle will be drawn on 16 April after the Easter Vigil Mass.

PARISH FEAST DAY DINNER

We are celebrating our Parish Feast Day on Friday 29 April. The Social Committee is organising a Feast Day Dinner at CRC Cafeteria on Saturday 30 April at 7:00pm. Tickets are sold after Mass from this weekend onward.



Tickets are selling at :-

Adult - \$20.00

Child (5 years-11years) - \$10.00

4 years and under are Free.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by 24th April 2022.



SPOTLIGHT ON *Mary Borg*

Mary has been a long-standing parishioner here at St Catherine of Siena, right from the start when Masses were held at Christ the Priest's School Hall. She is celebrating her 55th Wedding Anniversary with her husband Victor later this year and they have one son, Jason who lives in Malaysia. In her spare time, Mary likes to keep fit, attending Aqua classes and gym.

How do you love to serve the community of SCS?

My official roles in the parish include coordinating the EMHC and Baptism ministries. I also do the rostering for readers and EMHC over the weekend. I regularly go into the presbytery to assist with administration as well.

Why do you serve in the way that you do?

I find the work that I do extremely fulfilling. I have always felt close to God and therefore I want to serve him. I also enjoy being productive. Volunteering in our community, where there is much need, is very satisfying.

What are your hopes for our community?

It has been fantastic to see how much our parish has grown over the past 20 years. I hope that we keep growing spiritually as a community, but also to see greater interaction between the many diverse groups that make up St Catherine of Siena.

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH IS COMMITTED TO BUILDING A CHILD-SAFE ENVIRONMENT