



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.”

The Ascension of the Lord (Year C) – 29 May 2022



“Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.” (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel. I am
with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 1: 1-11; Ps 46; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24: 46-53

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 2:1-11; Ps: 103; 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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 Buhagiari, Emmanuel Chime, Robert Schembri, Fr John Tollan, Violeta Serimogan, Anh Tran, Althea D'Souza, Ezio Rischitelli, Alida Beric, Patricio Lavilla Jr, Fr Brian Nicholls

For the Dead

9:00am: Anita & Alberto Yamzon, Anbu Sekar, Anthony Elisha |
10:30am: Michael Deguara | **12:00pm:** Antoine Salama |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,851.00** Presbytery: **\$868.00**
Propagation of Faith Appeal: **\$296.65 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

Twitter: @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 27th May 2022

My dear people,

Many of you already know that I have contracted COVID and am isolating in the presbytery until Tuesday 31st May. Having returned a negative result on a RAT on Monday, I decided to go for a PCR test on Tuesday when I woke up with a sore throat. The PCR test returned a positive result. I thank God that my symptoms have been mild so far, only suffering from mild cold and flu symptoms. I ask you to pray for me that my situation improves and that I can get back to work.

Pentecost Sunday is on 5th June this year and we are organising a wonderful day called Ablaze Pentecost. Ablaze Pentecost will definitely be a celebration of the Holy Spirit! The day will include Mass, delicious food from the different cultures of the people in the parish and a powerful prayer rally where there will be multiple ways in which you can encounter the Holy Spirit. Kindly book via <https://www.trybooking.com/BZLWC> to give us an indication of attendance at the event. There is also a sign-up sheet in the gathering space to indicate what food you will bring and the number of people who will come with you. I strongly encourage you to plan your day so that you are here from 10:30am until 3:00pm to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit among us.

It was fantastic to see our young parishioners receiving sacraments of initiation last weekend. At the four parish Masses, those who were prepared for sacraments by the Society of Christian Doctrine, received their first Holy Communion. Last Sunday, during Masses at 2:30pm and 4:30pm, students from Christ the Priest Catholic Primary School were confirmed by Bishop Martin Ashe, the Auxiliary Bishop for the Western Region. We will welcome Bishop Ashe again this Sunday when, during Masses at 2:30pm and 4:30pm, he will confirm students from St George Preca Catholic Primary School. We continue to pray for all these young parishioners of ours. We also thank Bishop Ashe for his generosity in giving his time to confirm our parishioners.

On Monday this week, I had a conversation with Mr Dermot Cannon, Director, Property and Infrastructure, of the Archdiocese about the future plans for our parish. At this stage, we are still in the process of inviting organisations to put in a “Request for Proposal” for the purpose of selecting one to conduct an audit of our facilities to see if they are “fit for purpose” for the future needs of the parish. As soon as we make progress in this area, I will let you know. This is all the information I have at the moment in that regard.

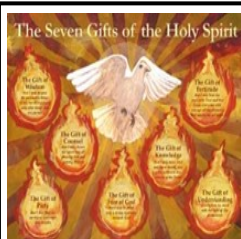
May I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Solemnity of the Ascension. Let us remember that our Lord ascended into heaven where he sits at the right hand of God the Father to intercede for us. Let us never tire of asking him for our needs. Let us also never lose hope that we will be in heaven with Jesus at the end of our days on earth.

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



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

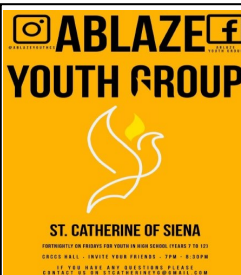
ST GEORGE PRECA PRIMARY SCHOOL
We have students from St George Preca Primary School who will be Confirmed this Sunday.

Students:-

(Sun 2:30pm) - Michael Carnovale, Jordan Ellul, Mirelle Ernacio, Abel Esera-Saluni, Emili Kralj, Dean Micallef, Luke Mihalik, Leila Muscat, Valentina Natale, Jupurri Ngolleuth, Luca Nesci, Lorenzo Novella, Shenaya Perera, Lavinia Reyes, Sophia Tanarte-Crook, Jack Wall, Luka Gal, Nicholas Anania, Leighton Borg, Christina Cachia, Alexandre Conceicao, Eleanor Cuze, Kuek Dekuek, Carlos Galdamez, James Kendrick, Ariana Modric, Ava Nemet, Markus Nyuth, Anastasia Pereira, Joel Robinson, Riley Sese, Diya Snovy, Ben Tipace, Nathan Tran, Ezinne Ugwu, Jayden Uzoho and Thomas Ogenovski **** (Blessing).**

(Sun 4:30pm) - Holly Bloomberg, Danny Bol, Ante Brdar, Sienna Chang, Abigail Cresp, Tahlia Farrugia, Sebastian Garreffa, Luca Giuliani, Nicholas Grgurevic, Lawrence Kempoosit, Abuka Madut, Jonah Maffia, Callum Nicolaou, Kevan Perera, Sebastian Pristrutto, Penny Shearsby, Levi West, Porscha Quilici, Adelle Cauchi, William Chime, Kaden Cutajar, Jackson De Maria, Amanda Gervacio, Noel Ho, Shane Jaywardena, Vian Lasrado, Allegra Macri-Mihai, Allison Majano-Diaz, Jacob Mantineo, Mikayla Meilak and Isla Pace.

Please keep them all in your prayers.



ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP

MASS + ADORATION

The Ablaze Youth will be having their own Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 17 June from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

The group invites all Year 7 to 12 students to come and join them. They are also asking you to bring your families for this wonderful occasion and "it will be an amazing blessed night". For further enquiries, please **contact: stcatherineyg@gmail.com**

NEED HELP FOR A PARISHIONER

One of our parishioners is looking for someone to look after her mother who is residing at the Rosary Nursing Home in Sunshine Ave.

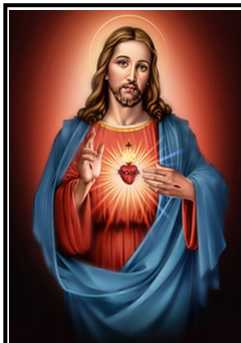
The person is required to work from 1:30pm onward for about 3 hours and it is only for 2 days a week on weekdays. This person will be paid.

If you are interested, please call Maryann Muscat at 0433 639 040.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP)

Need Baby Clothes

St Vincent De Paul Society is asking for baby clothes for a mother who is 7 months pregnant. She is expecting a baby boy. If you have them, please contact Tony Bacon at 0478 595 059. Thank you.



DEVOTION to the SACRED HEART OF JESUS in the PARISH

Next Friday, 3rd of June is the first Friday of the month and we have the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the parish. The monthly devotion begins with Mass at 7:30pm followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All are welcome.

MAY For MOTHER MARY

Help kids honour Mary this May by using some of the fun (free) activities on www.therosaryproject.net

You can go directly to the Kids' Corner by scanning here:



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE



Catholic Theological College

Online unit via Zoom

Teaching Meditation and Prayer

Four Saturdays:

18, 25 June; 8, 15 October

To enrol or for further information:

Undergraduate: dean@ctc.edu.au

Postgraduate:

postgrad@ctc.edu.au



PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Prayer Ministry in the parish. The aim of the ministry is to meet regularly to pray for all needs and intentions.

As a first project, the ministry is introducing Prayer Request Cards and these are available at the Nativity crib. Completed cards can be dropped in the box provided and this will be placed on the sanctuary at the weekend Masses. The box will be emptied regularly and the requested intentions will be prayed for. Only Fr Richard and Fr Simeon have access to the box to ensure privacy.

New members interested in joining the Prayer Ministry can contact Fr Simeon for further information.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God." (Philippians 4:6)



BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith the following who are Baptised on Saturday 4 June: **Aurora Violet Maat, Valentina Ayla Arici, Ari Arici, Zara Alina Avedikyan and Liam Raffa.**

Please pray for them and their families!

ABLAZE PENTECOST

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
CAROLINE SPRINGS

PENTECOST SUNDAY
JUNE
5TH



JOIN US FOR...



MASS | 10:30am



LUNCH | 11:30am

Please bring a plate to share that reflects your cultural background.



PRAYER RALLY | 1pm-2:30pm

Adoration, Confession, Prayer Teams and live Praise and Worship.

All are welcome.

To book or for more information visit:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BZLWC>



PENTECOST is Next Weekend!

To celebrate this special feast day (Sunday 5th of June), we would like to invite you to 'Ablaze Pentecost.' The day will include:

- Mass at 10:30am
- International Lunch at 11:30am.
- A prayer rally from 1pm-2:30pm. This will include adoration, confession, praise and worship and prayer teams. It will be a real opportunity for us to call upon the Holy Spirit on the day where we remember when the Holy Spirit came down on the apostles.

Please register your name on the clipboard in the church foyer or on Trybooking (link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZLWC>) and bring a luncheon plate to share showcasing your nationality if possible. If you would like to host a stall or have any questions please contact Gordon Ross on 0409 932 876 or Tess White on 0429 798 309.

All are welcome!

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 for whom you are applying.

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'.

HOUSE BLESSING & VISITATION

We have started doing house blessings for those who have requested. The parish came up with a form for those who wish to have a priest bless their homes. Forms are available in the Gathering Space. Filled out forms can be handed in to either priest or given to the Parish Office and we will call you as soon as we can to discuss the date and time.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE

Preparation classes for children of catechetical age, 8 years and above who have not been baptised, will begin soon after Easter. For more information, please speak with Fr Simeon or call the parish during office hours.

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.

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