# 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."

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 31 July 2022



'So this is what happens when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

#### **Today's Scripture Readings**

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Ps 89; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

#### **Next Sunday's Scripture Readings**

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 32; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

#### **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, Fr John Tollan, Violeta Serimogan, Anh Tran, Ezio Rischitelli, Alida Beric, Patricio Lavilla Jr, Sarah Buol, Celine Baladjay, Mervyn Moss

#### For the Dead

9:00am: Tony Vella, Anthony Elisha, Ivo Stane, Filip Arkulin |

12:00pm: Anna Fernando |

#### **CHURCH COLLECTIONS**

Stewardship: **\$1,502.00** Presbytery: **\$784.00** 

Thank you.

#### CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

Assistant Priest: REV. FR JOEL PEART

Parish Coordinator: MR ROBERT DURAI

**Evangelisation Coordinator:** MRS NATASHA BERCHY **Baptism Coordinator:** MRS MARY BORG (Tuesdays Only)

#### **POSTAL ADDRESS**

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#### **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



Friday 29th July 2022.

My dear people,

How wonderful it is to be back home after a most fruitful time in the US. Our time in Indiana provided us with a great opportunity to witness the principles of Divine Renovation at work. Members of the parish of St John attended the Divine Renovation Conference in 2016 held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Since returning to St John's, they have put what they learnt into practice and are now soaring in terms of missionary renewal. They are also being coached by Ron Huntley.

Llewy, Ann and I were blessed to spend much time with members of the staff of St John. The parish employs 22 staff, some full time and some part time. Each of the staff is responsible for running one aspect of the parish, which frees Fr Sammie Maletta, the Parish Priest, and enables him to concentrate on duties which are more pastoral in nature. In addition, this accomplishes the great task of empowering lay people to take an active role in the running of the parish.

I will not go through a list of names with you but simply mention the roles which the people whom we met perform in St John's. Many of these staff members are part of the Leadership Team and each of them look after a particular aspect of the parish. Their roles include Pastoral Associate (PA) for Administration, Relational Ministry, Human Resources, Music, Service and Youth, and Catechesis. They also have staff who look after Accounting, Religious Education, Marriage Preparation and Media to name but a few. You are welcome to have a look at their website at <a href="https://www.stjohnparish.org">https://www.stjohnparish.org</a>. Our meetings with the different members of staff helped us understand what underpins their zeal for renewal and their success at doing it. We were able to attend one of their leadership meetings to compare the running of the meeting and learn from them.

Our time at St John's was also blessed by attending their Sunday Mass. They are slowly building back up to the number of people attending Mass before COVID. They are presently at 80% capacity of pre-COVID numbers which were around 3,000 people. Their Vigil is at 5pm and their Masses on Sunday are at 8am and 10am.

The church has a seating capacity of 1200. I will organise for photos and short movie clips of our time in the US to be put on our website soon.

I do not want to sound like a broken record but I must reiterate that the time in the US, both at the conference and at St John's, has renewed my zeal and passion for the spread of the Gospel in our parish. I pray that Jesus will keep that flame alive in my heart so that I can be better at bringing God to you and you to God.

This weekend, like last weekend, we will celebrate the First Holy Communion of our younger parishioners from Christ the Priest. Let us pray for these younger parishioners of ours, that they will understand the most precious gift that they are receiving, Jesus' gift of himself to them.

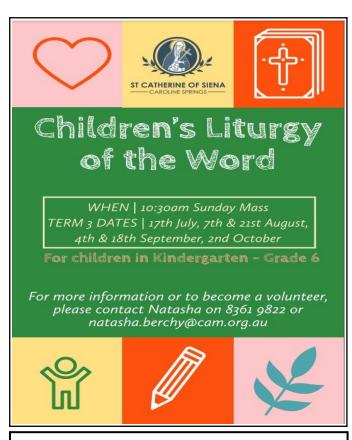
From Sunday afternoon, I will be on annual leave and will be absent from the parish until the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> August. This year, I will go to Mauritius where I will celebrate the wedding of one of my cousins. As usual, I will not leave you orphans but in the very capable hands of Fr Joel. I ask you to keep me in your prayers, that I will be refreshed when I come back for there is a lot of work to do to build the Kingdom of God here in our parish.

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





# DEVOTION to the SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Next Friday, 5 August is the first Friday of the month and we have the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the parish. **Mass starts** at <u>7:00pm</u> instead of 7:30pm,

followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All are welcome.

### 1st SATURDAY DEVOTION TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

There will be praying of the rosary in honour of Immaculate Heart of Mary every first Saturday of the month. The next session is on 6 August at 3:30pm in the meeting room of the church.



You are most welcome to attend.

#### FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS - 12 AUGUST

Please note that there will be **No 8:00am Mass** on Friday 12 August.

#### **IMPORTANT: CHILD SAFETY**

It is the Archdiocese Child Safety Policy that every child has to be under the care of a parent at all times within our premises. As such, we advise that if any child who goes to the toilet has to be accompanied by an adult, preferably by a parent.



# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Christ the Priest Primary School

We congratulate and pray for our young people from Christ the Priest Primary School who are making their

First Holy Communion this weekend.

**6:00pm:** Elijah, Grover, Cooper, Blake, Ava, Sharlize,

Summer, Frank, Flir, Sofia, Alicia, Lucas

9:00am: Wasan, Maryam, Marina, Sienna

10:30am: Antonio, Stella, Jonah, Gianni, Johnbosco,

Isabella, Jood, Frans, Marven, Harley



SOLEMNITY
OF THE
ASSUMPTION
OF THE
BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
Monday, 15 August

For Australia, this day is a holy day of obligation. Holy days of obligation are days on which the faithful are expected to attend Mass, and engage in rest from work and recreation, according to the Third Commandment.

#### **Parish Mass Schedule**

**8:50am -** Rosary; **9:30am** - Mass **7.00pm** - Mass



#### **BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH**

We welcome into the Catholic faith the following who will be baptised on Saturday 6 August: **Rosalia Lock, Rocco Don Fiorito and Jaxon James Phelan.** Please pray for

them and their families!

#### A PERSONAL INVITATION!!!

This is an invitation to our bible study, launched on Monday the 18th of July. This exciting series will be diving deeply into the Gospel of Mark. Each session will contain a video, opportunities for discussion and fellowship! All are welcome to join. More details can be found in the flyer.

Spaces are limited so to avoid missing out, please register here: <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/CASVS">https://www.trybooking.com/CASVS</a>



"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."



Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful 44-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. Combining the insights of Dr. Tim Gray with the masterful artistry of the Augustine Institute, this ectio series uses the Church's rich tradition of Lectio Divina to help you

DETAILS: Every Monday commencing 18th July 7-8:40pm

REGISTE https://www.trybooking.com



Location: CRC Cafeteria

\$25 FOR STUDY GUIDE (PURCHASE IS RECOMMENDED BUT OPTIONAL)



#### Winter Fiesta and WYD Launch

Join Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli for SIX30 Holy Hour followed by a Winter Fiesta in the grounds of the Cathedral. This will be a great opportunity to shake off the winter chills with some live music, delicious food and great company. We are looking forward to great night of prayer, music, food and fun, and Archbishop Peter will also use this opportunity to launch our pilgrimages to WYD 2023.

#### **Thursday 4 August**

6:30pm - 8:30pm St Patrick's Cathedral

More information:

https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/events/ winter-fiesta



## **ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP** & ALPHA PROGRAM

The next Alpha Program is on Friday 5 August at CRC Hall from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. It is also when the Youth Group meets. It is open to all Year 7 to 12 students. For further enquiries, please contact:

stcatherineyg@gmail.com

#### PIETY STALL ROSARY SPECIAL

St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) is Australia's only canonised Saint. In honour of her Feast Day (8th August) and Canonisation Day (17th October) and Rosary Month (October), the piety stall has her commemorative rosary beds at super special prices during July to October.



These rosary beads were designed and handmade in Italy by the Ghirelli family who have been producing rosaries for over thirty years, including the official rosaries for the last three Popes. This set features

Mary MacKillop on the central medal with her name and canonisation date on the reverse side. The Our Father medals show Our Lady, St Joseph, the Sacred Heart and Mary MacKillop's words 'Trust in God.' The crucifix is intricate, emphasising the Sacred Heart of lesus. All the medals and links are finished in vintage bronze and the actual beads are faceted copper bohemian glass. Each rosary comes in its own keepsake pouch.

> One Set \$30 (normal price \$40)

Two Sets \$55 Three Sets \$75

Four Sets \$85 (\$21.25 each; this is cost price) This is a <u>once only special offer</u> - once they are gone, they are gone.

DON'T MISS OUT – GET YOURS NOW!!







# SPOTLIGHT ON Ann O'Brien

Ann is of Polish descent and born & raised in Australia. She is a proud mum of 2 teenage girls + a mum of 3 fur babies -Charlie (dog), Arlo (Cat) & Lily (Rabbit). Ann has been part of the Caroline Springs community for about 17 years & part of our Parish community for about 31/2 years, returning to her faith after way too long

In her spare time, she enjoys walking Charlie, cooking and listening to music.

#### How do you serve the community here at SCS?

I am honoured to be able serve SCS. Starting simply by COVID marshalling when coming out of lockdown, I am now a member of our E Team, Pastoral Care Group & EMHC. It is delightful to be involved in welcoming & hospitality as it's a great opportunity to get to know parishioners & visitors on a deeper level. It's also a privilege to be able to take Holy Communion to parishioners who are sick & homebound, through the Pastoral Care Group, so am fortunate to connect with both parishioners attending & those unable to attend Mass

#### Why have you chosen to serve in the way you do?

When I returned to the church in Easter 2019 at SCS, my whole life changed for the better! I serve now

because I recognise, deeply appreciate & trust in God's plan for me and know that this is where He wants me to be. I trust completely & welcome what He has put before me.

#### What are your hopes for our community here at SCS?

My hopes for our community is that we nurture & enhance our experiences as Christians, individually & collectively, to deepen our relationship with God & to have the courage to invite others on that journey. Whilst God's ability to transform people's lives is now obvious to me. I want so much for others to know the power of His love & that when you genuinely invite Him into your life & trust in Him, amazing things DO happen!

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