



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.”

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 7 August 2022



‘Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 39; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the Sick

Tirso Danga, Bernadette Chetty, Adora Castillo, Lilian Song, Sr Pauline Nicholson, Conchita Claudio, 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

6:00pm: Concepcion Limjuco, Heather Anthony, Charles Forbes |
10:30am: Rene & Joseph Gatt, Joe Vella, Alain Tse, Marie France Tse, Jacques Lo, Joan Ramos-Fabela, Charlie Spiteri |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,3615.10** Presbytery: **\$578.95**

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)

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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 5th August 2022.

Dear fellow parishioners,

In Father Richard’s absence, I have hijacked this spot in the bulletin in order to talk a little about parish renewal which you have been hearing so much about within our community! In the next few weeks I will share a little about renewal in a few different facets, including both personal and communal.

Firstly, why must there be renewal?

Everything fades and deteriorates over time unless intentional inspection, maintenance and upgrades are carried out. Think about your cars and your homes. If they hadn’t been serviced regularly, or general upkeep carried out, they would fall apart or not function at their fullest capability. The same is true for our personal faith lives and community.

In the case of parish renewal, we must first and foremost look at our personal faith lives in order to effectively revitalise our community.

So I ask this question. What does your faith mean to you?

We live in a busy world. There are so many distractions and I know that as a working mother with 3 little ones (and one on the way), I can easily be overwhelmed with the demands that society places upon me. It is when I am overwhelmed that I am reminded to stop and reprioritise things as we cannot possibly give all that we have to everything, and if we try, we either burn out or don’t really have an impact anywhere. It is in this chaos that I am reminded to re-evaluate the priority faith has in my life.

Our ideas of what faith is can vary between each of us depending on our cultural background, upbringing, exposure to the faith and personal life experiences. However, we must be able to define it in order for us to be able to work towards strengthening it, deepening it and then sharing it.

One of my favourite definitions of the faith comes from Pope Benedict XVI who states that:

“Christian faith is not only a matter of believing that certain things are true, but above all a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is an encounter with the Son of God that gives new energy to the whole of our existence. When we enter into a personal relationship with him, Christ reveals our true identity and, in friendship with him, our life grows towards complete fulfilment.”

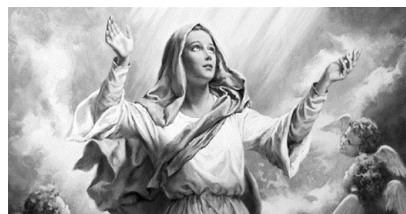
There is so much to unpack from this statement. Yes, faith is a belief in something, and that belief may be expressed in things we ‘do’ such as going to Mass etc. but it goes much further beyond that. To have a true Christian faith, there needs to be a personal encounter with the person of Jesus, and from that, a relationship is formed that needs to be nurtured and grown, just as with any other relationship. It is from this relationship with Jesus that everything flows out from and back into, the celebration of Sacraments, acts of service in the community, our interactions with other people etc. And the deeper in love we fall with Jesus, the more time we would want to spend with him, and serve him. Should we not pursue our faith in this way, then we will never really discover our true identity and not find fulfilment. Instead we will probably seek it in the world and that pursuit will always disappoint.

So how is your personal faith linked to parish renewal? Well, we can’t give what we don’t have. And in order to share the joy and love of our faith with others, we need to have experienced it first and then continually work on growing and developing it. So this week, I invite you to have a think about what your faith means to you? Is it an add-on to your life or core to everything you are and do? Have you encountered the person of Jesus? Do you have a personal relationship with our God?

Natasha Berchy
Evangelisation Co-ordinator

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM Meeting: Discussions Summary for July

- Divine Renovation Conference Debriefing from Fr Richard and Llewly.
- Discussed and shared highlights, insights, experiences, and key notes.
 - Primacy of evangelisation
 - The best of leadership
 - Power of the Holy Spirit
- St Anne's and St John Parish visit highlights:
 - Parish formation and structure
 - Clear discipleship pathways
 - Importance of reverent liturgy, good homilies, uplifting music, fun social events, warm greeting and hospitality which reflects the call to evangelisation.
 - Clear plan to cast vision, mobilisation of leaders, sustainable structures in place for staff and volunteers.
- Proposed Forum or Town hall to present the DR conference experiences and share information with our SCS community.
 - Details/debriefing/transparency
 - Discussions and brainstorming of ideas to apply into the context of our parish community.



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



National Vocations Awareness Week 7 - 14 August 2022

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

THE CATHOLIC GUY: BRUCE DOWNS KNOWING JESUS DAILY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS

You cannot become what you do not know. Join us as we seek to dive deep into the life of Jesus to expand our understanding of who He is and help us live and become more like Him.

This FREE Daily Devotional series is presented by Bruce Downes, known as The Catholic Guy, and starts on Monday 15 August.

What people have said about the Daily Devotional Videos:

**Love the spiritual knowledge packed messages that you share with all of us. Thank you for spreading this very important message in a way that I understand and look forward to daily!*

**I can see that God is working miracles in each of these daily devotionals, which is how I start each day. I would feel my day isn't complete without hearing and praying the word of God.*

Receive these short, practical, and inspiring Daily Devotional videos into your inbox to help you explore and understand who Jesus really is!

For more information, please contact me at Bruce@BruceDownes.org



DIVINE RENOVATION CONFERENCE INFORMATION SESSION

Come and learn all about what Fr Richard, Ann and Llewly experienced at the Divine Renovation Conference in the US and how we can apply it to our community.

**Tuesday 16th August
7:30 - 8:30pm (following the 7pm Mass)
In the Church**

LAST DAYS !!!

2024 CRC CAROLINE SPRINGS ENROLMENT FORM SIGNING

Applications for Year 7, 2024 is now open. All parents of current Year 5 students who are zoned to Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs have until 19 August 2022 to submit their applications for enrolment for Year 7 in 2024. **This is the final date of acceptance for applications.**

Parents who have children attending the College and have siblings in Year 5 will still need to complete an enrolment form.

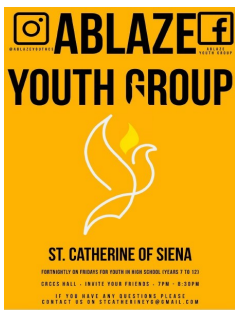
You can download the application form from our College website.

<https://www.crcs.vic.edu.au/enrolment-1/enrolment-procedures>

Please ensure that your FULLY COMPLETED CRC Enrolment Form has your Thanksgiving Number and it is signed by the parish priest before submitting.

FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS - 12 AUGUST

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



ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP & ALPHA PROGRAM

The next Alpha Program is on Friday 12 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



CatholicCare
VICTORIA



Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

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 Jesus. 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 once only special offer - once they are gone, they are gone.

DON'T MISS OUT - GET YOURS NOW!!



SPOTLIGHT ON *Antoinette Spiteri*

Antoinette was born in Sliema, Malta and migrated with her parents to Australia in 1956. They settled in North Melbourne and Antoinette went to school there until they moved to Avondale Heights. Antoinette worked with Myer Melbourne from the age of 16 until she got married and had her son, David. She also has a daughter, Michelle and is the proud grandmother of 4 grandchildren. When her kids grew, Antoinette worked for Myer in retail till she retired.

Her hobbies include kicking up her heels line dancing twice a week and walking her dog, Buddy, whom she loves dearly.

How do you serve the community here at SCS?

After retiring, I had much more time to give to the parish. I started going to daily Mass and became involved with the Legion of Mary. The Legion meet regularly for prayer and also serve the community particularly through ministry to the elderly. This involved visiting the residents in the nursing homes and retirement villages prior to Covid, but now we taking Holy Communion to those unable to come to Mass on a weekly basis.

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

I was initially inspired to join the Legion after hearing a talk from a member of the group one day at Mass. But more than that, I feel that Jesus and Mary are calling me to help our parish community and all the people within it. I do the work that I do in particular for Our Lady as she has helped me a lot in different stages of my life.

What are your hopes for our community here at SCS?

Firstly, I believe that we need to bring back the parishioners who have stopped coming to church due to Covid. If we all do our part, I'm sure we will achieve this eventually. Furthermore, I hope that the people who make up our community become more involved in ministry. I want our community to expand as that means that more and more people are coming to know God. I want us to be vibrant evangelisers and a flourishing community of disciples.

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