



# Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

(Canonically Established: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2006)

## OUR PARISH VISION

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

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 21 August 2022



*"Then you will find yourself saying, 'We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets' but he will reply, 'I do not know where you come from.'" (Gospel)*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.**

Alleluia!

### Today's Scripture Readings

Is 66:18-21; Ps 116; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Sir 3:17-20,28-29; Ps 67; Heb 12:18-19,22-24; Lk 14:1,7-14

### 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, Paul Webb-Johnson

#### For the Dead

**10:30am:** Joan Ramos-Fabella, Beatriz Favila, Maria Savona |

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,160.80** Presbytery: **\$598.40**

**CatholicCare Appeal: \$507.50 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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### CHURCH, PRESBYTERY and OFFICE

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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](http://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 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

Dear fellow parishioners,

I hope this message finds you well! This is my final instalment before Fr Richard comes back and reclaims his place on this page! Over the past couple of weeks, we have been on a bit of a journey, firstly by looking at personal renewal and how we need to constantly re-evaluate the place that our faith has in our lives. Is it core to who we are, or is it a peripheral element of our existence that doesn't really have an impact on us at all? We then addressed the need for us to give of ourselves *completely* to Jesus in order to have authentic faith. As radical and difficult as it sounds, Jesus never watered that down for us: “Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” (Matthew 10:38) It is not an easy journey but scripture reassures us constantly: “The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Deuteronomy 31:8)

What's more, Jesus founded the Church in order that we may come together, and share our life and faith with one another. The Church is the living Body of Christ here on earth, and we are all members and partakers of that here in Caroline Springs. We have been given unique, God-given gifts and talents in order that we may serve Him in this moment.

But why is this so important? And does it end with us?

Absolutely not. Unfortunately, we (and by 'we' I mean Catholics all around the globe) have forgotten what our deepest identity is. The perception of the Church's role and function has shifted due to a number of factors including increasing secularisation and consumerism. The result of this is dwindling faith. The ramifications of this can be seen far and wide in society, you only need to open the newspapers. We have forgotten that we can and should be doing something about this. This is our mission field. This is our call as Christians.

Many of us may believe that the Church's work is that of the priest solely, and that the laity aren't called to play any meaningful role in its integral mission. If we come to Mass and pray regularly, then that's enough. On a purely practical level, we can see how unsustainable this ideation is. When over 99% of those who make up the Church are classified as 'lay,' you don't need to be brilliant with numbers to see that asking and expecting less than 1% to organise, run, sustain, tend to, fix, teach, preach, meet, challenge (and any other verb you can think of), is implausible and unfair. The clergy have an extremely vital, irreplaceable role within the Body of Christ, but they need our support in order for them to effectively carry out the mission that they were ordained into.

On a deeper level, before he went up into heaven, Jesus told his disciples, “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:16-20) This Commission still resonates with us today. And if you call yourself a disciple of Jesus, then this command from our Lord is for YOU. To not recognise this part of your Christian identity is to actually miss out on a HUGE part of what it means to be a Christian.

To draw everything from the past few weeks together, you cannot give what you don't have. You cannot go out and be a bold proclaimer of the Gospel if you haven't experienced the joy of the Good News for yourself. When the government was handing out the \$250 Power Saving Bonus for those who looked into changing energy providers, I was on the phone with all my friends and family to tell them to get in on the incentive because I was rapt once that money hit my bank account! How much more enthusiastic should we be to share the Good News about Jesus Christ, who lived on this earth, suffered and died out of love for us and then rose again, opening up the doors for our eternal salvation, and who wants a personal relationship with each and every single one of us. If we have experienced His love and mercy, then of course, we would want to share it!

In saying that, it may be easier to talk about government incentives to those in our lives who don't have the faith than Jesus. And this is where the parish community comes into play. The parish should not only be a place where we come and worship with one another, but also a place where we can share life with one another. It should be a place of learning and development, a place where we can equip ourselves for our missionary duty. Our parish should also be a place where we can bring along those who are questioning life's big questions, and they will be welcomed and encouraged on their journey. This requires all of us to be involved.

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So moving forward, I encourage you again to start with your own faith life. Everything we do must be rooted in prayer and guided by the Holy Spirit. Partake in the Mass with 'fresh eyes' as it is the moment when heaven and earth collide. Utilise the sacrament of Confession and unload the burden that sin has in all our lives. Spend quiet time alone with God and ask Him to show you what your gifts are and how He has called you to serve Him. And then connect with the community, smile and say "hey" to someone you always see after Mass but know nothing about. Stay back for a cuppa when it's offered. Help the hospitality team make cuppas! Join Alpha when it reboots later this year. Learn more about your faith. Join the Bible Study Group or one of the other ministries available within the community. And I guarantee, that if you allow the time and space for it, God will reveal to you in what way He is calling you to serve Him. Because we all have that responsibility... and what greater thing can we share with those in our lives than the very person of Jesus Christ?

God bless you!

Natasha Berchy

Evangelisation Co-ordinator



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

### St George Preca Catholic Primary School

For the next three weekends, students from St George

Preca Primary School will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time. We will have students at all the weekend Masses except the 12pm Mass on the 1st and 3rd weekends; and will have students only on the Saturday during 6pm Mass on the 2nd weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thank you.



## ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Fr Richard's and Fr Joel's ordination anniversaries are coming up soon.

To celebrate these occasions, the parish is organising a Get Together on Sunday 11th September 2022 after the 12pm Mass at CRC Caroline Springs.

Please bring a plate to share and register your attendance on the sign up sheet in the gathering space.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

## PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM Meeting: Discussions Summary for July

- Divine Renovation Conference Debriefing from Fr Richard and Llew.
- 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.

## INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

### DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 3 September 2022, 10:00 - 11:45am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne .**

For more information: A new Vocations website for the Archdiocese is now available. In addition, the links below (copy, then paste) are a source of additional information.

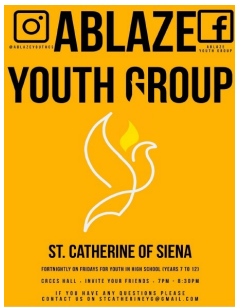
Watch: Melbourne's Deacons

<https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons  
<https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)



## ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP & ALPHA PROGRAM

The next Alpha Program is on Friday 26 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 Sunday Appeal

**Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria.**

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need!

For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au)

## 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, started on Monday 15 August. But you can still join him.**

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](mailto:Bruce@BruceDownes.org)

## 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!!

## LIVING SPRINGS CHOIR

The Living Springs Choir (LSC) consists of our young parishioners aged 7 years and above. They sing at the 10:30am Mass every third Sunday of the month.

We are currently looking for more members to join the group and if you are interested, please call Robert in the Parish Office.

## 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.**

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