



# 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.”*

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 28 August 2022



*“... when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate ...” (Gospel)*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

God, in your goodness, you have made  
a home for the poor.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Take my yoke upon you;  
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.  
Alleluia!

### Today's Scripture Readings

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

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Wis 9:13-18; Ps 89; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

### 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, Paul Webb-Johnson; Christian, Giahnna, Arianna D'Souza, Catherine Olive Moss

#### For the Dead

6:00pm: Snezana Margeta | 9:00am: Mervyn Vyner Moss |  
10:30am: Joan Ramos-Fabella |

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,475.00** Presbytery: **\$609.50**

*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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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: 7:00pm (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 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

My dear people,

It is truly wonderful to be back home after my holidays this year which were very enjoyable. As always, it was priceless to see and catch up with family especially after three years and with all the added stress that the COVID-19 pandemic caused in different parts of the world. I was also particularly moved when celebrating Mass at the churches in the village where I grew up.

As I sit at my desk, I am very conscious of all that lies ahead of us in terms of challenges for the growth of our parish. Life in a parish is never static but dynamic and we are truly blessed that dynamism is a wonderful characteristic of our parish.

Over the past three weeks, Natasha, our Evangelisation Coordinator, wrote three excellent pieces about renewal, both personal and of our parish. She made it clear that a personal relationship with Jesus first is primordial for us Christians since our belief is in the person of Jesus Christ. To achieve that, we need to do more than attending Mass on a Sunday. It definitely starts with Sunday Mass, which is non-negotiable, but must include something else. More about this in the next few weeks from me.

One of the main points behind Divine Renovation is the importance of hospitality. The Evangelisation Team and the Social Committee have organised different events under this banner to showcase the hospitality of our parish. In order to make hospitality a focus of our parish, we have bought a coffee machine for use by parishioners after Mass so as to be faithful to the Eucharistic Fast. Hopefully, this will encourage many people to stay back after Mass to enjoy coffee and each other's company. There is a box in the foyer to help with the cost of running this new initiative in our parish.

This weekend we will celebrate the First Holy Communion of our younger parishioners from St George Preca Primary School. Let us pray for them, that they will understand this most precious gift that they are receiving, Jesus' gift of himself to them.

On Sunday night, I will go on my annual retreat. The last time I went on retreat was three years ago and I am truly looking forward to a week of silence, talking only to our Lord. I invite you to pray for me during the week and, as always, you can count on my prayers.

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



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

### St George Preca Primary School

We congratulate and pray for our young people from St George Preca Primary School who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend.

**6:00pm:** Mae Kemp, Isabella Attard, Lewis-Dimitrije Perkovic, Darin Joseph, Emma Hurmez, Olivia Wall, Raffael Pandjaitan, Max Silva, Noah Cooter, Mikayla Dela Cruz, Mleeta Jabbo, Efraim Korvah Jr.

**9:00am:** Rinata Tammouz, Pietro Di Fluri, Tiffany El Tawil, Mike Orlovic, Casey Nugara, Anthony Minos, Zikora Okaroh, Nicole Lozano, Gemma Nguyen, Katrin Hadi.

**10:30am:** Jackson Dimattina, Julian Carnovale, Robert Warren Raphael Pineda, Andrea Abarquez, Daniel Santos, Iverson Reyes, Addison Donnerberg, Alden Jacob Gomez, Emily Tedesco, Milla Ward, Robert Young, Samuel Surace.

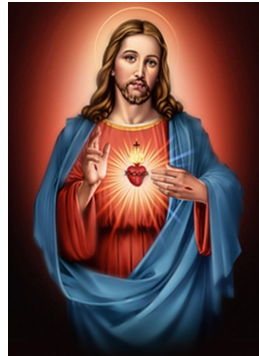


## ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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.



## DEVOTION to the SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Next Friday, 2 September is the first Friday of the month and we have the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the parish. **Mass starts at 7:00pm instead of 7:30pm**, followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



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## 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/q2RhNDbtST0>

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)

## 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 3 September at 3:30pm in the meeting room of the church. You are most welcome to attend.



## 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.

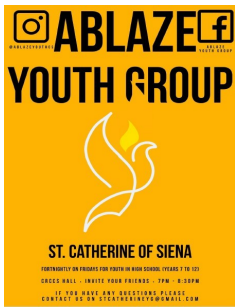
Funds are being sent to clergy and religious who are on the ground assisting the people. So far an initial of \$2 million was sent in the days following the invasion. Now, they need financial help with the ongoing support of the people who have been displaced from their home. The appeal will support 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](http://www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine) or phone 1800 101 201.

**Your help and prayers are important!**

**PLEASE GIVE.**

**Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility**





## ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP

The next Ablaze Youth Group meeting is on Friday 2 September at CRC Hall from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. It is open to all Year 7 to 12 students. For further enquiries, please **contact:** [stcatherineyg@gmail.com](mailto:stcatherineyg@gmail.com)



## BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith the following who will be baptised on Saturday 3 September: **Holly Anne Rose Seitz and Julian Marc Tomasello.** Please pray for them and their families!



## FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

The Foundation cares for our sick and retired Melbourne priests. **Please give generously to the Appeal.** Basket will be placed on the collection table and there are also envelopes available. Thank you.

## 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.

## 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 *Margaret Bartolo*

*Margaret was born in picturesque Siggiewi, Malta and was one of ten children. At the age of 21, she migrated to Australia and settled in Noble Park. She is the mother of 4 children and has 9 grandchildren. Margaret was a stay at home mum when her children were young. As they grew, she owned and ran a couple of milk bars. In 1985, Margaret started work as a school crossing supervisor and that lasted 37 years, ending in retirement earlier this year. She enjoys playing bingo (where she actually met her husband, Frank, who she's been married to for 18 years) and attending senior's club. Margaret also enjoys spending time with her family.*

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

I have been involved in parishes for a long time. I have served as a sacristan for 35 years in multiple parishes, including our own here at SCS. I have been here from the start, even helping set up Christ The Priest School Hall for Masses before our church was built. I have co-ordinated the team of Sacristans for around 4 years but also help with the weekly counting of the collections, reading at Mass and am an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. At the moment, I am helping start up a monthly morning tea which will be held on the last Wednesday of every month after the 9:30am Mass.

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

I enjoy being busy and productive, and what better way to do that than to contribute to the community? Because Mass is so important, I want to make sure that everything is perfect and ready for the priest. I feel that my work as a sacristan is my way of supporting the priesthood. When I serve the Lord through my work, I am filled with happiness. For example, when I set up for a Mass, I sometimes feel like I am in heaven. I make the work my prayer.

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

I hope that we are always reverent and respectful when we attend Mass! I also hope for more and more young families to get involved and contribute more to our daily and weekly Masses and activities. I wish that we grow closer as a community, that people get to know one another and are kind to one another. It would be great if we welcome the new person who comes to Mass and check in with those who are struggling and in need.

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