



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."

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 4 September 2022



"... none of you can be my disciples unless you give up all your possessions." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 50; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

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, Giahna, Arianna D'Souza, Catherine Olive Moss

For the Dead

6:00pm: George Reid, Karmenu Buttigieg, Emanuel Azzopardi, Jessica, Samuel & Sam Azzopardi | **9:00am:** Gavin Powell, Anna Fernando |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,522.00** Presbytery: **\$853.30**

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

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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

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 2nd September 2022.

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Dear brothers and sisters,

A couple of weeks back I, along with some members of our parish, attended a retreat day hosted by the Archdiocese. It was held out at the Veneto Club in Bulleen with the aim of providing some inspiration for those of us in parish land to work towards renewal of our communities. The day was a bit hit and miss. One of the misses was the fact that they kept running out of coffee. One of the hits was a talk given by Fr Pierluigi Vajra CRS, from the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in Rockingham, Perth. He is a priest of the Order of Clerics Regular of Somasca, more commonly known as the Somascan Fathers. They are not a large religious order, but the men who are a part of it do great work wherever they are.

The order was founded back in 1534 by Saint Jerome Emiliani, born in Venice in 1486. Jerome's father died when he was 15 years of age, and he subsequently ran away from home and joined the army (as you do). He fought in defense of Castelnuovo during the Italian Wars, but was captured in battle by his enemies. Held fast in a dungeon, though he had neglected his faith for years, Jerome prayed fervently for divine assistance. That very night, Our Lady appeared to him. His chains fell away and he was able to escape. He took those chains, as part of a vow he made, to a shrine dedicated to Our Lady in Treviso, and left them before her in an act of thanksgiving.

Jerome returned to Venice to help care for and educate his nephews. It was during this time that the plague broke out. Jerome's charity abounded in his care and providing for the sick and starving - especially that of orphans - whose number had increased dramatically. Two priests joined him in his efforts, and there they had the beginnings of this new congregation. Jerome entrusted the order to the protection of Our Blessed Mother, the Holy Spirit and to the Archangel Raphael, the healer. In the ultimate act of compassion, Jerome eventually contracted the disease of those he was caring for, and on February 9, 1537, received his eternal reward.

St Jerome, perhaps because he had lost his father as a young man, was determined to give these orphaned and abandoned children a father figure in their life who would care and provide for them. When it comes to the faith especially, the importance of the father's role in the family cannot be overstated. When a father leads his family in prayer and right religion, the children almost always follow. May God strengthen all dads in this effort. And may God bless all the little and not-so-little ones who have been neglected and forsaken in this world, that they will turn to Him through the intercession of Mary, Our Blessed Mother, St Joseph her spouse and the patron saint of orphans and abandoned children: St Jerome Emiliani.

In Christ,

Fr Joel.



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 Saturday.

6:00pm: Domenica Marra, Aviel Asher Enriquez, Sage Sanft, Matthew Maurici, Sienna Pellissier-Tabone, Jjaydon Tran, Benjamin Bishop, Morris Mayen, Ema Butrus, Deng Dekuek, Domenic Ellul, Matejas Juric.



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.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

To all Fathers and Grandfathers in Parish. We honour you and we pray: "May God's blessings be with you today & Everyday!"



Heavenly Father, bless every father in our world today, and bless them with confidence through the many obstacles they overcome as they attempt to provide for their families. Give them courage to gather their families close, even through clamour and social pressures of our world today, that each of their children might know they are loved, that they are of great worth to you, and that they have special mission to perform while here on earth. Bless all fathers to feel your love and fill them with confidence that you are with them and will guide them as they seek your will, that they might be examples of faith and trust in you to their families. Lead them through every storm we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen!

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

Thursday, 8th September

Venue: Mass at the Chapel of the Maltese Centre, Parkville.

Time: 6:00pm

Sunday, 11th September

Venue: St Mary Star of the Sea Church, West Melbourne.

Time: Rosary @ 3:00pm

Mass @ 3:30pm

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.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK: 4 - 10 September 2022

National Child Protection Week will continue to embrace the overarching message that 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'.

In particular, this year we will be shining a light on children growing up safe and supported.

Children and young people thrive when they grow up safe, connected and supported in their family, community and culture.

They have the right to grow up in environments that support them according to their needs, now and into the future.



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NAPCAN National Association of Parent Carers & Abuse & Neglect
Find out more
www.napcan.org.au

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PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION



Caring for those who cared

FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION

TODAY !!!

The Foundation cares for our sick and retired Melbourne priests. Priests are not employees of the Archbishop or the Parish, so they are not eligible for Superannuation.

Priests provide for their retirement by contributing 12.5% of the weekly presbytery collection to the Foundation.

Each year we face significant reduction in our funds. We need the help of our parishioners more than ever, especially after the pandemic.

There is a basket for this appeal at the collection table. **I ask everyone to please give generously to the Appeal.** Envelopes are also available. Thank you.

FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS

Please note that there will be **No 8:00am Mass on Friday 9 September.**

The last 8:00am Mass on Fridays will be on the 16th of September for this school term. The next 8:00am Mass will resume after the school holiday from Friday 7 October onward.

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

Emily Angrisano

How do you serve the community here at SCS?

I work for a few hours a week for the parish in running the playgroup. Since it began, we have seen many parents and kids walk through our doors, many of whom do not come to church. What we have now is a beautiful group of families who meet regularly and we are hopefully starting to build bridges with them by inviting them to parish events and encouraging them to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word at Mass.

My husband and I also volunteer in the baptism ministry by helping run the info nights and also contribute when there is a need such as at the Carols and over Pentecost.

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

My husband and I have always looked for a parish, especially where we would feel welcomed and embraced, especially with two children under the age of 3. The parish of St Catherine of Siena made us feel like family from the start, and we just want to give back to the community which has given us much. We also value the vision the parish has and want to get involved. Furthermore, we all need community and sharing faith and life with like minded people is a blessing.

What are your hopes for our community here at SCS?

My hopes for this parish is just for growth and joy! As a child, I never wanted to leave after Mass ended as my friends and I would play for ages. I want my girls to grow up in a parish where they feel confident that they belong, where they are loved and welcomed. I want them to be proud of their faith, especially given the world that we live in today. We all need community and I would love to see this one get bigger and thrive.

Emily has been attending the parish of St Catherine of Siena for over 3 years now with her beautiful little family which includes her husband, Josh, and their 2 young daughters, Willow and Sophia. She works in the childcare industry as well as running our parish playgroup which has fostered a beautiful community amongst parents and kids in our local community! Emily likes to keep fit by running at insanely early hours of the morning and loves entertaining people at their home.

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