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."

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 11 September 2022



"... there is more rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will rise and go to my father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Am 8:4-7; Ps 112; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

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: Iva & Klemo Alimic, Charlie & Frances Azzopardi, Marigwan Buttigieg | **9:00am**: Thomas Durai |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,369.50** Presbytery: **\$688.30** *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 **Baptism Coordinator:** MRS MARY BORG (Tuesdays Only)

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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: 7:00pm (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)



Friday 9th September 2022.

My dear people,

This morning we woke up to the sad news that Queen Elizabeth II had died. Let us pray the repose of her soul, that the Lord will have mercy on her and welcome her through the gates of paradise. Let us also pray for all those affected by her loss.

As mentioned two weeks ago, on Sunday 28th August, I went on my annual retreat at the Kenthurst Retreat Centre on the outskirts of Sydney. It was the first one in three years and I thoroughly enjoyed the times of quiet that it afforded me. The Retreat Director was very good also and I particularly liked his meditations on the priestly promises which priests make on the day of ordination. I found the retreat to have come at the best time for me after my time in America for the Divine Renovation Conference and my time in Mauritius for my holidays. I found that the retreat allowed me to re-connect in a profoundly spiritual manner with my priesthood and I thank God for that!

This Sunday is Safeguarding Sunday, an initiative of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (NCSS). These standards underpin the Catholic Church's commitment to working towards a common goal of every child, in every community being safe, cared for, having their needs met and being afforded the chance to realise their potential. Let us pray for the safety of every child and vulnerable adult in our community.

Natasha, our Evangelisation Coordinator, will be on maternity leave from 20th September. I invite you to join me in wishing the best of God's blessing to Natasha in this final stage of her pregnancy as she and her family prepare to welcome the newest addition to their family unit. An advertisement for the Evangelisation Coordinator's role for the duration of Natasha's leave is in the bulletin. Please share the details with anyone whom you think might be able to perform the role.

On Thursday 15th September, our parish Praesidium of the Legion of Mary will celebrate their feast day. We wish them a Happy Feast Day as they celebrate our Lady of Sorrows. We also thank them wholeheartedly for the wonderful work they do with the sick and housebound members of our community by bringing them Holy Communion. Our praesidium is always happy to welcome new members. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

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

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

WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING? COME AND SEE!



ARE you or somebody you know interested

in becoming Catholic? Want to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (*RCIA*) will be starting soon. For more details, please call the parish during office hours and speak to Fr Richard.



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: Nikolina Kozul, Kevin Le, Angelina Dang Le, Mariah Figueiredo, Elias Marks, Julian Pignataro, Michael Perez Da Silva, Sean Alexander Kempoosit, Ifechukwu Ugwu, Ashton Morano, Olivia Krohn, Jennifer Bol.

9:00am: Harley Ignacio, Olivia Meilak, Roman Babic, Joshua Buttigieg, Giuseppe Aliano, Roz Mari Shamooie, Lydya Babawey.

10:30am: Thomas Garreffa, Aleisha Mercieca, Chase Mangion, Cosimo Panuccio, Emma Clayton, Summer West, Chloe Fasulo, Jaida Sandoval, Joshua Cavalieri, Joshua Hammond, Michael Lastrina, Mila Pace.

EVANGELISATION COORDINATOR St Catherine of Siena, Caroline Springs

The parish is looking for a suitable candidate for the above role. This is a 12-month Maternity Leave cover position and it is based at the parish office in Caroline Springs. The role is for 20 hours per week. Terms and conditions of employment are governed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

For more details, please go to:

https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies



ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are celebrating Fr Richard's and Fr Joel's ordination anniversaries this Sunday 11 September after the 12pm Mass at CRC Caroline Springs.

Please bring a plate to share. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY PRAYER



Gracious God,
you love and care
for all of your
children, especially
the smallest and
most vulnerable.
We entrust to you
the lives of children
and adults at risk
who have been
sexually abused,

and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen!

Safe and Supported SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2022 SEPTEMBER 11

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The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September -- at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused

by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.



FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS

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

Fr John Tollan

Since Fr John's name appeared in our Sick list late last year, I have been asked a few times why that is. He remains physically well for his 69 years but sadly has been diagnosed with early on-set dementia. This has necessitated him moving from parish life into a care facility in Auckland.

I speak to his sister, Rhondda on a regular basis and she says that Fr John still remembers our Parish and parishioners and I ask her to convey our collective best wishes to him. Please remember him in your and our prayers.

Pat Gurrie

MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2022

Please keep this date free – **8th October** and come to show your support for the unborn. Join us for the 2022 March for the Babies.

We'll be gathering in Treasury Gardens at 12:30pm and walking to Parliament House at 1:00pm. Come and help us celebrate life, EVERY life, great or small, born or unborn.

Show your Support: Wear Pink and/or Blue.

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.





NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

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.

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