



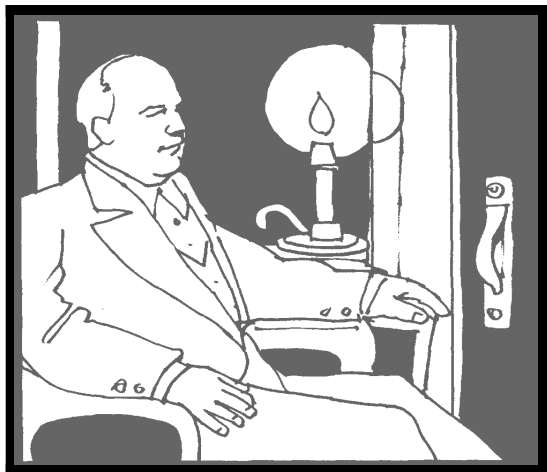
# Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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

## OUR PARISH VISION

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

## 1st Sunday of Advent (Year A) – 27 November 2022



*"Therefore, you too must be ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." (Gospel)*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

### Today's Scripture Readings

Is 2:1-5; Ps 121; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 11:1-10; Ps 71; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

### 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, Carmen Marmara

#### For the Dead

Please note: **The names of the dead will neither be in the bulletin nor announced during Masses for the month of November.**

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,149.00** Presbytery: **\$571.60**  
Catholic Deaf Collection: **\$428.20** *Thank you.*

## CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

**Parish Priest:** REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE  
**Assistant Priest:** REV. FR JOEL PEART  
**Parish Coordinator:** MR ROBERT DURAI  
**Parish Secretary:** MRS MAGGIE MAZZULLO (Wed & Thur)

### POSTAL ADDRESS

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### CHURCH, PRESBYTERY and OFFICE

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday 9:30am–1:30pm

### 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

### MEN'S GROUP

2nd Friday of the Month: 8:00pm (Adoration followed by fellowship)

### 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 (except School Holidays)

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

My dear people,

After conducting the interviews for the position of Evangelisation Coordinator, I am pleased to announce that Nimmi Candappa has been successful in her application as Natasha's maternity leave replacement. Nimmi comes to us with a great range of experience in working for the church and parishes. She will start on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Over the next few weeks, I will discuss with Nimmi ways in which she will introduce herself to the parish.

Our parish Carols by Candlelight will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> December from 5:30pm outside the PAC of CRC next door. You are all warmly invited to attend. Apart from carols, there will also be food and drinks available, a jumping castle and face painting to entertain children and great ways to renew the bonds of friendship which unite us.

This Sunday, we will have our Parish BBQ after the 12pm Mass. It will be the last one of the year and you are all invited to attend. Again, this is another way of bringing the parish together for fellowship around food and drinks!

Last Saturday, many of us had the privilege of attending Tien Tran's ordination to the diaconate. I was extremely blessed to have been asked by Tien to vest him in his dalmatic, the liturgical vestment that he will wear when he assists at Mass. Tien will be here for the Masses of the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December. We will have a get-together after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December to congratulate Tien on his ordination and will present him with a gift from the parish. You are all warmly invited to come. We are asking people to bring something to share. There will be a sheet of paper in the gathering space for those coming to put what they can bring to share with the rest of the parish.

“Steadfast in Hope,” a retreat for young adults aged between 18 and 25 will be held from 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> December at Pallotti College in Millgrove. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our young adults to go to Jesus to find ‘great calm’ (Mt 18:23-27). There are flyers in the gathering space as well as more information in the bulletin with details on how to register.

I was contacted by some leaders of Family Enrichment Australia last month about the possibility for them to hold sessions here in the parish. FEA is an organisation which is driven by a single goal; to provide parents with the tools they need to reach their full potential as educators of their children, and to develop their very own personal and family plan. They will hold an information afternoon this Sunday in the meeting rooms at 3pm. You are all invited. More information at <https://www.fea.org.au>.

There are two ministries in the parish where volunteers are needed. We need parishioners to help with flower arrangements and also with looking after the Piety Stall before and after Mass. I appeal to your generosity with these two ministries. There is more information in the bulletin about joining these ministries.

The book of Remembrance of the Departed will continue to be available for a few more days. You are invited to add to the book only names of your deceased loved ones who have died in the last twelve months. Once the names have been included in the book, we will pray for all of them every year. Please note that there is no need to add the same names more than once. Furthermore, as is our parish custom, we will not mention names of deceased loved ones during Mass in November nor have the names in the bulletin since they are included in the Remembrance book. Envelopes for offering Mass for the Repose of the Soul of our deceased loved ones are available on the collection table.

The season of Advent starts this weekend. Advent reminds us that we must prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. It also reminds us of the need to prepare for the second coming of Christ, which we profess every week in the creed. May you and your loved ones have a blessed season of Advent this year.

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

## PARISH BARBECUE

The Parish Barbecue is this Sunday 27 November after the 12pm Mass. This will be the last one for the year before we take a break for Christmas and the holiday season. All parishioners are welcome. We take this opportunity to thank Rainbow Meats, Caroline Springs for supporting us throughout the year and we wish them Merry Christmas and happy holiday season.

## 2022 ADVENT-CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

### Advent Bible Study

Mondays - NOVEMBER 28; DEC 5 & 12 @ 7:00pm

### Carols by Candlelight & Christmas Raffle Draw

Sunday - DECEMBER 18 @ 5:30pm

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

#### Christmas Eve, SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER

##### NO 9:30AM MASS

Masses - @ 6:00pm, 8:00pm & 12:00am(Midnight)  
Carols Sung Half An Hour Before Mass

#### Christmas Day, SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER

Masses @ 9:00am & 10:30am

**(No Church services in the evening)**

#### Monday, 26 DECEMBER (Public Holiday)

Mass @ 9:30am (St Stephen, 1st Martyr)

#### Tuesday, 27 DECEMBER (Public Holiday)

Adoration of Bl. Sacrament & Confession @ 8:30am

Mass @ 9:30am (St John, Apostle)

**(No Church services in the evening)**

## "STEADFAST IN HOPE"

### Retreat for Young Catholics (Ages 18-25)

The wheels are moving for our planned young adults' retreat. The retreat is called Steadfast in Hope. It will be open to parishioners aged 18-25. It is primarily intended for parishioners from Melton South, Bacchus Marsh, Caroline Springs, and Keilor Downs, though other young Catholics are welcome to attend as well.

Date: 9-11 December 2022

Venue: Pallotti College, Millgrove

Cost: \$250

Register at [www.trybooking.com/CDQKH](http://www.trybooking.com/CDQKH)

*'Be steadfast in hope, for God is faithful' (Heb 10:23). We live in challenging times. It easy to become discouraged and lose confidence in God. At Steadfast in Hope we will go to Jesus to find 'great calm' (Mt 18:23-27).*

Join Sr Mary Helen OP, Brendan Elliston, Julie Diez, and Fr Marcus Goulding for a time of prayer, reflection, and friendship in the beautiful Yarra Valley.

## AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESSES



We invite businesses to come and setup stalls during our Parish Christmas Carols on Sunday 18 December. Businesses can either

promote or sell their products.

If you are a business owner or if you know anyone with a business and would be interested in taking up this offer, please ask them to call Mary Borg at 0424 253 184 for more details and information.



Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/CEJMH> or

Please register in TryBooking if you are attending at <https://www.trybooking.com/CEJMH>

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Tickets will be sold after every weekend Mass. Each ticket costs \$2.00 or buy 3 tickets for \$5.00.

**1st Prize: \$200.00 Gift Voucher**

**2nd Prize: \$100.00 Gift Voucher**

**3rd Prize: Christmas Hamper**

Raffle will be drawn on 18 December at the Carols By Candlelight. Be there. You could be a lucky WINNER!

## DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS?

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROMOTE IT?

As part of our effort to raise funds, the parish is planning to accept and publish local business advertisements in our weekly parish bulletin.

This initiative is also aimed at both creating opportunities for businesses and tradies, and it also serves a local directory for parishioners to find services they might need.

For more information, please contact Joe Sequeira at 0422 441 078 or the parish office soon.

### TIEN TRAN'S VISIT

Tien Tran, ordained as a deacon at the Cathedral last Saturday, will be visiting our parish next weekend.

He will be here at all Masses and the parish will hold a get-together for him at Mackillop Building in CRC after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 3 December. Please register on the sign-up sheet in the gathering space, and also, we appreciate if you could bring a plate to share. Thank you.

### PIETY STALL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Can you spend 10 minutes after Mass to staff the piety stall and sell items to your fellow parishioners?

**We especially need some help after 10:30am Mass, but help will be accepted for any Mass.**

Call Pat Gurrie 0418355060 or  
Email: ptg345b@gmail.com

#### St. Vincent De Paul always needs:

- Pasta sauce
- Cereals
- Christmas Cakes/Puddings/Fruits loaf
- Instant noodles
- Sweet biscuits/Chocolates/Crackers/Dry biscuits
- Nuts, seeds, dried fruit
- Spices and olive oil
- Rice
- Cup-a-soup, Tin soup
- Canned meals e.g Braised Steak with veggies or Irish Stew etc.
- Spreads- Vegemite, Honey, Jam, Nutella or Long Life milk
- Standard tea bags (not flavoured or herbal)
- Coffee, Milo, Hot chocolate
- Toiletries – Toothbrush, toothpaste, brush, deodorant, shampoo, handwash, tissues, wipes, baby nappies
- Tinned food
- Meat Pies

NO BAKED BEANS OR TINNED SPAGHETTI  
THANK YOU!



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL - CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

SVDP is holding a collection for people who are in need this Christmas. Please bring any of the listed items by **Sunday 11 December** for distribution to families on Saturday 17 December.

### PIETY STALL ROSARY SPECIAL

### HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL CHRISTMAS DAY PIETY STALL: MACKILLOP ROSARY

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 is cost price)**

**This is a once only special offer – once they are gone, they are gone.**

**Makes an ideal Christmas**

### CHRISTMAS ITEMS - PIETY STALL

**Christmas Day 2022** is only 6 weeks away. It's now time to start thinking about Christmas Cards, items for decorations, and Christmas stocking fillers that bring home the real meaning of Christ's Birthday. Some items are available from the Piety Stall every weekend.

### MINISTRY OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

We need more volunteers for this, rather, important ministry. They do wonderful flower decorations for our church on the weekends and for important liturgical celebrations like Christmas, Easter, Solemnities and our Parish Feast Day.

You do not have to be a qualified florist to be part of this ministry. Guidance and coaching will be given. If you are interested, please call the office.



### BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith the following who will be baptised. Sunday 27 November at the 12pm Mass: **Aedan Power and Niamh Williamson**; and Saturday 3 December: **Valencia Setiawan, Amari Abelgas and Johann Castillo**. Please pray for the Children and their families!

### FAMILY ENRICHMENT AUSTRALIA

Australia's First Steps Course Information Session in 2023, Family Enrichment Australia will be holding a Parenting Course at our Church.

The course (First Steps) will consist of 7 Sessions on different topics for parents with children from birth to 3 years old and couples planning on becoming parents.

The course will help parents foster the skills and virtues our children need to become resilient and responsible throughout their lives.

Any couples interested are encouraged to attend an information session next weekend (see details below).

Date: Sunday, 27 November 2022

Time: 3-4pm

Place: St Catherine of Siena Church

RSVP or for more information, call Tara: 0434 636 719

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