



Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

(Canonically Established: 18th January 2006)

OUR PARISH VISION

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

Solemnity of Christ the King (Year C) – 20 November 2022



Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Indeed I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.' (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom
of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 121; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

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

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: **\$1,180.35** Presbytery: **\$545.30**

Thank you.

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

Assistant Priest: REV. FR JOEL PEART

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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

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 18th November 2022

My dear people,

Tien Tran will be ordained a deacon tomorrow, the first step towards his ordination to the priesthood. We remember Tien's time with us in 2020 for his pastoral internship very fondly. During his time here, Tien showed us his great generosity and zeal for pastoral work. We wish Tien all the very best for tomorrow and also for his year as a transitional deacon. Tien has been appointed to Camberwell parish for his diaconate year.

Together with Suzette Diaz, I conducted interviews over the past two weeks for the position of Evangelisation Coordinator. It is hoped that I will be able to make an announcement about this next week.

This week, Fr Joel and I had a meeting with the architects and the staff of the Property and Infrastructure Office of the Archdiocese. It was a report on our meeting which we had with the architects and the Parish Leadership Team separately the previous week. The staff of the Property and Infrastructure Office is continuing to investigate other sites in the parish should we decide after the survey of our facilities that we do not have enough space here to accommodate the future needs of the parish. The architects are in the process of preparing the survey of which I spoke last week.

“Steadfast in Hope,” a retreat for young adults aged between 18 and 25 will be held from 9-11 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.

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.

Please put in your diaries that our Christmas Carols this year will be on 18th December in the afternoon. After the vibrant success of the carols last year, it was decided to conduct it again. More details about the event will be made available in due course.

The book of Remembrance of the Departed will continue to be available in the gathering space. 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.

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe. What a wonderful reminder that Our Lord is meant to be Our King. We are invited once again to allow him to rule over our minds and our hearts so that our world can be a place where his kingdom becomes present? Happy Solemnity to you and your families

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 is holding our monthly barbecue on Sunday after the 12pm Mass from 1pm onward. The next barbecue is on **Sunday 27 November**. Parishioners are welcome to attend and socialise with others.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

You are all warmly invited to the St Catherine of Siena Carols by Candlelight on the 18th of December.

There will be Sausage Sizzle, Coffee/Tea and Carol Singing from some of our very own talented musicians! More details soon.

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

Come along and bring your picnic rugs!



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.

2022 ADVENT-CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Advent Bible Study

Mondays - NOVEMBER 21, 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

'Be steadfast in hope, for God is faithful' (Heb 10:23). We live in challenging times. It is 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 0424253184 for more details and information.

CATHOLIC DEAF COLLECTION

This weekend we will have a Special Collection in support of the Catholic Ministry for the Deaf. Please give generously.

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.

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

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.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study Group will be doing an Advent Program entitled 'Heart of the Disciple' starting from Monday 21 November. There are four sessions on Mondays leading up to Christmas. The study is held at CRC from 7pm onward. Please come and join them.



BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith the following who will be baptised on Saturday 26 November: **Florence Galea, Isabella Padilla, Isabella Tanakte-Crook, Leo Gibson, Ethan Lewis and Aiden Lau. Barbieri.** Please pray for the Children and their families!

ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER TO PARISHIONERS

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has written a pastoral letter to all parishioners in the Archdiocese regarding the lifting of general dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day obligations as of the first Sunday of Advent 27 November. Copies are available in the gathering space.

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

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.

Christmas is near and we need more members to join the group and if you are interested, please speak to Robert in the Parish Office or after Mass.

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