



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."

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 13 November 2022



"You will be hated by all on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
**Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Mal 3:19-20; Ps 97; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

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

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

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: **\$1,968.00** Presbytery: **\$668.50**

Thank you.

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

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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 11th November 2022

My dear people,

This morning I had the privilege of leading the prayer at the Remembrance Day Service held on Lake street organised by the Caroline Springs RSL. Today, on this Remembrance Day, we remember all the men and women who have bravely gone to war to fight for our country. We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died, for those who have come back wounded and for all their families. Let us also pray that our leaders will always endeavour to find solutions to conflicts which avoid the recourse to wars. May the peace of Christ which surpasses all understanding be with all those affected by wars everywhere.

The meeting between the Parish Leadership Team and the architects yesterday went well. It was an initial meeting where the current facilities and what presently takes place in the parish were discussed at length. They will now analyse the information presented to them and have further requested a detailed list of all the current activities. The architects also said they will develop a survey which will be circulated among all of you, the parishioners, to gauge your viewpoints on these matters. As they say, watch this space.

“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.

I take this opportunity to announce the sad news that Kerry-Lee Perry is moving away from the parish at the end of the year. As such, Kerry-Lee will no longer be our Parish Coordinator of Florists. On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank Kerry-Lee for the wonderful work she has done with floral arrangements since the church opened. Her taste has truly been remarkable! We wish Kerry-Lee all the very best with her future endeavours. This also gives me an opportunity to invite more people to join the team of florists in the parish. For more information, please contact the parish office.

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.

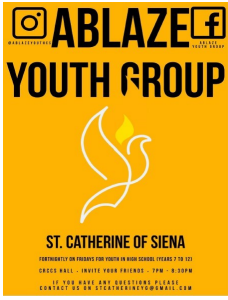
The book of Remembrance of the Departed will continue to be available in the gathering space. You are invited to add to the book only names of your deceased loved ones who have died in the last twelve months. Once the names have been included in the book, we will pray for all of them every year. Please 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.

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



ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP

Ablaze Youth will be running their **last gathering for this year** on **Friday 18th November** at CRCCS HALL from 7 to 8:30pm. All those in high school Years 7-12 are most welcome to join in with like-minded youth.

For further enquiries, please contact: stcatherineyg@gmail.com



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 mark your calendars. 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.



BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

During November, we, Catholics remember in prayer our deceased relatives and friends, and all who have died. Our special "Book of the Names of the Dead" is in the gathering space.

We invite you to write the names of your loved ones who have died during the past 12 months.

This book will be placed before the altar during all Masses in November as we remember our loved ones before the Lord.

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

THE NOVEMBER ENVELOPES FOR THE DEAD

Envelopes for the November Masses for the dead are available on the collection table.

"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 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.



PAULINE BOOKS & MEDIA THIS WEEKEND

Pauline Books & Media will be here this weekend at all Masses to make Catholic books and resources available for purchase at the entry of the Church.

Sisters Anna, Joanna, and Regi will bring along children's books, spiritual reading, saints, devotional books, scripture, rosary beads etc.

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to buy Christmas gifts and to nurture your family's faith with good Catholic resources!

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.

BAPTISM FONT

Many have enquired about the water in the baptismal font. Unfortunately, there might be a leakage and it is being investigated at the moment. For the next few weeks, please do not take any water or let your child near it. You can approach any of the priests water for your private use.

CATHOLIC DEAF COLLECTION

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

PIETY STALL ROSARY SPECIAL

HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL

CHRISTMAS DAY PIETY STALL:

MACKILLOP ROSARY

These rosary beads were designed and hand-made 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.**

Makes an ideal Christmas

FLOOD APPEAL - SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT De PAUL

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has asked parishes in Melbourne to support the Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal for those who have been affected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State.

Contributions can be made by:

1. Call directly 13 18 12 to contribute;
2. Visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022> ;
3. Make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or
4. Through your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

Archbishop Peter also asked for your thoughts and prayers for all who are impacted by the floods as well as for the volunteers and emergency workers who are assisting them in their needs at this challenging time. Thank You.

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