



# 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."*

## 2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A) – 4 December 2022



*"Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire." (Gospel)*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.**

Alleluia!

### Today's Scripture Readings

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

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 35:1-6,10; Ps 145; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

### 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:** Philomena Lazaro | **10:30am:** Joe Grech, Alfredo Valentini |  
**12:00pm:** Anna Fernando, Vickie Bartolo

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,150.00** Presbytery: **\$561.05**

*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)

**Evangelisation Coordinator:** MS NIMMI CANDAPPA

### POSTAL ADDRESS

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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

(DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mrs Aggie Parisi)

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> December

My dear people,

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. We are hoping that it will be a wonderful event in the life of the parish and strongly encourage you to come in big numbers.

On 19<sup>th</sup> November, many of us had the privilege of attending Tien Tran's ordination to the diaconate. We will be having a get-together after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December **(tomorrow)** to congratulate Tien on his ordination and will present him with a gift from the parish. You are all warmly invited to come and please bring something to share.

The "Steadfast in Hope," a retreat for young adults aged between 18 and 25 is happening from 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> December **(next weekend)** 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. This retreat will offer our young people a great opportunity to do what needs to be done in advent namely, still our souls and get ready for the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord. May I strongly encourage our younger parishioners to attend this retreat.

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 them.

As Advent has started, it is time to start thinking about Christmas Masses. The times for the Masses this Christmas in our parish are in the bulletin. Particularly, I bring to your attention the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 7:30pm until 9pm. Fr Joel and I will be joined by Fr Karmel Borg and Fr Frank Buhagiar.

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

## LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Confessions for the Lenten season will be heard in the parish on Wednesday 21 December from 7:30pm to 9pm. There will be 4 priests present.

## FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS

The last 8:00am Mass on Fridays was celebrated on 2 December. The Friday 8:00am Mass will resume next year.

## 2022 ADVENT-CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

### Advent Bible Study

Mondays - DEC 5 & 12 @ 7:00pm

### Carols by Candlelight & Christmas Raffle Draw

Sunday - DECEMBER 18 @ 5:30pm

### Lenten Reconciliation

Wednesday, DECEMBER 21 (7:30pm-9:00pm)

## 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)**

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA  
CAROLINE SPRINGS  
PRESENTS

# Carols by Candlelight

Sunday  
December 18th  
From 5:30pm  
28 College Street,  
Caroline Springs  
All are welcome!

Join us for  
Live Music  
Jumping Castle  
Face Painting  
Food & Market Stalls  
Sausage Sizzle  
Santa Visit  
Bring a picnic rug and some nibbles

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

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

## "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 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## God's Word - Daily Reflection Diary 2023

Designed to help you keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life - a companion to help you pray and grow in God's love through His divine Word. The diary includes the daily scripture readings set down for the day's mass with a reflection and other information for the day in the church's calendar. There is also space for your own notes and personal reflections. Would make a great Christmas gift! Diaries are available through the piety store at a cost of \$20.

## 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

### 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**

## KOREAN MASS

There will be a monthly Korean Mass every 2nd Saturday of the month from 4pm to 5pm. It is an initiative of one of our parishioners to cater for the Korean community living in the West. The next Korean Mass is on next Saturday 10 December at 4pm.

## 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.

## MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

We need volunteers (Readers, EMHCs and Welcomers), who are already part of the ministries currently, for Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

There are clipboards with sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space. Please write down your names for the Masses that you will be attending.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is up now in the gathering space. There are tags with suggestions of how you can help make families have a happy Christmas.

Please bring the gifts by Friday 16 December.

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