



# 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."*

## 3rd Sunday of Advent (Year A) – 11 December 2022



*"Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?" (Gospel)*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Lord, come and save us.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.**  
Alleluia!

### Today's Scripture Readings

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

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 7:10-14; Ps 23; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

### 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**

**10:30am:** Iris & Fredrick Philbert, Doris Almeida |

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,772.70** Presbytery: **\$703.00**

**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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### 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

(ACTING PRINCIPAL: Mrs Aggi 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](https://www.facebook.com/St.Catherine.Siena.CarolineSprings.Australia)

Twitter: [@CS\\_Catholics](https://twitter.com/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 9<sup>th</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.

It was truly wonderful to have Tien attend the Masses last weekend. Thank you to everyone who came to the celebration of his ordination to the diaconate and particular thanks to the Social Committee for putting everything together at short notice. I am also grateful to all those who brought something to share. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring the parish together. There are some photos of the event on our parish Facebook page.

Today, I bring the news that a principal has been appointed for St George Preca Catholic Primary School. Michael Ozburn will take up the role from Term 3 in 2023. Michael is currently Deputy Principal at Queen of Peace Catholic Primary School in Altona Meadows, with particular responsibility for student wellbeing. Michael brings great enthusiasm and a depth of knowledge about leadership and working with the whole school community from his current and past roles to the role of principal. May I invite you to join me in praying for Michael and for the community at St George Preca at this important time. Mrs Aggi Parisi will be the Acting Principal for Terms 1 and 2 next year.

Tomorrow, members of the Leadership Team and I will go to Manningham Uniting Church in Templestowe to look at the facilities there. We were advised by the architects that they worked with the Manningham Uniting Church on a project similar to ours namely, expanding their facilities to accommodate the growth in the community. I will be able to share more news with you about this.

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.

The times for the Masses at 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

## RECONCILIATION FOR ADVENT

Confessions for the season of Advent 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

Please note that 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

LAST SESSION Monday - DEC 12 @ 7:00pm

### Carols by Candlelight & Christmas Raffle Draw

Sunday - DECEMBER 18 @ 5:30pm

### Reconciliation For Advent

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 12PM MASS

(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>

## TIME IS RUNNING OUT !!! - 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.

## 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.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed over the Christmas and New Year period from 1:30pm on Friday 23 December to Monday 2 January. The office will re-open on **Tuesday 3 January** in a limited capacity as staff will be on holidays. Normal office operation will resume from Monday 6 February onward. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## 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 !

## LAST BULLETIN FOR THE YEAR

The last edition of the parish bulletin for this year will be on Sunday 18 December. We will start publication of next year's volume from the end of January 2023.

## 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 stall at a cost of \$20.

## CHRISTMAS ITEMS - PIETY STALL

**Christmas Day 2022** is only 2 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.

## MARY MACKILLOP ROSARY:

### PIETY STALL SPECIAL HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL CHRISTMAS DAY

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**

## 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.

## HEALING MASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Inviting all young adults to an afternoon of healing on Sunday, 18 December 2022. Program for the day:-

3pm - Worship in song

4pm - Talk from Fr Steve Tynan MGL followed by Mass and prayers for healing.

Venue: St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church,  
Guinane Ave, Hoppers Crossing.



## 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.

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TO BUILDING A CHILD-SAFE ENVIRONMENT**