



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."

4th Sunday of Advent (Year A) – 18 December 2022



'This is how Jesus Christ came to be born' (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
**A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 52:7-10; Ps 97; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

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: Ricky Symons, Sandy Rode, Reynaldo Reyes |
9:00am: Joseph & Mary Bonnici | **10:30am:** Guza Gauci, Mary & Joseph White, Angelica & Joseph Cassar |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,970.50** Presbytery: **\$905.00**

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)

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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

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 16th December

My dear people,

A final reminder that our parish Carols by Candlelight will be held on 18th December (**this Sunday**) 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, 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. Based on the amount of work our wonderful team of volunteers have put into the organisation of the carols, it promises to be a truly great event.

Last Saturday, members of the Leadership Team and I went to Manningham Uniting Church in Templestowe to look at the facilities there. It was amazing to see what was done with the refurbishment of their facilities. They expanded the site alongside the chapel and rooms were made available for different activities including a café and a playground outside for children to play. Again, we are in the process of deciding what we will do. Nothing has been decided yet!

The times for the Masses at Christmas in our parish are as follows:

Saturday 24 December | 6pm, 8pm & 12 midnight (with carols sung half-an-hour before)

Sunday 25 December | 9am & 10:30am only (*No 12pm Mass or evening services*)

I again bring to your attention the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 21st December from 7:30pm until 9pm. Fr Joel and I will be joined by Fr Karmel Borg and Fr Frank Buhagiar.

Today is the last school day for this year for our two primary schools. Fr Joel and I celebrated the Graduation Masses for the two schools yesterday and the End of Year School Masses today. Fr Joel and I likewise celebrated the Graduation Mass and the End of Year School Masses for CRC CS over the last two weeks. These are always wonderful opportunities to witness the fruit of the hard work of the communities. I take this opportunity to wish the communities of the three schools in our parish a wonderful holiday. May they come back refreshed next year for all the adventures which await them. .

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

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)

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.

LAST BULLETIN FOR THE YEAR

This will be the last edition of the parish bulletin for the year. We will start publication of next year's volume from the end of January 2023.

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.

IMPORTANT: CHILD SAFETY

It is the Archdiocese Child Safety Policy that every child has to be under the care of a parent at all times within our premises. As such, we advise that if any child who goes to the toilet has to be accompanied by an adult, preferably by a parent.



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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>

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!

Acknowledgement of Country

We respect and honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past, present and future. We acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on this land and commit to building a brighter future together.

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 is only **ONE WEEK** away. **GET** your Christmas Cards, items for decorations, and Christmas stocking fillers that bring home the real meaning of Christ's Birthday **NOW**.

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

It is still not too late to bring the listed item for SVDP's collection for people who are in need this Christmas. Please bring them by **Friday 23 December**, at the latest.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE



There are few more tags left on the tree. Please bring all your gifts including those without tags but indicate who is it for, i.e for a family, a girl or a boy of certain age on a card, by this Friday 23 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 still 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 CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH IS COMMITTED
TO BUILDING A CHILD-SAFE ENVIRONMENT**