



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."

1st Sunday of Lent (Year A) – 26 February 2023



"Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Today's Scripture Readings

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 50; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Gen 12:1-4; Ps 32; 2 Tm 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

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, Giahanna, Arianna D'Souza

For the Dead

6:00pm: Wilfredo Alicaway Sr., Jacob Chen | **9:00am:** Edward Durai, Dan Tagdulang | **10:30am:** Jacques Lo, Marie France, Alain Tse, Eliza Pinto, Valerian Pinto, Harry Rodrigues

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,025.55** Presbytery: **\$502.00**
PASTORAL CARE APPEAL: \$665.30 Thank you.

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

Assistant Priest: REV. FR JOEL PEART

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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

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(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

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ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
CAROLINE SPRINGS

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze"

Friday 24th February 2023.

My dear people,

The joyful season of Lent started last Wednesday and we are now on the great journey that prepares us for the celebration of the Resurrection at Easter. We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday in the parish, at 10am immediately after the 9:30am Mass and at 7pm. There will be Bible Study every Monday at 7pm in the Cafeteria of CRC CS where the Gospel of the Sundays of Lent will be discussed. I hope that these activities will supplement your own chosen acts of penance to enable you to get closer to Our Lord during this season of Lent.

As mentioned last year, Kerry Perry, who has been our florist for more than ten years, completed that ministry at the end of last year. We will formally thank and farewell her at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 5th March. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful people who have accepted to join the team of florists and provide for us the wonderful arrangements which we have had this year.

There is a new initiative that I am starting in the parish and that is to invite people to give witness about their life of faith and their relationship with Jesus Christ. I have often heard over the past few years how important it is to offer people the opportunity to share the wonders that Jesus has done for them in their lives. It would be good for all of us to hear from fellow parishioners about why their relationship with Christ is important to them. This will start from next weekend and will occur once a month. If you are interested in participating, please let me know.

Our monthly parish BBQ starts again this year on Sunday at 1pm. You are all most welcome to it, of course. It would be great to see many people there even those who have not been to the 12pm Mass returning for some fellowship.

This coming Friday, 3rd March, is the first Friday of the month and we will have our monthly Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Since it is also a Friday of Lent, Stations will be at 7pm, followed by Mass and Devotions at 7:30pm.

We continue turning to our patron saint and asking for her intercession.

St Catherine of Siena, Pray for us.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr Richard Rosse PP



PARISH BARBECUE

The Parish is holding a monthly barbecue on Sunday after the 12pm Mass at 1pm. The next barbecue is this **Sunday 26 February**. Parishioners are welcome to attend. We thank **Coles**, Caroline Springs for donating the sausages.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE

Preparation classes for children of catechetical age, 8 years and above who have not been baptised and live within our parish, will begin soon. For more information, please call the parish during office hours.



TURKEY and SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

Turkey and Syria have been struck by a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake, which has caused thousands of deaths and many in need of basic amenities. Caritas Australia is asking for your support to raise funds for those in need.

KERRY-LEE PERRY'S FAREWELL

Kerry-Lee Perry has been our Flower Ministry Coordinator ever since this church was built in 2013. She is moving out of the parish soon. Kerry has been doing a fantastic job, arranging flowers for our liturgical celebrations, especially during Easter, Christmas and other feast days. We thank Kerry-Lee for all that she did for the parish and may God bless her and the family.



Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

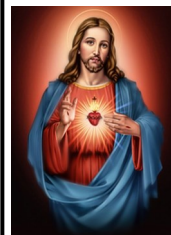
Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in the Gathering Space. More Info on lent.caritas.org.au, or call 1800 024 413.



BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith the following who will be baptised on Saturday 4 March: **Amelia Naiborhu, Leo Abramovic, Lennox Azzopardi, Tyler Au, Nate Caruana, Lucas Lavender, Charlie Villacruz**. Please pray for them and their families!



DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Next Friday, **3 March** is the first Friday of the month and we have the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the parish.

Due to STATIONS Of The CROSS at 7pm, MASS will be at 7:30pm, followed by

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

1st SATURDAY DEVOTION TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

There will be praying of the rosary in honour of Immaculate Heart of Mary every first Saturday of the month. The next session is on **4 March at 3:30pm** in the meeting room of the church.

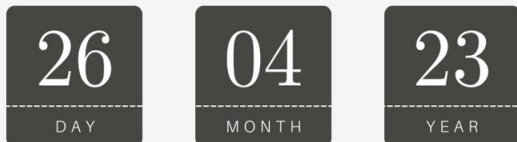


You are most welcome to attend.



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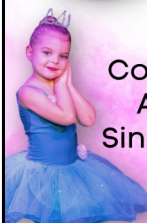
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