



# 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."*

## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 29 January 2023



*'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'* (Gospel)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
Your reward will be great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

### Today's Scripture Readings

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 145; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 58:7-10; Ps 111; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

### 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

#### **For the Dead**

**6:00pm:** vvvvvv | **9:00am:** Kenneth Powell | **10:30am:** nnnnnn |  
**12:00pm:** bbbbbb |

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$0** Presbytery: **\$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

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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)

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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 27th January

My dear people,

I am very pleased to sit at my desk in order to write to you again. While I enjoyed the few weeks' break from it, I must say that, since it is the principal way in which I communicate with you about parish matters, it is great that we are back at our lives for this year. For my first weekly message of the year, I want to wish you all the very best for the year ahead. I do pray that all your hopes, desires and endeavours for this year will come to fruition and that you will achieve all you seek to achieve this year. I also hope that at the level of the parish, we will continue to move ahead in terms of missionary renewal.

I hope that the month of January has been relaxing and restful enabling you to recharge your batteries for the year ahead. I hope that the celebration of Christmas was also a great way to come together with our families and enjoy each other's company. I know it was for me. I was fortunate to go to have week off in Mount Eliza for the first week of January. I found that time to be very restful.

Today, I will be celebrating Mass with the teachers of our two primary schools. This is the way in which we formally start the year with the teachers. Fr Joel and I will celebrate Masses in each of the two primary schools in the next few weeks to start off the year with the students also. Several priests of the area are celebrating Mass with the staff of CRC CS and then with the students also. These are a telling sign that the routines of daily life are about to resume.

Nimmi has prepared a survey which we hope will assist us in deepening our faith and strengthening our parish community. Please complete this survey to help us understand ways in which we can grow as a missionary parish, and in our own individual spirituality, so that in becoming better Catholics, we can better present Christ to others. I strongly encourage you to take the time required to fill out the survey as it will enable us to hear your thoughts and opinions. The survey will be sent out next week by email to those on the weekly message mailing list. Hard copies will also be available at all Masses.

We will resume Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the first Friday of February, which will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February. We will begin with Mass at 7:00pm and this will be immediately followed by prayers for the Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There will be a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Confession will also be available at that time.

Our parish playgroup, for pre-school children and their carers, will start again on the 9<sup>th</sup> February. A reminder that the group meets every week on Thursday at 10:30am for one and a half hours in the church meeting rooms.

We continue turning to our patron saint, and we ask for her intercession.

St Catherine of Siena, Pray for us.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

## RECOMMENCES - FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS

Please note that the 8:00am Mass on Fridays will resume from next Friday 10th February onward during this school term. All are Invited if you are available.

## PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the parish office is open with a limited capacity from 9:30am to 1:30pm, Monday to Friday as some staff are away on holidays. Normal office operation will resume from Monday 6 February onward. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

## DEVOTION to the SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Next Friday, **3 February** is the first Friday of the month and we have the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the parish. **Mass starts at 7:00pm instead of 7:30pm**, followed by Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament and prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All are welcome.

## Parish Playgroup

The playgroup for pre school children and their carers will resume on Thursday 9th February at 10:30am in the meeting room.



## BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith the following who will be baptised on Saturday 4 February: **Lara Mithra, Ace Gauci, Sophia Scrimitore, Jason Maseyk, Archie Englezakis, Noah Mu and Cormac Williamson**. Please pray for them and their families!

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 February at 3:30pm** in the meeting room of the church.

You are most welcome to attend.



## PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

Please note that the parish has a Prayer Ministry meets regularly to pray for all needs and intentions.

Prayer Request Cards are available at the Votive Candle Stand, next to the statues of Our Lady and St Joseph. Completed cards can be dropped in the box provided and this will be placed on the sanctuary at the weekend Masses.

The box will be emptied regularly and the requested intentions will be prayed for. Only Fr Richard and Fr Joel have access to the box to ensure privacy.

New members interested in joining the Prayer Ministry can the Parish Office for further information.

***"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God." (Philippians 4:6)***

## 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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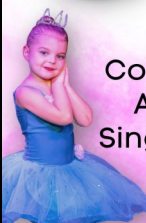
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