



"You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 102; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

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

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, Giahnna, Arianna D'Souza

For the Dead

6:00pm: Shirley Herft | 9:00am: Aguido Marino |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,744.50** Presbytery: **\$699.50** *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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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



Friday 17th February 2023.

My dear people,

The aftermaths of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria continue to affect us. The reports of more than 41,000 dead which arrived yesterday highlights for us the extent of this tragedy. We continue to pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died, those who are left behind and all rescue workers who have gone there to help. There is information in the bulletin about how to assist financially, and I put the link here also: <u>https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey/</u>

CAROLINE SPRINGS

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

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

I would like to reiterate my gratitude to those who have completed the parish survey. As at this morning, we have received 102 responses. Our aim is to receive 400 responses as this will give us many insights about the matters surveyed. We hope to close the survey on 21st February, three Sundays after it opened. I strongly encourage you to take the time to fill out the survey as it will enable us to hear your thoughts and opinions. The survey will be handed out at Mass this weekend for those who prefer completing it manually. For those who would like to complete it on-line, here is the link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KY7G5Z7

Our parish's participants at the Divine Renovation Conference have returned with reports of having had a good experience at the conference. Over the next few weeks and months, we look forward to seeing the fruits of the conference being put into practice in the parish.

The Society of Christian Doctrine will soon start preparing candidates who do not attend the catholic primary schools of the parish for first Confession, first Holy Communion and Confirmation. The details are available in the bulletin.

This coming Wednesday, 22nd February is Ash Wednesday. The Masses in the parish, which will include the imposition of ashes, will be at 9:30am and 7:30pm. Ash Wednesday marks the start of the season of Lent, the season in the church's calendar when we are invited to change our lives and focus more closely on our relationship with Christ. This entails turning away from sin and committing to actions of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I wish all of you a blessed season of Lent this year and pray that it will be, for us all, rich in blessings. Other parish activities for Lent are advertised in the bulletin.

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



BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE

Preparation classes for children of catechetical age, 7 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.

LENT 2023 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up

here: https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23

Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.



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. Please go to https://www.caritas.org.au/

ABLAZE YOUTH PROUP

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP IN 2023

Ablaze Youth will be running their fortnightly gathering on

Friday 24 February at CRCCS HALL from 7 to 8:30pm. All those in high school Years 7-12 are most welcome

to join in with like-minded youth. For further enquiries, please contact: **stcatherineyg@gmail.com**

2023 Sacrament Programme - Society of Christian Doctrine

The program is for children who live within our parish boundary attending government and private schools. The program will commence with an enrolment and information night:

- When:
 Tuesday 21st February 2023

 Time:
 7:00 8.00 pm
 - *me:* **7:00 8.00 pm**
- Where: Christ the Priest Primary School Hall
- Address: 54 Caroline Springs Boulevard, Caroline Springs 3023

Please note that the program has been modified to accommodate students in Grade 4 onward and who are baptised as Catholics.

For any enquiries, please contact the Preca Community via email: <u>precadeerpark@iprimus.com.au</u>

IMPORTANT:

First time enrolment, needs to supply a copy of the child's Baptism certificate.



Pastoral Care Appeal 2023

This weekend is the

Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life.

Collection basket is placed on the table at the collection point. Please give generously.

You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



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