



"[This man] was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Today's Scripture Readings

1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ps 22; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 129; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

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, Roberto Bascuna III, Arturo De Jesus, Patricia McCarthy

For the Dead

6:00pm: Charles Forbes, Roselin Humphries | 9:00am: Frank, Anthony & Maria Cassar, Nina, Andrew & Anthony Farrugia, Fr Ted Cumbo, Guza Schembri | 10:30am: Rick Castellas, Beatriz Oreola | 12:00pm: Anita Claudio, Donato Lavilla

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: \$1,805.00 | Presbytery: \$771.50 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 ADULT'S 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 Every Friday for Youth in High School (Year 7 to 12): 6:00 - 7:30pm

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 March 2023.

My dear people,

As we celebrate the Patronal Feast Day of our archdiocese today, I wish all of you a very Happy Feast Day. Likewise, I wish Happy Feast Day to all the Patricks in our parish. Let us pray in thanksgiving for the wonderful life of St Patrick, sometimes called the Apostle of Ireland. It is his courage in bringing the faith to Ireland which resulted in the catholic faith coming to these shores. Let us pray for everyone in the archdiocese and for our parish so that we can continue along the paths of holiness that the Good Shepherd has traced out for us.

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

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

CAROLINE SPRINGS

A final reminder that the Parish Town Hall which will take place on 23rd March. The first aim of the Town Hall is to present officially to you our financial position as at the end of 2022. Our Parish Accountant, Mr Bernard Negline, will be here to present the figures and answer any questions you may have. The PLT believes that this will be an opportunity to share with you all the amazing achievements of our parish over the past few years. We will also discuss the results of the survey that was carried out in February. We will conclude with a discussion of our plans for the future of the parish. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

We are very fortunate to have a parish retreat being run in our church tomorrow Saturday 18th March from 10:30am until 4pm. Entitled "Desire: Friendship, Love and Intimacy with God," it promises to be an amazing opportunity to have a different and deeper experience of God. We usually speak of giving something up during Lent but there is also the possibility of taking something up for Lent. Going to a full day retreat would be a great occasion of taking something up and I strongly encourage you to consider doing that. I hope to see many of you there.

Another piece of exciting news is that our Ablaze Youth Group is now meeting weekly on Fridays from 6 until 7:30pm. We have enlisted the help of members of the Alliance of the Holy Family International who have much experience in the running of youth groups. On your behalf, I would like to welcome them to the parish. We met with them last Sunday together with the current leaders of our youth group and a wonderful partnership for the leadership of our youth group was formed. This evening will be the first time members of the Alliance of the Holy Family International will be present with our Youth Group.

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 TOWN HALL - Thursday 23 March

There will be a parish Town Hall on Thursday 23 March at 7pm. We invite parishioners to attend this very important session.

We will be presenting our parish financial status, and also, it gives an opportunity to ask questions relating to the parish. We hope you will attend.

CHANGE OF MASS & ADORATION TIMES Tuesdays: 28 March & 11 April

Please note that the parish daily Mass on Tuesday 28 March and 11 April will be at 9:30am instead of 7:00pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will start at 8:30am, followed by Benediction.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes Easter Hampers

Each ticket costs \$2.00 or buy 3 for \$5.00 Tickets will be sold after all weekend masses. **Raffle will be drawn on the Easter Weekend**.



ALLIANCE OF THE HOLY FAMILY INTERNATIONAL

Parish Visit ^{of the} Int'l Centennial Pilgrim Image ^{of} Our Lady of Fatima

St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs

Saturday, March 25 (Solemnity of the Annunciation) Vigil Mass: 6pm with Crowning of Our Lady and Parish Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary After Mass

After Mass: - Candlelight Rosary Procession (around the parish grounds) - Veneration of Our Lady until 10pm

Sunday, March 26 (Regular Mass Schedule) 9am, 10:30am & 12 noon

At every Mass: - Family Consecration to the Holy Family of Nazareth - Investiture of the Brown Scapular (after Mass)

THE URGENT CALL FOR PRAYER AND REPARATION: THE APPEAL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

For more information please contact: AHFI Missionaries 0404 380 305

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE 2023

HOLY WEEK

Passion (Palm) Sunday Masses Sat 1 April (Vigil) - 6:00pm. Sun 2 April - 9:00am, 10:30am & 12:00pm.

Reconciliation Evening Wed 5 April - 7:30pm - 9:30pm.

> Holy Thursday Mass Thurs 6 April - 7:30pm.

Good Friday - 7 April Stations of the Cross - 9:30am. Passion of the Lord - 3:00pm. Tenebrae - 7:30pm.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

We need Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) for the Holy Week liturgies. Please choose just one ministry to volunteer for the whole of the Holy Week liturgies. We would like to have as many volunteers as possible to participate. Thank you.



MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY 2023

The Melbourne Passion Play re-enacts the journey of Jesus Christ's life from Palm Sunday to his crucifixion. The Play will be performed at the Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe. The event is **free of charge** and will take place on Palm Sunday (April 2nd at 1:30pm) and Good Friday

(April 7th at 10am). Free parking will also be available. <u>Free bus transportation</u> to and from the event is organised for <u>Palm Sunday performance only</u> from Caroline Springs Parish. To secure your free bus trip, please register your name during the next few weeks. A \$10.00 refundable deposit is required upon registration. Contact Dawn on 0411957164.

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