



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."

3rd Sunday of Easter (Yr A) – 23 April 2023



"And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 15; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 2:14,36-41; Ps 22; 1 Pt 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the Sick

Tirso Danga, Bernadette Chetty, Adora Castillo, Lilian Song, Sr Pauline Nicholson, Conchita Claudio, Patricia Muscat, Mary Buhagiar, Emmanuel Chime, Violeta Serimogan, Anh Tran, Ezio Rischitelli, Alida Beric, Patricio Lavilla Jr, Sarah Buol, Celine Baladjay, Paul Webb-Johnson; Christian, Giahna, Arianna D'Souza, Roberto Bascuna III, Arturo De Jesus, Patricia McCarthy, Baby Luca, Obi Obi

For the Dead

6:00pm: Heather Anthony, Phyllis & Christie Doss, Mary D'Souza |

9:00am: Mervyn Bourrillon, Kenneth Powell, Shirley Herft |

12:00pm: Francisco Frias, Nicomedes Frias, Ramon Resngit, Dorothy Pinto, Boris Batnozcic & for all souls |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1248.00** | Presbytery: **\$754.50**

Collection for Holy Places: **\$1364.30** Thank you.

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

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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

3rd 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

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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

Website: www.stcatherinecarolinesprings.org.au

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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 21ST April 2023

My dear people,

The eighth session of Alpha will start in our parish next Wednesday 26th April. As this is the eighth session, you can imagine that many of our fellow parishioners have now experienced Alpha. People who have gone through the program have always mentioned to me that they have found it to be extremely beneficial for their life of faith. Many of them have contacted me to enquire about becoming catholic and one was baptised at the Easter Vigil this year. Catholics who have attended also mentioned that it has improved their prayer life. Some of them are now in ministries and contributing to the life of the parish in ways they had never done before. Alpha speaks for itself, so give yourself the opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ and sign up today!

29th April is the Feast Day of St Catherine of Siena, our Patron Saint. This means that it is the Feast Day of our parish. I have asked the Social Committee to organise a dinner for us to celebrate our parish Feast Day together and this will take place on 6th May. Unfortunately, the cafeteria is not available on 29th April. I take this opportunity to strongly encourage you to come to the dinner to celebrate our patronal Feast Day. There is a signup sheet in the gathering space for you to indicate your intention to attend. It will be a spit roast for the dinner and the ticket prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Also, to celebrate our Patronal Feast Day, we will have an event on Friday 28th April starting at 7pm. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament including Vespers, and finishing with Benediction. This will be followed by some refreshments in the meeting rooms. More information about vespers here: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgy-of-the-hours/evening-prayer>.

Many of you have asked about the next parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I am pleased to announce that a pilgrimage to the Holy Land is being organised for our parish next year. It will leave on Monday 20th May 2024 and be back around 2nd June 2024. I am giving these dates early so that you can plan your holidays for next year and start saving, as will I. More information will be given in due course.

Our monthly parish BBQ will take place this Sunday at 1pm. You are all most welcome. It would be great to see many people there and we hope that those who have not attended the 12pm Mass will return for some fellowship.

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

CHANGE OF MASS & ADORATION TIMES

Tuesday 25th April

Please note that Tuesday 25th April is a public holiday and the parish daily Mass on that day will be at 9:30am instead of 7:00pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will start at 8:30am, followed by Benediction before Mass starts at 9:30am.



THE ALPHA COURSE

Alpha

The Alpha program is a chance for those who have faith to deepen their faith and for those who do not yet know God to come to know God. If you have already completed Alpha, be a helper.

9 Week Series
Commences 26 April

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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 on Saturday 29 April** at 10:30am. For more information, please call the parish office.

PLT & E TEAM MEETING UPDATE

A meeting combining both the Parish Leadership Team and the Evangelisation Team was held on the 20 April and covered a variety of topics including: Town Hall debriefing, Easter Services debrief and improvements for next year, Parish Feast day celebrations, Survey results, Leadership Summit, Alpha planning and implementation, Website update and improvements, Pentecost Feast Day, Q&A night planning, Corpus Christi, Parish Future plans, Community Garden and a combined Teams

PARISH EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

The Easter Raffle was drawn on 8 April after the Easter Vigil Mass. Congratulations to our winners.

1st Prize: Annalise Smit

2nd Prize: Tegan Juric

3rd Prize: Madison White

Thank you for all who supported this as well as the Social Committee for organising it.

PARISH BARBECUE

The parish is holding its monthly barbecue this **Sunday 23 April** after the 12pm Mass. You are welcome to attend. We thank **Coles**, Caroline Springs for a \$75 gift voucher to defray the costs.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

One of our parishioners, Patricia Nicholls, passed away in the sleep last Saturday. Her funeral will be held here in the parish on Wednesday 26 April at 11:30am. Please keep the family in your prayers.

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

FEAST DAY DINNER

The Parish Feast Day will be celebrated on 6 May 2023 at CRC Cafeteria from 7:00pm onward. There will be a spit roast for dinner and BYO drinks.

Ticket price: Adult - \$20.00 & Child - \$10.00.

Tickets are sold after Masses. **All payments must be made by Sunday 30 April.**

ADORATION & EVENING PRAYERS

Our Parish Feast Day is next Saturday 29 April. In conjunction with this celebration, there will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** together with **Vespers next Friday 28 April at 7pm**, followed by refreshments. You are strongly encouraged to attend to thank God for this great saint of ours.

More information about vespers: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgy-of-the-hours/evening-prayer>

PARISH COMMUNITY GARDEN

Calling all gardeners...We are starting a St Cath's Community Garden - to grow fresh produce, to grow community, to connect with each other while tilling the soil. But we need your advice and help, to decide on what to plant, to help maintain it, and to encourage others to be involved.

Please join us for an **initial meeting - Thursday 27 April at 5pm** in the meeting room at the church. More details on the Evangelisation notice board by the front doors.

MEN-ALIVE WEEKEND

The Victorian menAlive team is organising a weekend event for men of all ages at Brunswick and Moreland Catholic Mission on 29 and 30 April 2023.

This event gives ample opportunities for men to share and grow in their faith as well as to experience a deeper understanding of their everyday struggles and journeys in their lives.

For more information, please call Doug Black (0408 571 100), Michael Bohan (0439 172 465), Glen D'Cunha (0422 892 541), or Martin Stone (6223 8132)

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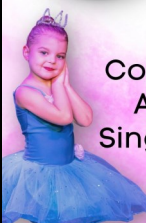
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