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OUR PARISH VISION

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4th (Good Shepherd) Sunday of Easter (Yr A) – 30 April 2023



"The sheep hear his voice; one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 32; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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, Eleonor Rivera-Mendoza

For the Dead

6:00pm: Charlie Patti, Teresa & Joseph Vella, Mary Jane Apap, Pero Kvesic | **10:30am:** Fiorentino & Maria Tomasi, Guillermina Santos, Linda Franze | **12:00pm:** Christine Alivia |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1255.00** | Presbytery: **\$718.20**

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)

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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

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

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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 28th April 2023

My dear people,

The eighth session of Alpha started in our parish on Wednesday 26th April. There was a total of 33 participants. I invite you to please pray for them as they embark on this journey of deepening their relationship with God. Some people who had indicated their intention to participate were not able to attend the first session but will join from next week. So, it is not too late to join, if you are interested and were not able to come to the first session.

Tomorrow is the Feast Day of St Catherine of Siena, our Patron Saint. This means that it is also the Feast Day of our parish. One of the celebrations will be a dinner for us to celebrate our parish Feast Day together and this will take place on 6th May. 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 spit roast for the dinner and ticket prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Since this is a catered event, it is essential to indicate your intention to attend so that the catering can be organised. We will have to close the booking on Sunday 30th April.

Also, to celebrate our Patronal Feast Day, we have an event this evening 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.

This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for vocations, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. This is the day every year when we are encouraged to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Our parish has been lucky to have priests and/or seminarians since its establishment in 2006. Let us continue to pray that the Good Shepherd will inspire young men to give themselves to this wonderful life. As I often say, let us also pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life from our own parish of St Catherine of Siena. Let us ask St Catherine to intercede for us for this intention since this year, Good Shepherd Sunday coincides with her Feast Day. Also, the regional seminary is asking for donations to help with the formation of our future priests. The bulletin contains information about how to do that. Should you wish to leave some cash you may do that in the additional basket in the gathering space.

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

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA (Feast Day April 29)

Born in Siena, on 25 March 1347, Catherine was the youngest of 26 children.

During her youth, she had to contend with her parents trying to marry her off, which she strongly resisted. Eventually they let her join the lay order, the Third Order of St Dominic.

She lived in poverty, prayed extensively and routinely visited people who were sick, in hospital and in prison. She also dictated books full of spiritual inspiration. She died on April 29, 1380 and was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970.



2024 PREP ENROLMENTS

CHRIST THE PRIEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

CtP school will be holding an Information Session for parents who are interested in enrolling their children at Christ the Priest for the year 2023. This information session will be held in the School Hall at **6:30pm on Wednesday, 10 May 2023**.

Enrolment packs are available from the front office and school tours can be booked via the school website; <https://www.ctpcs.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/>

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP

It's Compulsory - Save The Date

Date: **Saturday, 20 May 2023**

Time: **11:30am – 1:00pm**

Venue: **CRC MacKillop Building**

This Safeguarding Workshop is intended to provide foundational knowledge in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from abuse and harm. Also, a clear understanding of one's duty of care and expectations. The workshop will be presented by Rosemary Teed from the Safeguarding Unit of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

It is a requirement that all parish leaders, coordinators, current and future volunteers attend this Workshop to keep abreast with the updates and new required processes. Please bring along your WWCC or VIT card in order to receive a certificate of completion.

This invitation is also extended to all parishioners, including parents/carers, who have a keen interest in the safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Any enquiries, please call the parish office at 8361 9822.

We look forward to your support. - Safeguarding Committee.

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.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Good Shepherd Sunday)

This Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Pope Francis tells us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.



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<https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The Annual Mass Count for the Archdiocese will be conducted in the Parish in the month of May. Mass count will take place for the next four weekends at all Masses starting from Sunday 7 May until Sunday 28 May.

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS 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. This is a catered event and booking is essential. **Ticket price: Adult - \$20.00 & Child - \$10.00.** Tickets are sold after Masses. **All payments must be made by Sunday 30 April.**

Is there
more to
life than this



We launched our Parish Alpha program last Wednesday. The first Alpha session was

highly successful with a large gathering of participants willing to share, learn and connect over an engaging video on God, and a home-cooked meal. A big thank you to Josephine and Vivienne for cooking a delicious meal for us this week.

Look forward to meeting more of you next week at Alpha. Not too late to join. Wednesday, 3 May at 7pm at the CRC Cafeteria. Registration form in the foyer or turn up.

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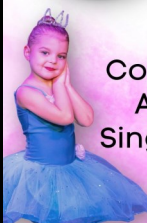
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