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The Ascension of the Lord (Yr A) – 21 May 2023



Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 46; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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, 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, Fiona Rozario

For the Dead

9:00am: Rapinett Family, Attard Family | **10:30am:** Gnanamma Croos |
12:00pm: Patricio Lavilla, Rolando Lavilla, Agapita Bautista |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,341.00** | Presbytery: **\$914.95**

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

SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH

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54 Caroline Springs Blvd. | Phone: 93618600

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CRC CAROLINE SPRINGS (Year 7-10)

10 College Street | Phone: 9217 8000

(PRINCIPAL: Mr Jamie Madigan)

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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 19th May 2023

My dear people,

On 27th March, we received the very sad news that Fr John Tollan, our parish's first Parish Priest, died. At that time, I mentioned that we would celebrate a Memorial Mass for the repose of his soul. The Memorial Mass for Fr John will be celebrated at 7pm on Friday 23rd June 2023 here at the church. Bishop Martin Ashe, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne, will be the Principal Celebrant. Mass will be followed by a reception at the CRC Cafeteria where we will have an opportunity to remember Fr John.

This year we will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday 28th May. In the lead up to and as a preparation for the celebration of Pentecost, there will be a novena to the Holy Spirit from 7:30pm until 7:50pm via Zoom starting tonight and running every day until 26th May. The details are as follows:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81089876467?pwd=WDDhWTN4OGhFV2VHZjV2Rmp5RVZAzd09>.

Meeting ID: 810 8987 6467

Passcode: 428270.

On 27th May, the vigil of Pentecost, Mass will be followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession and Prayer Teams will also be available. During Masses next weekend, we will incorporate some elements of the Easter Vigil to the Masses such as the renewal of Baptismal Promises while holding candles lit from the Paschal Candle and the Sprinkling with Holy Water. In a sense, we will conclude the Easter season in the way we began it at the Easter Vigil.

As mentioned before, we are organising a team of parishioners to help with the St Vinnies soup van. This is being started with the view to doing some outreach from our parish. This would also be a good way to bring parishioners together as we help with the preparation and distribution of food to those in need. There are details in the bulletin. I warmly invite you to consider helping with this important ministry.

I am pleased to announce that I now have more information about the pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year, including itinerary and indicative costs. As mentioned, it will leave on Monday 20th May 2024 and be back around 2nd June 2024. The document is too long to post here. As such, if you want more information, please email the parish and we will reply with the document.

Next week, I will be away from the parish from Tuesday until Friday. I am going to Darwin for the Ordination to the Priesthood of a friend of mine. Deacon Dean Taberdo will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Darwin on Wednesday and he will celebrate this First Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday. Fr Frank Buhagiar will celebrate the weekday Masses and hear confessions on Tuesday. Deacon Chris Creo will look after Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Tuesday. Owing to my absence, there will be no weekly message next week.

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

FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS - 26 May

Please note that there will be **No 8:00am Mass** on Friday 26 May.

MINISTRY OF COLLECTORS TO BE RE-ACTIVATED

We would like to re-activate the Ministry of Collectors in the parish as soon as possible. It was a vital ministry in the parish ever since the parish started by helping with collections during Mass. However, due to COVID, it was stopped for the last 3 years.

We would like to re-start this ministry, and if you are interested in joining this ministry, please speak to Maggie (Wednesday and Thursday only) in the office or send an email to maggie.jooste@cam.org.au

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 at all weekend Masses until Sunday 28 May.

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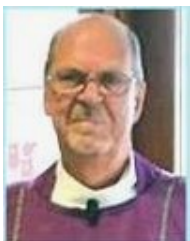


Our Parish Alpha program is progressing very well. A big thank you to Ron & Colleen Berchy for cooking a

delicious meal for us last week.

PARISH SOUP-VAN

The parish is starting on this project as soon as possible and we are looking for more volunteers to be part of this ministry. If you are interested or would like to find out more about it, please contact Maverick on 0449529432 or mavericksequeira7@gmail.com



MEMORIAL MASS FOR VALE FATHER JOHN TOLLAN

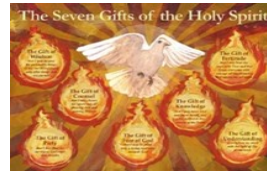
We are offering a memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of Fr John Tollan, who was our founding Parish Priest from 2006-2016. As announced, Father John Tollan passed away on Monday 27th March in Auckland, New Zealand.

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Martin Ashe, our regional bishop, and concelebrated by other priests of Melbourne on **Friday 23 June at 7pm**. There will be some refreshments after Mass at the CRC Cafeteria. More details will be provided soon.

May he Rest in Peace in the arms of our Heavenly Father.

PENTECOST SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE THIRD ELEMENT



As we continue our weekly reflection into the four elements associated with Pentecost (Earth, Wind, Fire & Water), this week we focus on the element of fire.

Following the sound of a rushing mighty wind "...there appeared to them tongues as of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech." (Acts 2:3-4)

This gift of speech was given to the disciples so that in Jerusalem they could preach the marvels of God to every nation under Heaven (brilliant since they certainly did not have Google Translate back then)! Praise God, for this is why the Word of God has spread to all the ends of the earth.

Through our own Baptism & Confirmation, we too have received this gift of the Holy Spirit. So next time we light a candle, to pray at home or in the church, let it remind us to call on the Holy Spirit, to guide us in our speech & conversations, especially with those who do not yet know God. 'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love', that we too may be disciples of God.

NOVENA & VIGIL MASS



Next Sunday 28 May is Pentecost Sunday, when we commemorate the day Jesus sent his Holy Spirit in a particular way on to the disciples, and now, on to each one of us, to guide us.

Leading up to this monumental day of our faith, join us for a 9-day Novena every night from 7:30pm to 8:00pm via zoom.

The details are *(please copy & paste the following link on goggle search)*

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8r86bh>

Meeting ID: 810 8987 6467 Passcode: 428270

During the **Saturday Vigil Mass (27 May)**, we will celebrate Pentecost in a special way. Join us - for Mass, lighting of candles, renewing our baptismal promises, praying for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Adoration, Confession, and a dedicated prayer team to pray individually for you and your family and all your intentions.



Opportunity for Adoration, confession and being prayed over will continue till 10pm. The Adoration will end with Benediction. You are welcome to stay for as long as you want, or be there intermittently.

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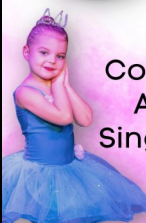
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