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(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."

5th Sunday of Easter (Yr A) – 7 May 2023



*"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me." (Gospel)*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Lord let your mercy be on us,
As we place our trust in you.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
**I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
No one comes to the Father, except through me.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 65; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

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

10:30am: George Agius, Priscilla Fernando |
12:00pm: Anna Fernando |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1350.00** | Presbytery: **\$677.10**
Good Shepherd Sunday: \$644.55 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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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 5th May 2023

My dear people,

The month of May, which started on Monday, is a month particularly dedicated to our Blessed Mother. I thus encourage you to start particular devotions to Our Lady in your homes. Examples of such devotions include lighting a candle in front of the statue of Our Lady, praying the rosary as a family, or at least, a decade daily. Visits to our church for a decade of the rosary while standing or kneeling in front of the statue of Our Lady as a family is also an option. Meditating on the fidelity and discipleship of our Lady daily is another. I am pleased to advise that the relic of Our Lady of Tears, which was here last year, will be in the parish again next weekend - 13th and 14th May.

Last Saturday was the Feast Day of St Catherine of Siena, our Patron Saint. We had a beautiful celebration of Vespers led by Fr Joel after a time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. I thank everyone one who joined us for the prayers and also for the refreshments which followed. I look forward to the dinner tomorrow evening and am excited to catch up with everyone who has been able to secure a spot. Another a wonderful way to celebrate our fellowship as parishioners of this awesome parish.

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. I will be able to provide some of the costings next week.

The 9th May is the Feast Day of St George Preca. This year, the feast is on Tuesday. A Mass to celebrate St George Preca and pray for his intercession will be offered at 12pm on Tuesday 9th May 2023 in our church where the community of St George Preca Catholic Primary School will be present. Everyone is welcome. Let us pray particularly on Tuesday for the whole community of St George Preca Catholic Primary School that the Lord will inspire them to be disciples of his like their patron saint was.

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

OFFICE CLOSED - THURSDAY 11 MAY

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Thursday 11 May. Staff will be attending a meeting in the city the whole day.

'OUR LADY OF TEARS' - NEXT WEEKEND



70 Years
Laceration Anniversary
OUR LADY OF TEARS
MADONNA DELLE LACRIME

In 1853 in Brescia, Italy, Madonna delle Lacrime, Our Lady of Tears, CRIED REAL HUMAN TEARS for 3 Days from 20th August, the longest weeping on the face of September 1853. This was declared a Phenomenal MIRACLE. MANY INSTANT MIRACLES TOOK PLACE. The Broken Sacrament, provided by Emma Carl, Ruffini on December 16, 1853 Brought the Laceration's Tears of Mary to Brescia, SUCCESSFUL.

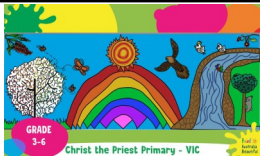
ALL WELCOME
70 Years Anniversary
Laceration Marian Mission
Come & be blessed by Our Lady of LOVE & by her First Class Relic that holds the Holy Tears of the Blessed Virgin Mary from 1853

St Catherine of Siena Parish
Special 70th Anniversary Celebration Mass
Honouring the Holy Laceration Tears of
Madonna delle Lacrime, Our Lady of Tears
Saturday 13th May 6pm &
Sunday 14th May 9am, 10.30am & 12 Noon
President, Fr Richard Rosse Parish Priest
28 College Street, Caroline Springs

Our parish will be hosting the image of 'Our Lady of Tears' including the relic at all Masses next weekend.

There will be blessings given with the relic at the end of each Mass too.

The Organising Committee will also have some merchandise on sale at the 10:30am and 12pm Masses.



NEED YOUR VOTES ! CHRIST THE PRIEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

CtP has been shortlisted as a state finalist in the Paint Australia Beautiful and Haymes Paint's in the inaugural Paint Australia Beautiful – Schools Competition 2023. To win this National Prize, the school needs as many votes as possible. We kindly ask you to copy and paste the following link and **cast your vote by this Sunday 7 May**.
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7180599/Paint-Australia-Beautiful-2023-Voting> **VOTE NOW !!!!**

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.

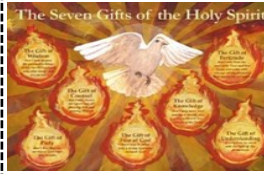
This invitation is also extended to all parishioners, including parents/carers, who have a keen interest in the safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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

We look forward to your support. - Safeguarding Committee.

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 this Sunday 7 May until Sunday 28 May.



PENTECOST SUNDAY CELEBRATION

As we enter into the final four Sundays of the Easter season and await in anticipation the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (28 May), we reflect on the 4 elements present at Pentecost - Earth, Water, Wind & Fire - to further open our hearts & minds to the Holy Spirit. This week, let us meditate on the element of Earth.



In today's world the element of Earth is not an obvious association with Pentecost however the Church prays a verse from the psalms: "Send

forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the Earth". As the late Pope Benedict explained, from its earliest prehistory, Pentecost has been a feast of harvest, thanksgiving for the grain, the fruits of the earth & for God's Creation, both Heaven & Earth.

Let us therefore acknowledge the element of Earth in the lead up to Pentecost & give thanks to the same Spirit who came down upon the Apostles, the same Spirit who fashioned the world!

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 2023/24 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/>

Is there
more to
life than this



We launched our Parish Alpha program two Wednesdays ago. The first two Alpha sessions were

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 Belinda for cooking a delicious meal for us last week.

Look forward to meeting more of you next week at Alpha. Not too late to join. Wednesday, 10 May at 7pm at the CRC Cafeteria. Registration form in the foyer or turn up.

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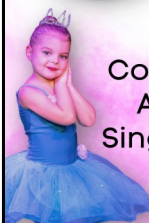
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