



"I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time, the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live." (Gospel)

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

#### **Today's Scripture Readings**

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

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings** 

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

#### 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, Giahnna, 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: Mary & Joseph Bonnici, Carrie & Michael Sacluna | 10:30am: Carmen & Paul Marmara, Manuel Gomes, Joan Ramos-Fabella |

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,502.10** | Presbytery: **\$676.40** *Thank you.* 

### CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE 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 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 Facebook: @St.Catherine.Siena.CarolineSprings.Australia Twitter: @CS\_Catholics | YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/c/carolinespringsparish



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

My dear people,

I trust that you have been able to add to your own devotions or begin devotions to Our Lady since my weekly message last week. A reminder that the relic of Our Lady of Tears, which was here last year, will be in the parish again tomorrow and Sunday.

CAROLINE SPRINGS

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

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

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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and be back around 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

It was wonderful to see the church packed to the rafters with members of the community of St George Preca Catholic Primary School on 9<sup>th</sup> May as they came to celebrate the Feast Day of St George Preca. Let us continue to pray that the Lord will inspire them to be disciples of his, like their patron saint was.

At the monthly Mass in Korean tomorrow, there will be 9 baptisms. We congratulate these children and their families on the occasion of their Baptism as they become members of the Catholic Church. Let us pray that the relationship, which starts between them and God tomorrow, brings great joy throughout their lives.

As I said at my Masses last weekend, it was difficult for me to have to announce that Fr Joel had been transferred to St Francis of Assisi in Mill Park. I continue to thank God as well as Fr Joel for his wonderful contribution to our community during his short time with us. Again, I invite you to pray for him that his time in Mill Park will be a source of rich blessings for him.

Last Wednesday, I had a meeting with Archbishop Comensoli to discuss my own future here as the Parish Priest of St Catherine of Siena, Caroline Springs. As you know, I arrived on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and the term of my current appointment expires in October this year. I am pleased, delighted and grateful to God that the archbishop has said he has no intention of moving me in October and that things would continue as they are. I am so happy to be with you past 4<sup>th</sup> October. I look forward to continuing to grow, together with all of you, everything we have started to make our parish the best parish in the Archdiocese of Melbourne!

On Sunday, we celebrate Mother's Day. What an awesome opportunity given to us to thank and bless God for our mothers! From the moment of our conception, they have lavished us with love and care, and they do that day in day out. Sunday is the day to tell them and show them, in a particular way, our appreciation for all they do for us. We also pray for continued strength and courage for them for all they do and are for us. We ask God to make them great examples of fidelity, just like our mother in heaven. We also pray for the repose of the souls of all the deceased mothers of our community, particular for those who have died in the past year.

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



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



Our Parish Alpha program is progressing very well. A big thank you to Joan Tsepofat and her husband for

cooking a delicious meal for us last week.

# 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.



### A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

We commend to You, O God, our mum. May worry be eased from her mind and replaced with peace in her heart. May the creative work of her hands be recognised and her thoughtfulness be met with gratitude.

May times of pain and loss be made bearable by the love and care of those around her. And may she know that as much as she loves her family, she too is loved. Amen.





# PENTECOST SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Last Sunday we touched on the element of Earth in our weekly reflection on the four elements

associated with Pentecost (Earth, Wind, Fire & Water). This week let us meditate on the element of wind. There are many scripture references to the Holy Spirit as wind: "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting" (Acts 2:2); and "so Jesus said to them again, 'Peace to you! As the Father sent Me, I also send you'. And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'" (John 20:21-22).

We often find it so difficult to believe in things we cannot see or touch. For example, we are convinced & confident when we pray in front of a blessed statue in the likeness of Jesus or Mary, but perhaps struggle to believe in the

most powerful gift Jesus left us... the Holy Spirit.

Remember, though we cannot see or touch the wind, we do feel it and in fact see its effects. This week, let the element of wind



remind us of the power of God within us & all around us! the power of God within us & all around us!

### 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.

## FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS - 26 May

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

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH IS COMMITTED TO BUILDING A CHILD-SAFE ENVIRONMENT

