



# Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

(Canonically Established: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2006)

## OUR PARISH VISION

*"A welcoming and dynamic faith-filled Catholic Community, living and sharing the Gospel, to set the world ablaze."*

## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 18 June 2023



*"The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest." (Gospel)*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**We are his people:  
the sheep of his flock.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
**The kingdom of God is near;  
repent and believe the Good News.**  
Alleluia!

### Today's Scripture Readings

Ex 19:2-6; Ps 99; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36 – 10:8

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 68; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

### 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, 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

**6:00pm:** Penny Jooste, Johnny Maliekal | **9:00am:** Censa Habek |  
**10:30am:** Frank Borg, Leno Borg | **12:00pm:** Benilda Atienza |

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$3,162.00** | Presbytery: **\$878.90**

*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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**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: 7:00 – 8:30pm

### 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](http://www.stcatherinecarolinesprings.org.au)

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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 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear of the well-known verse from the Bible, “the harvest is plenty, but the labourers are few”. In farming terms, a harvest is when the crops are ready to be gathered. We know our own farmers here in Australia were throwing away good crop recently, and there was substantial waste, because there were not enough labourers to pick the produce from their farms. In terms of the Gospel, the harvest refers specifically to the vast number of people ready or needing to hear and receive the Word of God in their lives. Yet, this opportunity goes to waste. The lives of numerous people crumble around us as they struggle to deal with life and all its trials on their own, without God. Jesus reminds us that there are too few labourers to help these people hear and live out life in the context of a relationship with God.

When we look at Bible verses before this one, we see that Jesus was going around teaching and proclaiming the Gospel to others, and healing the sick and afflicted. He looks at the masses of people that follow him – and he feels sad, he feels sorry for these people. It is then that he says, with compassion in his voice, “the harvest is plenty but the labourers are few”.

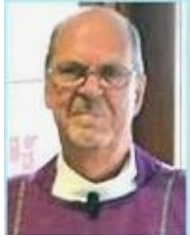
In a broader sense, the harvest refers to the needs of those around us. Not only the needs of those who yearn to know God, but those suffering, those who are sick, those who need our help. Jesus says there are many people around with such needs but few people are willing to help. There are few labourers ready and willing to take the Word of God to people who are yet to know Jesus, few who are willing to sit with the grieving, few willing to help the hungry and lonely. Few who are willing to keep company with the sick of mind and body. These are the labourers to whom Jesus refers. This is the harvest to which Jesus refers. We are the labourers that can help God harvest the crop of people in dire need.

On June 29, we hold a Leadership Summit for Ministry Coordinators. These coordinators are involved in running various Ministries and programs in our parish, such as the Reader's Ministry, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, music ministries for Mass, as well as those setting up for Mass, and cleaning the Church. Then we have coordinators of the Hospitality and Social Committee Ministry which enable people to feel welcomed and included when they come to church; the Pastoral Care Ministry which gives Communion to those who are not able to come to church; Alpha and Prayer Group Ministries which encourage us to grow in a relationship with God; Legion of Mary and Soup Van Ministries that reach out to the those in need, as well as those managing the finances and the Parish Office. These Ministry Coordinators and all the Ministry members do a fabulous job in serving the parish and serving each of us, enabling us to practise our faith, and to be involved in the parish community.

Yet, there is much to be done, much more that we can initiate, more people we can help. Those who give of their time, give generously and willingly but we still need more help in some Ministries and help from others perhaps to start new Ministries, so that together we can bring about the Vision we have for our parish – to be a welcoming and dynamic faith-filled Catholic community, living and sharing the Gospel, to set the world ablaze .

Nimmi Candappa

*Evangelisation Coordinator, St Catherine of Siena Parish*



## LAST WEEKEND TO SIGN-UP

### MEMORIAL MASS FOR VALE FR 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 memorial 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. **For catering purposes, please register on the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space.**

And also to commemorate Fr John, we have sheets of paper in the gathering space for your condolences and memories of your time with him to be written down and dropped in the box. These will then be binded into a folder. Thank you.

### 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](mailto:maggie.jooste@cam.org.au)

### ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP

Ablaze Youth are having their gathering **Every Friday** at CRCCS Cafeteria/Hall from 6 to 7:30pm. All those in high school Years 7-12 are most welcome to join in with like-minded youth. For further enquiries, please contact: [stcatherineyg@gmail.com](mailto:stcatherineyg@gmail.com)

### PARISH TRIVIA-NIGHT Saturday 5th of August

The youth group will be hosting their 2nd Annual Parish Trivia-Night on Saturday 5th of August. Doors will open at 7pm and trivia will start at 7:30pm at the CRCCS Cafeteria. The Youth will be selling tickets in the gathering space starting from next weekend onward.

### 2025 CRC CAROLINE SPRINGS ENROLMENT FORM SIGNING & INTERVIEWS

Fr Richard will be available at the following dates and times to sign Catholic Regional College (CRC) Caroline Springs Enrolment Forms for Year 7, 2025 for families who reside in St Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs ONLY. A parent or legal guardian MUST present the completed form for signing. It is not an expectation that you bring along the student for whom you are applying.

Note that Families need to book for the signing of forms. These are the dates and times for signing.  
*June 24th, 3:30pm to 4:30pm (Non-Catholic School Students)*

*June 25th, 2pm to 3pm (Non-Catholic School Students)*

To book a time slot, please go directly to: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/tw4nc> and follow the instructions.

**Each session is only for 10 minutes.** Please ensure that you are on time and to bring a FULLY COMPLETED CRC Enrolment Form and have your Thanksgiving Number to the signing session.

If you need to make any changes to your booking please do so through School Interviews, log in to your booking from the confirmation email and select 'Reschedule'. **CRC Caroline Springs applications close on Friday 18 August.**

### FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS

There will be **No 8:00am Mass** on Friday 23 June 23. The next 8:00am Mass on Fridays will resume from the first week of term 3 when school re-opens.

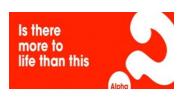
### PETER'S PENCE - Next SUNDAY

There will be a third collection next weekend to the charitable fund of the Holy Father which supports the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need. Baskets will be placed in the gathering space for this appeal. Please support as much as you can. Thank you.



### 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](mailto:mavericksequeira7@gmail.com)



Our Parish Alpha program is progressing very well. A big thank you to Maxwell and Fiona Philbert for cooking a delicious meal for us last week.

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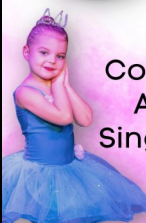
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