



Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

(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."

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 16 July 2023



"A sower went out to sow ... some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
**The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Is 55:10-11; Ps 64; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 85; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

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, Gloria Ng

For the Dead

6:00pm: Wilfredo Alicaway Sr., Angelito Castillo, Mary Jane & Karmnu Buttigieg, Laurie & Michael Vella, John & Pauline Debono |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,241.00** | Presbytery: **\$532.75**

Propagation of the Faith Appeal: **\$762.10** *Thank you.*

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

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Parish Secretary: MRS MAGGIE MAZZULLO (Tue - Thur)

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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 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

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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 7th July 2023

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This week, in the absence of Father Richard's weekly message & on behalf of our 2023 Alpha Team I am thrilled to be able to share with you some of the highlights, fruits & success of our last Alpha Program.

We were so blessed to journey with 35 participants whose level of understanding & stages of faith varied broadly, some within & many outside of our Parish. Run over 9 weeks from 27th April to 21st June, many started their journey with questions & yearning, apprehension & doubt but with a willingness, to explore, connect, discern & to learn about faith, about themselves & about Christ Jesus.



Just as Jesus did & in knowing He is always with us, together we ate, we listened & encouraged, we laughed, we cried & we prayed & so moved by the Holy Spirit, the desire to grow in faith, to know, trust & experience God grew ever more each week. What encouraging times for our faith!

Whilst there are still questions as to why we run Alpha in our Parish, you only needed to experience the life changing moments & profound transformation we witnessed in people during this Alpha to know God is at work! For many, their vulnerability & willingness to trust in the process, in the content & in God has led them to a relationship & life with Christ they never knew possible. As a result, many also experienced, for the first time, tremendous healing through the Power of the Holy Spirit:



"The Holy Spirit has found a way to get through to me and I keep praying for guidance and blessings from God".

"I never knew this level of peace & healing existed & that I had the capacity to let go of things & forgive like I do now. I'm so glad I came to Alpha, it has changed my life."

As well as our weekly sessions, our Holy Spirit Retreat, held at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Gladstone Park, was an opportunity to explore, who is the Holy Spirit, what does the Holy Spirit do, how can we be filled with the Holy Spirit & how can we make the most of the rest of our lives? Our participants also had the opportunity to call upon the Holy Spirit during our Holy hour where they were able to experience Adoration, Confession, worship & prayer, for healing, desires of the heart or just to be still & sit in the presence of our Lord. It was without doubt filled with the Holy Spirit & a deepening of love, friendship & relationship with Christ.



On behalf of the Alpha Team, (Tina, Russel, Daniel, Nimmi, Vivek, Melissa & myself), we would like to thank & give praise to God for the blessing & privilege to journey alongside those that said "yes" to this amazing opportunity. We also give thanks that He has enabled us to offer a place & means to bring people closer to Him & for the bonds & friendship, love & healing that we all experienced along the way. Praise be to God! And finally, on behalf of Father Richard & the Alpha Team, thank you, to all who so generously provided delicious feasts for us to share each week.

With Faith & Hope,
Ann O'Brien

To join & be part of our next Alpha Series starting Tuesday 3rd October, book your place at the table today!



RELIC of SAINT JOHN BOSCO

The relic of St John Bosco, better known as Don Bosco is currently touring Australia as part of the celebrations of the centenary of the arrival of the Salesians in Australia. A small piece of the saint's brain is embedded in the wax replica of the saint and secured firmly in a large glass casket.

The relic is now at Don Bosco Retreat Centre, and parishioners are warmly welcomed to spend time in personal prayer from 6pm; followed by Mass at 7pm on Tuesday 18 July. Venue: 465 Lysterfield Rd, Lysterfield 3156.

WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING? COME AND SEE!



Are you or somebody you know is interested in becoming Catholic? Or want to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** will be **starting in August**. For more details, please call the parish during office hours and speak to Fr Richard.

BIBLE STUDY

Starts on Monday 24 July @ 7pm

Lectio Prayer 'Finding Intimacy with God' captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love. **Starts 24th of July and ends 28th of Aug at 7pm**. The program format covers engaging and thought-provoking video sessions accompanied with study guide for participants to lead them further into the study of prayer.

8:00AM MASS

Friday 21 July—Cancelled

Please note that the 8:00am Mass on Friday 21 July is cancelled. It is CRC Federation Day and there will be no school in session.

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 5th of August

Ablaze 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.

Tickets are on sale now in the gathering space. This is a fundraising project by the group. Please support them. Thank you.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

INFORMATION MEETING

Friday 21st July @ 7:00pm

If you have ever thought about going to the Holy Land please plan on attending an information meeting with Fr. Richard Rosse in the meeting room on Friday 21 July at 7:00pm.

There will be a presentation of all the wonderful points of interest that will be part of this pilgrimage, like Jericho – the oldest city in the world, Mt. Tabor, Galilee, Mt. of Beatitudes, Nazareth, Caesarea, Jerusalem, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, walk down the hill of Dominus Fleuit, where Christ wept over Jerusalem, Dead Sea and so much more! This pilgrimage to the Holy Land is scheduled from 20th May to 2nd June 2024. The representative from Magi Pilgrimages will attend this meeting to provide detailed information on this pilgrimage.

MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

The parish men's group is meeting on Friday 21 July. It starts with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession from 8pm to 9pm, followed by fellowship from 9pm onward. All men are welcome to attend.

'OUR LADY OF TEARS' VISITS OUR PARISH 22nd - 30th July 2023

**70 Years
Lacrimation Anniversary
OUR LADY OF TEARS
MADONNA DELLE LACRIME**

In 1953 in Siracusa, Sicily, Madonna delle Lacrime, Our Lady of Tears, CRIED REAL HUMAN TEARS for 3 Days, from 29th August; She stopped weeping on the 1st of September 1953. This was declared a Phenomenal MIRACLE. MANY INSTANT MIRACLES TOOK PLACE. The Sicilian Episcopate, presided by Ernesto Card. Ruffini on December 12, 1953 declared the Lacrimation Tears of Mary in Siracusa **AUTHENTIC**: "One cannot doubt the reality of this sacrament"
Ecclesiastically & Formally APPROVED by Pope Pius XII on October 17 1954

**St Catherine of Siena Parish
Special 70th Anniversary Celebration
9 Day Novena & Mass
Honouring the Holy Lacrimation Tears of
Madonna delle Lacrime,
Our Lady of Tears**
President, Fr Richard Rosse Parish Priest
28 College Street, Caroline Springs
All Welcome

9 Day Novena & Mass Schedule

1. Saturday 22 July Mass & Novena 6pm.
2. Sunday 23rd July Mass & Novena 12pm
3. Monday 24th July Mass & Novena 7pm.
4. Tuesday 25th July Mass & Novena 7pm.
5. Wednesday 26th July Mass & Novena 7pm.
6. Thursday 27th July Mass & Novena 7pm.
7. Friday 28th July Mass & Novena 7pm.
8. Saturday 29th July Mass & Novena 6pm.
9. Sunday 30th July Mass & Novena 12pm

Our parish will be hosting the image of 'Our Lady of Tears' including the relic. It will be a 9-day Novena with Mass and prayers.

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