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."

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) - 30 July 2023



"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it ." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, I love your commands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

1 Kgs 3:5,7-12; Ps 118; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; Ps 96; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

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, Giahnna & 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: Charles Forbes, Heather Anthony

9:00am: Anthony Elisha

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: \$1,183.50| Presbytery: \$626.65 Thank you.

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE Parish Coordinator: MR ROBERT DURAI

Parish Secretary: MRS MAGGIE MAZZULLO (Tue - 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 (except on Public Holidays: 9:30am)

Monday, Wednesday - Saturday: 9:30am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: 6:00pm - 7:00pm (except on Public Holidays:

8:30am)

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.

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

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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

(PRINCIPAL: Mr Michael Ozbun)

CRC CAROLINE SPRINGS (Year 7-10)

10 College Street | Phone: 9217 8000

(PRINCIPAL: Mr Jamie Madigan)



Friday 28th July 2023

My dear people,

As mentioned several weeks ago, our youth group sessions are now led by members of the Alliance of the Holy Family International (AHFI). I am pleased to report that they continue to be going very well, meeting weekly. In order to help with their ongoing activities, the Youth Group is organising a fund raiser on Saturday 5th August 2023. I hope this date has been locked in all your diaries. It will be a fun night of trivia and will provide an opportunity for the parish to come together for some fellowship.

The members of the AHFI will also organise a "Family Day" on 6th August. It will start with the 10:30am Mass followed by lunch at the CRC Hall. The day will conclude at 2:30pm. Please bring a plate to share. The day will be filled with lots of fun, games, activities and talks for families and children. Please RSVP to the following number 0404380305.

I am pleased to announce we are bringing back the collection at all Masses and this will start again on the weekend of 5th and 6th August. That same weekend, we will also bring back the offertory procession. If you would like to help with these, kindly see me before Mass.

It was wonderful to have the Relic of Our Lady of Tears with us for a novena for the past week. We have averaged 40 people attending the Novena Masses and Prayers this week. Let us continue to offer our petitions, intentions, and prayers to our Lady under her title of Our Lady of Tears.

I am pleased to announce that we will be organising a parish mission to be held here from 28^{th} to 30^{th} August. The archdiocese has invited Mr John Pridmore to lead the missions in five parishes of the archdiocese and we are one of them. The title of the mission is "Gangland to Promised Land – Melbourne Tour." Please refer to the flyer in the bulletin as well as in the gathering space for more information. The Parish Mission will be run from 7:30pm until 8:30pm. John will also be here to talk to us at the Masses of 26^{th} and 27^{th} August.

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

Parish Priest

PARISH FAMILY DAY

loin the parish community for an afternoon of fun and faith for the whole family.

St Catherine of Siena Parish will hold a special family day on Sunday 6th of August after the 10:30am Mass until 2:30pm. Families are invited to gather in the CRC Hall for lunch, games, activities and talks for parents and children, facilitated by the Alliance of Holy Family International Missionaries. Please bring a plate to share. RSVP: AHFI Missionaries 0404 380 305

MINISTRY OF COLLECTORS Starting Next Weekend (5 / 6 August)

Starting from the weekend of 5 / 6 August, collections will be taken during Masses. This practice was stopped during the COVID pandemic and we are reactivating it. The 1st collection (presbytery) will be taken up during the offertory, and the 2nd collection (church) after Holy Communion. If there is a 3rd collection, that will be taken up immediately after the 2nd collection. If you are interested to be part of this ministry, please call Maggie in the office or send an email:

maggie.jooste@cam.org.au

Or approach the following collection leaders - Maggie Mazzullo (6pm); Noleen Foehn (9am); Joe White (10:30am); Margaret Bartolo (12pm) after Mass.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Starting from next weekend, we will bring back the pre-Covid practice of bringing up the offertory gifts in a procession. The sacristans will approach parishioners or you can approach Fr Richard if you are interested at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass.



PIETY STALL FIRST COMMUNION ITEMS

Over the next few Sundays we will have various first communion Items available for purchase at the

piety stall after weekend Masses. Missals, photo frames, pewter bookmarks, rosaries, cards, bracelets, pins, gift bags, wrapping paper to mention just a few. Stocks are limited so it is best to get in early.

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.

PARISH MISSION

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GANGLAND to PROMISED LAND MELBOURNE TOUR

28 -30 August 7:30pm—8:30pm St Catherine of Siena Parish



DEVOTION to the SACRED HEART OF IESUS

Next Friday, **4 August** is the first Friday of the month and we have the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the parish. **Mass** starts at 7:00pm, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers to the

Sacred Heart of Jesus. All are welcome.

1st SATURDAY DEVOTION TO **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

There will be praying of the rosary in honour of Immaculate Heart of Mary every first Saturday of the month. The next session is on 5 August at 3:30pm in the meeting room of the



church. You are most welcome to attend.

HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY SPIRIT

Have you ever thought of being healthy in both body and spirit? Then come to "Healthy Body, Healthy Spirit: Faith and Wellness Workshops"! Join like-minded Catholic adults and older adults in an enriching 5-part program, designed to empower with practical tools for a fulfilling life. Uncover the five key pillars of S.H.I.N.E. - Sleep & Stress management, Hurdle management, Introspection, Nutrition, and Exercise. Dates: 6,13,20,27 Sept & 4 Oct in the meeting rooms.

Experience personal reflection, prayer, and meditation while building a supportive community within the parish. Let's journey together towards an improved healthy lifestyle and a deeper connection with God. Don't miss this enlightening opportunity to shine brightly together! See you there!

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