



Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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OUR PARISH VISION

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 17 September 2023



"Peter went up to Jesus and said: 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother or sister if they wrong me?'" (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 102; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 55:6-9; Ps 144; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

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, Gloria Ng, Maximo Claudio Jr

For the Dead

6:00pm: Michael, Laurie & Josephine Vella, Karmni Falzon, Manani & Wigi Vella, Prudence Fraser **9:00am:** | **10:30am:** Carmelo Fenech & Rosaria Fenech, Pamela Sulfaro | **12:00pm:** |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: \$ 1,110.50 Presbytery: \$635.85 *Thank you.,*

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

Parish Coordinator: MR ROBERT DURAI

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 (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: 7:00pm (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

(PRINCIPAL: Mr Michael Ozburn)

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



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CAROLINE SPRINGS

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

Friday 15th September 2023

My dear people,

It was very sad to hear this week of the two tragedies in Morocco and Libya with the earthquake and floods respectively. In front of such loss of human lives, we can only turn to our Lord and pray to him for the repose of the souls of those who have died. We must also pray for all those left behind, who will have to mourn the loss of their family members and loved ones. We also pray for the rescuers and volunteers who are helping with all the required efforts to help the survivors. Caritas Australia has launched two emergency appeals and donations can be made on their website www.caritas.org.au.

I am pleased to announce that Ann O'Brien has been appointed the new Evangelisation Coordinator of the parish, starting from the 26th October 2023. I invite you to join me in welcoming Ann to the role. I look forward to working with Ann and to her contributions to the role and to the parish as our new Evangelisation Coordinator. As mentioned before, Natasha Berchy went on maternity leave last year and advised me in July that she would not return. Once more, we thank Natasha for her time as the Evangelisation Coordinator. Natasha will still be involved in the parish, and we will see her around. Nimmi Candappa has been in the role for the duration on the maternity leave, and her time with us will end when Ann takes over. We thank Nimmi for all the various ways in which she contributed to the parish in her role. There will be a proper farewell to Nimmi in due course.

Yesterday, we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and today we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. The celebration of these two feasts seems to be counter intuitive when we consider celebrating the Holy Cross on which our Lord died and the sorrows of our Lady. However, we remember that it is through the cross that our salvation was won and that is certainly worthy of celebration. The sorrows of Our Lady remind us that despite the sorrows which Our Blessed Mother experienced here on earth she never stopped being faithful to God, which is also worthy of celebration. Happy Feast Day!

We congratulate and pray for our younger parishioners in Grade 4 who will receive their first Holy Communion this weekend. These will take place at the 6pm, 9am and 10:30am Masses. Seats will be reserved for the first communicants and their families for these Masses. As these children progress to this most significant part of the initiation into the catholic faith, let us pray for a renewed sense of the presence of God in their lives and an increase in their desire to be disciples of our Lord.

A wonderful celebration of our parish occurs this month namely, the 10th Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church. To celebrate this wonderful event, our Social Committee is organising a gathering immediately after the 12pm Mass on Sunday 17th September (this coming Sunday). I hope to see many of you there!

On 28th October this year, there will be a Fund-Raising Concert for our parish. It will be a Live Show Tribute to Elvis Presley at the Performing Arts Centre of CRC, on site here. More details available at [ELVIS - Greatest Hits Tickets \(123tix.com.au\)](http://ELVIS - Greatest Hits Tickets (123tix.com.au)). The funds raised will go towards helping with the operational costs of running our parish. With the increase in interest rates over the past several months, the costs of financing the loan for the church have increased and we need another form of income to help with these costs. Your generosity will go a long way and is very appreciated.

A reminder that that I will be away from the parish for my annual leave from 18th September to 15th October this year. This year, Fr David Cartwright, Fr Greg Bellamy and I are off to Europe where we will visit England, Italy, Greece, France and Scotland. Fr Frank Buhagiar will be here for Mass and Confession from Monday to Saturday and one of the Columban Fathers from Essendon will be here for the three Masses on Sunday. During my absence there will be no weekly message.

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



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ALPHA STARTING ON...

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FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS

There will be **NO 8:00AM MASS** starting from Friday 22nd September to 13th October. The next 8:00am Mass will resume Friday 20th October 2023



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Society of Christian Doctrine

We congratulate and pray for our young people from Society of Christian Doctrine who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend.

SATURDAY, 6PM: David Mahwendep, Elisha Santiago, Eve Camilleri, Harrison Grant, Jacob Cassar, Jacob Vella, John Khalouf, Leon Giancola, Lexi Gener, Sophia Dadis, Taye Layon, Veronica Garcia

SUNDAY, 9:00AM: Don Peravi Wijemanne, Zian Orgo,

SUNDAY, 10:30AM: Andrea Laure, Charlotte Arceri, Christoffe Dabandan, David Ho, Eliza Field, Levi Camilleri, Liam Azzopardi, Mason Brown, Noah Field, Oliver Grech, Olivia Buckow



ELVIS - GREATEST HITS A FUNDRAISING CONCERT

Sean Luke Spiteri, a multi-award winner, pays tribute to Elvis Presley at the peak of his career and celebrates the years of Presley in this concert. The show will feature The King's Greatest Hits from the 1960's, 1968' Comeback Special, 1970 Las Vegas period and touring years. Backed by a spectacular 9-piece band, be mesmerised by this stunning lighting show. **A must for all ELVIS FANS!**

Venue: **CRC Performing Arts Centre (Theatre)**

Date: **Saturday, 28 October 2023**

Show Time: **8:30pm (Doors open from 7:30pm)**

Ticket Price: \$56.00 (Adults);

Concession/Seniors : \$51.00

To make a booking, go to: [ELVIS - Greatest Hits Tickets \(123tix.com.au\)](https://www.123tix.com.au) or call 1300 001 238



DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the church, we are organising a Cultural Day at CRC Mackillop Building on **Sunday 17th September** after the 12pm Mass.

Please register your name on the sign up sheet in the gathering space, and bring a plate to share that would represent your cultural background. If you are able to perform a cultural activity as part of the entertainment, please contact Gordon Ross or Tess White.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2023

Come and show your support for the unborn

Join the March for the Babies on 7th October, 2023 at 12.30pm in the Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring & Wellington Pde.

Wear pink or blue

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6.30pm, Tuesday 3rd October

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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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