



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."

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 24 September 2023

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



"Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?" (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is near to all who call him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,

to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 24; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

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, Gloria Ng, Maximo Claudio Jr

For the Dead

6:00pm: Ester Sajona, Rani Elizabeth |

9:00am: Adela & Frank Kovacevic |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: \$ 1,437.00 | Presbytery: \$650.45 **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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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 (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 Ozbun)

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 22nd September 2023

We wish Fr Richard a restful break. In his absence, anticipating the upcoming Alpha program on the 3 October, below are snippets from interviews about past participant experience of the Alpha program held at St Catherine of Siena...

Russel



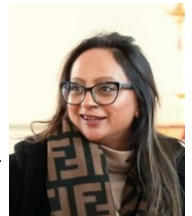
For many years, Russel's relationship with Jesus was on a strictly 'needs basis'... 'I always believed in Jesus and I knew there was something out there that kept me grounded,' he says, 'but I never understood a lot, and I didn't push to learn more. And life just continued.'

Some years ago though, Russel was invited to participate in Alpha. Through the shared meal, the weekly videos and the discussions in his small group, he was connected to a group of parishioners with whom he has become close. He was nervous to begin with but approached it with an open mind. 'The dynamics of our little group were amazing. It was a good mix, and within a few sessions I could see everyone opening up, sharing, and I just felt something changed.' A significant turning point came on the Alpha Retreat Day, when his small group leaders offered to pray with him. The experience prompted him to go to confession for the first time in many years. 'I felt this big load just go away from me,' he says. 'I can be quite emotional, so I had a few tears in my eyes.' These days, Jesus figures prominently in his life, and increasingly he wants to share his experience with others.

Kim

I had been saying no for a while (to Alpha)...but my kids were bigger now and I had no excuses to say no to it! (laughs), so I thought I'm gonna go for it...just trust in the process. And now I love it...it's brought me back to the basics (of faith).

In my faith journey, with some health issues, I might have got angry with God once or twice (laughs). But now I'm learning to trust and let go. With Alpha, (it helped) to have a committed time each week to connect with other people on a faith level. Sometimes, I might take on one thing or two things...it might be something like trust or the Bible or the little questions that we have... it all built on the process of just being and sharing.



Chris and Sandra



We learnt how to pray through Alpha...it helped me to deal with the situations I need to deal with everyday in my life especially at work and at home...to know that God has your back in every situation...and to have that confidence which helps us to help others.

Makes our life more meaningful. No matter how tired you are ...you still felt refreshed after (an Alpha session).

Together (as a couple) we have grown. We have made some friends, met like-minded people...a community that helps us to grow...It's the stories behind Alpha...that are encouraging. It's a renewal of faith...it helps us remember the good things about being Catholic, brings our faith to the foreground. So give it a try...you may just surprise yourself...

The Apha Team



"Thank you God - for everything!"

Already Catholic?

Seeking a relationship with God,
not just a weekly appointment?

Alpha starts 3 October.

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FELLOWSHIP 9ATHO'

TO WELCOME IN THE SPRING SEASON, **ABLAZE YOUTH** IS INVITING YOU TO FLIP OUT WITH US AS WE SPRING INTO THE LAST TERM OF 2023!

CONTACT US
 @stcatheriney@gmail.com

Friday, 29th September
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

\$12 per person

Please RSVP by Monday 23rd September via DM or EMAIL

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN THE PARISH

Gear up to celebrate the start of TERM 4 with some freestyle fun with your friendly

ABLAZE YOUTH pals! **CHUCK US** a DM on our social media or Email for further details!

NEW STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

New sets of Stewardship Envelopes (Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly, Quarterly, Half-Yearly and Yearly) are available in the gathering space. They are in alphabetical order. **PLEASE COLLECT TODAY!**



Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals - Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au

WELCOMING MINISTRY

We are looking to expand our team of volunteers. Welcomers undertake a vital role in making our parish an inviting community. If you would like to help whether greeting parishioners before Mass or just being a friendly smile, please **contact Tess White on 0429 798 309**. Apart from making you most welcome, we will ensure you are supported and trained in performing this incredible life changing experience for our parish.

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We thank the Social Committee and those who attended to make the celebration a great success and enjoyable last Sunday. Thank You!

Bethlehem Olivewood Project SALE!

Next weekend, we will have handcrafted olive wood biblical items on sale. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem by the catholic families who live there. Any purchase will help support the catholic community in the Holy Land and improve their livelihood. **Please support it if you can. Thank you.**

God and Beer in the West
 6.30pm, Tuesday 3rd October

Becoming Missionary Disciples


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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 \(123tix.com.au\)**](http://ELVIS - Greatest Hits Tickets (123tix.com.au)) or call 1300 001 238

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: 27 Sept & 4 Oct in the meeting rooms, from 7 to 8pm.**

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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