



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."

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 1 October 2023



*Jesus said: "Which of the two did the father's will?"
(Gospel)*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 5:1-7; Ps 79; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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, Gloria Ng, Maximo Claudio Jr

For the Dead

6:00pm: Bella Sam | 9:00am: Ana & Pero Mioc, Rebecca Mma Joseph |
12:00pm: Mervyn Naidoo |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: \$ 1,447.00 | Presbytery: \$689.85 Thank you.

Fr George G. Hogarty SSC

This Sunday, we have Fr George Hogarty SSC, a Columban missionary priest celebrating Masses. We warmly welcome him. Thank you.

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

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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 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

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ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CAROLINE SPRINGS

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

Thursday 28th September 2023

After the excitement of the Grand Final, our ability to change time this weekend through daylight saving, the retort of Jesus that some who appear to be on the wrong track can get to Heaven before us, it might trigger us to think of the deeper aspects of life. Below are some comments from those who have done the Alpha Program through the Parish. Details of the program on the next page.

Ted:



Q1) What brought you to Alpha? – I was born into the faith, and lived my faith all along, and was looking for something more to inspire me...

Q2) Has there been anything ...any stumble blocks in the faith that Alpha has helped address? – Yes, it is the Holy Spirit side of things that I'm finding quite interesting...that's the driving force. I started off a little sceptical (about the course), thinking we were born into the Catholic faith...but as I have gone along I can see ...the ways in which the Holy Spirit is trying to get a message across to me...

Q3) Would you feel comfortable inviting someone to Alpha? Absolutely...I said to a friend after the first week (of doing Alpha), "listen there is this opportunity there, how about joining us for Alpha..." I say to people "keep an open mind, the videos are easy to take in, they are not imposing, you just need to listen...and you never know (what you might hear)."

Mara:

Q1) How are you finding Alpha...? Alpha has been a good refresh, a restart...along my faith journey... it's been a good place to ask questions, to go back to the essence of what my faith is...why we do things the way we do...and have that understanding and be able to talk to other people. As I get a little bit older, it's good to take a step back and think what am I doing, what am I aiming for, and continue to have God as the centre of that. I start to redirect my path a bit...the noise of the world can really distract you and finding that path again is really important.



Q2) Did you have a struggle to come to the Alpha course? Yes! I had been attending the Church during Easter...and I had heard about the Alpha course, and I had been saying to God...what is next...and I thought maybe this is God calling me, asking to come. So I thought, let's go for it. I do attend another prayer group...so it is a commitment to come an extra day to Church ...but I think it is worth it.

Q3) What would you say to people wondering whether to join? Come with an open mind. It is a good space to ask questions, start to develop that faith – it is a big opportunity that can really help you along your way, if you are a bit confused, not sure where you are going...what the next step is...I would definitely recommend people come and experience it...

Q4) You are one of the younger members – how have you found that? I find it nice to see different age ranges, people from different backgrounds...it's a nice space to have...and to question...it's good to be around people of faith, people who are still on their journey, it's a really nice environment to be in...

Sarah:



Q1) How are you finding Alpha so far? I think Alpha is fantastic! It's really helped me gain a greater depth in how God's relationship with each one of us is really important...and this is underestimated by today's society...if we all had God and Alpha in our lives no one would struggle as much. It's really helped my mental health personally.

Q2) What made you come to Alpha – I heard about it from friends who came to our Parish...and they encouraged me to give it a go...I felt I needed something more in my life...

Q3) Have there been questions or stumbling blocks that Alpha has helped address? Absolutely - the questions of everyday faith, and how we can pray and how we can understand prayer more...

Q4) As a younger person, how have you found it? The videos we have been shown are very practical to the younger generations, to the younger person. It really gives a greater depth of meaning ...regardless of age and background.

The Alpha Team

Bethlehem Olivewood Project SALE!

This weekend, we 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.**

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.

MINISTRY OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

We need more volunteers for this, rather, important ministry. They do wonderful flower decorations for our church on the weekends and for important liturgical celebrations like Christmas, Easter, Solemnities and our Parish Feast Day. You do not have to be a qualified florist to be part of this ministry. If you are interested, please call the office.

90TH BIRTHDAY: FR KARMELO BORG

There will be a 90th Birthday celebration for Fr Karmelo Borg at St Peter Chanel Parish, Deer Park on **Saturday 28th October**. Mass starts at 12pm followed by a reception in the hall. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you.



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



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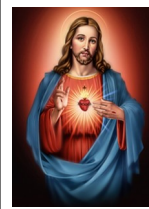
Alpha starts 3 October.

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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!**



DEVOTION to the SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Next Friday, **6 October** 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, Confession, and prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Fr Marcus Goulding will be celebrating.

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 **7 October 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. **Date: 4 Oct (last session) 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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