



# 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."*

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 8 October 2023



*'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'* (Gospel)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.**  
Alleluia!

### Today's Scripture Readings

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

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 25:6-10; Ps 22; Phil 4:12-14,19-20; Mt 22:1-14

### 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:** Durai Anthonisamy, Reynaldo Eddie Comia, Reynaldo Patag |  
**12:00pm:** Francisco Frias, Lileth Gonzales, Holy Souls in Purgatory |

### **CHURCH COLLECTIONS**

Stewardship: \$ 1,648.00 | Presbytery: \$721.00

**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 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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – *From the outgoing Evangelisation Coordinator*

Dear parishioners,

What a privilege to have been part of your community for the last 12 months. The same way we can “read the room” when we walk into a room, or sense the goodness in people when we first meet them, I believe we can have a sense about a community too. And I believe I have intermingled with many good and holy people at this parish, a community that is hardworking, humble, collaborative and supportive, with a solid faith in God. I have felt welcomed and appreciated, and feel blessed for the friendships and interactions I have had with you.

This is evangelisation! When we meet someone who makes us feel loved and valued – we are reminded of God’s love for us. When we forget ourselves and seek the good of the other – we remind each other of the grander plan God has for us, a plan that uses all of us, not just a few. When we give of our time to help, when we meet after Mass to share in a barbeque and a laugh, when we ask others how their week has been, share a story about a grandchild’s antics, or place an arm around someone who feels low, we are showing the love of God, we are reinforcing the importance of Christian community, we are softening the hardships of life, we are being Christian, we are being Catholic! And people see this, and are drawn towards us and our way of life.

*Let an encounter  
with you, for  
someone, be an  
encounter with God.*

Evangelising in our everyday life is not difficult. It does not need strong, righteous words, or quotes from the Bible. It does not necessarily need the moral lawbook to be pulled out and shaken in front of people. It needs us to look someone in the eye when we speak to them, so they can see we care for them and love them. It needs us to allow our heart to speak to their heart, softly and gently, so we do not push people away but draw them in. It certainly does not need self-righteousness and judgement, but a clear sense of our own frailty and flaws. When we spend time identifying the ways in which we fall short, and realise we have inner wounds that will, at times, make us snarl or show our claws like a pet nursing an injured paw, we can then understand when others do the same to us. Evangelising is journeying gently beside others so they can sense, through us, the beauty and goodness of our invisible God. Let an encounter with you, for someone, be an encounter with God.

In the Alpha program we quote Pope Francis’ words “let’s make Jesus’ last command our first priority - go and make disciples”. A first step in this is to get ourselves ready to be used by God. Do we find quiet time to listen to God, not just request petitions? Are we prepared to confess and clear the slate of our heart so the Holy Spirit has fewer obstacles to get past? Are we willing to say we are wrong, we are nowhere near perfect, that we have still much to learn? Is our heart soft and ready to love?

Today’s Gospel reminds us of how offtrack we can go if we think too much of living for ourselves and our advantage. We know the Bible says we do not need to actually murder someone, but just being angry or hating someone can be as bad. So let us be determined to find quiet prayer time to check our motivations and our own judgments. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to point out our faults. So that we grow more like Jesus, and by doing so, draw others to Him and His delightful love for each of us.

St Catherine of Siena, pray for us.

Nimmi Candappa  
Evangelisation Coordinator

## ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP

Ablaze Youth will be running their first session for Term 4 on **Friday 13th of October** at the CRCCS HALL from 6pm onward. All those in high school Years 7-12 are more than welcome to come along. For further enquiries, please **contact:** [stcatherineyg@gmail.com](mailto:stcatherineyg@gmail.com)

## 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

## Fr Trevor Trotter SSC

For the next two Sundays, we have Fr Trevor Trotter SSC, a Columban missionary priest celebrating Masses. We warmly welcome him back. Thank you.



## BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith the following who are baptised on Saturday 7 October: **Amelia Catrileo, Luna Maffia, Thomas Page, Austin Jose, Cade Sarmiento, Mia Mrnjaus and Mason Galea**. Please pray for them and their families!



## 2023 OCTOBER MARIAN FESTIVAL

*Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo. **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

- 11:00 am - Mass celebrated by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson
- 12:00 pm - BYO Lunch at colonnade on High St side
- 1:00 pm - Scapular enrolment
- 1:30 pm - Procession and Rosary outside Cathedral
- 1:50 pm - Crowning of Fatima Statue
- 2:30 pm - Guest Speaker - Bishop Leslie Tomlinson
- 3:00 pm - Exposition and Benediction
- 3:40 pm - Bells ring and afternoon tea in the colonnade conclude the festival. Piety stall inside cathedral.

*Finally my Immaculate Heart will Triumph*  
- Our Lady of Fatima, July 15th, 1917

**PRAY THE ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE**



## Family Day

We invite you & your families to join us for the first Melbourne NACF Family Day for 2023!

**Date:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

**Location:** St Peter's Catholic Church Parish Centre, Keilor East  
(Enter via Bellarine Ave gate, next to the tennis courts)

**12:00pm - 1:30pm** - Lunch (Please bring a plate to share)

**1:30pm** - Rosary

**2:15pm** - Talk

**3:00pm - 4:00pm** - Afternoon tea & socialising

## Talk:

Talk by Anna Krohn OAM - Anna is the Executive Director of the Thomas More Centre & former lecturer for the John Paul II Institute for Marriage & Family.

*"St John Paul II, his teachings on family & its importance to society & the Church"*

We Look forward to seeing you & your families!

**For more information Contact:**

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Arlene Smith 0422 794 182

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