



# 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."*

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 15 October 2023



*'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding.'* (Gospel)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.**

Alleluia!

### Today's Scripture Readings

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

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 45:1,4-6; Ps 95; 1 Thes 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### **For the Sick**

Bernadette Chetty, 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**

**9:00am:** Rod Benzon | **10:30am:** Donald Quintal, Anita & Alberto Yamzon, Carmel Charlie Zammit, Paul Mifsud & Family |  
**12:00pm:** Philomena Lazaro |

### **CHURCH COLLECTIONS**

Stewardship: \$ 1,559.00 | Presbytery: \$737.90

**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 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – *From the incoming Evangelisation Coordinator*

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As I prepare for a somewhat large transition in my life, soon to step into the role of Evangelisation Coordinator in our Parish, I am reminded of where I was just over four & a half years ago, before I knew what a true, personal & spiritual relationship with Jesus was like. First & foremost however I would like to thank Nimmi, a dear friend & sister in Christ who took her own leap of faith when stepping into the role to fill in for Tash. The depth & understanding of Nimmi's faith has been truly inspirational for the evangelisation team as we continued to navigate new ground together. Personally, I am immensely grateful, for her support, guidance & leadership, not to mention the countless hours of travel required. I am certain, that the bond & friendships formed will continue well into the future.

When Tash asked me to join the evangelisation team in October 2021, I had no idea why. I'll be honest, I didn't know the first thing about "evangelisation", but I guess Tash saw something I didn't. What I did know at the time is that I wanted to serve God & I trusted in His will for me. So, I said yes! What I slowly but surely came to know, is that through my own encounter & conversion in April 2019 I had been evangelised. Since that realisation I've wanted nothing more but to provide opportunities for others to experience exactly what I did, the purest love of God, His mercy & His healing (although that continues even today).

If I had to sum up evangelisation in just a few words it would go something like this, a personal encounter with Jesus. So, our mission, as the evangelisation team, is to provide opportunities for our brothers & sisters in Christ, both practising the faith and most importantly those far from the faith, with opportunities to have their own personal encounter with Christ, to evangelise. What a beautiful mission, one that Jesus tasked us all with, starting with His disciples. Can I just ask you to imagine for a moment, you have Jesus, in your heart, in your home, in our beautiful church. Would you not want to invite every living soul you come across to come meet Him, to come to know Him & enter into a deep & personal relationship with Him? Just imagine!

I wish it was as easy as placing the love, mercy & healing I experienced into a beautifully wrapped gift box & upon someone you have gifted it to opening it & immediately receiving the same love, mercy & healing into their heart & soul that I did. This is the very gift we must find ways of encouraging people to open in our mission of evangelisation. But how?

Well, a great place to start is for us all to deepen our understanding of evangelisation & missionary renewal. For me, this started with reading Fr. James Mallon's Divine Renovation. It opened my eyes to the struggles of the catholic church with honest reflection of what we perhaps have not done so well in the past & why people have turned away from God & the church & what we can do differently in the future. Secondly, we need to ask ourselves, why am I here & what part in bringing people to God am I being asked to play because rest assured, we all have a part. I use this analogy, when talking with my children, when they say to me "Mum, you need to let us make our own mistakes". Ok, so if I could see you were about to step off a cliff, I'd just let you? No chance! I would do everything I could to save them. Compare this to what Jesus did to save us, He gave everything. This is the fervorous effort we should be going to, to bring people to God, starting with those close to us followed by those in the periphery. We too will need to sacrifice to bring God's children to Him.

So, in the lead up to the mission I have been tasked with, to lead an amazing team of evangelisers & for evangelisation in our parish community let us ground all we do in prayer. Please, pray to God, pray for the intercessions of our blessed Mother Mary, St. Catherine of Siena & all the angels & saints, to guide the evangelisation team & you our parishioners in our mission to bring God's people home.

With love & faith always,  
Ann O'Brien



## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

### SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

This Sunday, we have students from the government and private schools, attending the sacramental classes with the Society of Christian Doctrine, getting Confirmed.

**Please keep them all in your prayers.**

## SATURDAY MORNING WALK

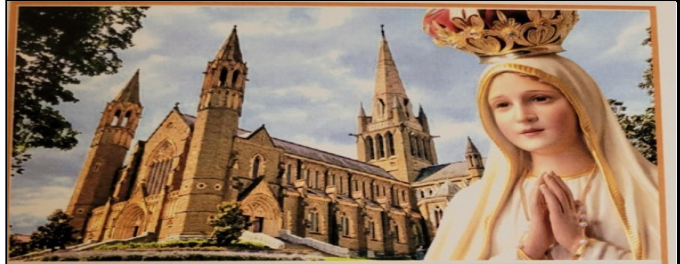
Looking to start your Saturday with a dose of fresh air and a dash of exercise? Look no further! You are invited to join us every Saturday morning at 8 am for a leisurely walk around the picturesque Caroline Springs Lake.

After our invigorating walk, we gather at a nearby local café for some well-deserved refreshments and friendly conversation. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners and build lasting friendships.

Whether you're a seasoned walker or just looking to stretch your legs, all are welcome! So grab your runners, bring a friend, and meet us at the lake this Saturday

## 90TH BIRTHDAY: FR KARMEL BORG

There will be a 90th Birthday celebration for Fr Karmel 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.



### 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**



## 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



### 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, Kellor 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:

Marc Florio 0412 252 077

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## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL

**October 21st/22nd 2023**

Walk with Sr Carolina as she guides the community of Veniale to good health.



*Reach out. Give life.*

Thank you for choosing to support the work of Catholic Mission and for sharing the important and vital work of missionaries with your parishioners. This year, we invite you to partner with the essential work of the community and Church in Timor-Leste as they look to address the gaps in care and empower the community to take control of their health through the presence of the missionary Sisters and their well-trusted health clinic. **A 3rd Collection will be taken up immediately after the 2nd Collection next weekend.**

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