



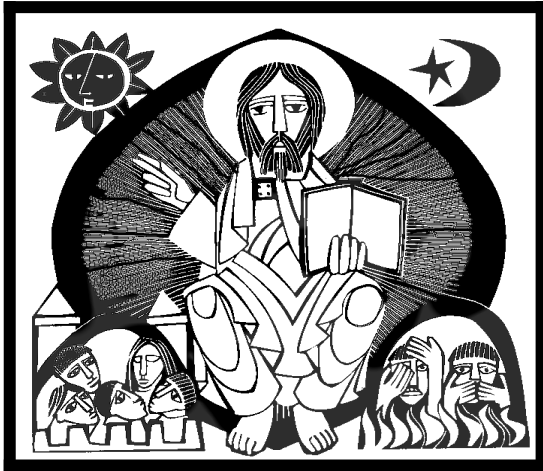
# Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

(Canonically Established: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2006)

## OUR PARISH VISION

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

## Solemnity of Christ the King (Yr A) – 26 November 2023



*"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne." (Gospel)*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!**  
Alleluia!

### Today's Scripture Readings

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 22; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8; Ps 79; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### *For the Sick*

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, Edwin Dragwidge

### **PRAYING FOR THE DEAD**

**Please note: For the whole month of November, the names of the dead will neither be in the bulletin nor announced during Masses.**

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,644.00** | Presbytery: **\$748.80**

**Catholic Ministry for the Deaf: \$1,055.95 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 ANN O'BRIEN

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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](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 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

My dear people,

We are all looking forward to Tien's ordination to the priesthood tomorrow. I invite you to keep him and all the men ordained tomorrow in your prayers. As they receive the confirmation of their vocation, let us pray that the Good Shepherd will guide them along the paths he has traced for them. Fr Tien will be with us next weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We will have a gathering after the 12pm Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December to celebrate his ordination. It is not too late to write your name down and bring something to share on the day.

I am very grateful to all of you who have made comments and also to those who have made suggestions about the plans for the proposed refurbishments to the church building in order to increase its capacity both in terms of seats and for other uses. The architects have proposed changes to the initial plans to reflect the comments we have received. These are now on our website and on the notice board in the gathering space. There will be a further consultation with them on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7:45pm in the meeting room. Please come and share your observations and concerns about our church's refurbishments.

I am likewise grateful for your comments about the change of Mass times for next year. It is apparent from many of your comments about the change of Mass times that half an hour between the end of one Mass and the start of another Mass on a Sunday morning is not enough. I will discuss with the Leadership Team how to collect your opinions about the change of Mass times in a more formal and organised manner.

Our parish's Carols by Candlelight will be held this year on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December in the evening at the CRC Hall. You are invited to arrive at 5pm for the sausage sizzle as well as some activities for the children. We will start the carols from 6.30pm. I hope to see many of you there. The Christmas Raffle will also be drawn on the day and tickets for the raffle are on sale every weekend after all the Masses.

Ron Huntley, who works internationally with church leaders to achieve fruitful parish missionary renewal, was in our parish last Sunday. He addressed the Ministry Coordinators between 2pm and 4pm and the PLT between 5pm and 7pm. Ron's time with us was most fruitful and I believe that he has made a positive impact on everyone who was there. He spoke about creating good organisational structure in his talk to the Ministry Coordinators and spoke to the Leadership Team about sustainable growth in our parish. Last night, the Leadership Team made a trip to East Bentleigh to hear Ron speak about growing vital parishes and that talk was equally insightful. As I have mentioned before, I have put our parish on this journey of missionary renewal in order to enliven in our hearts love for Our Lord and for his Church as well as to transform the hearts of the people of Caroline Springs for a personal, rewarding and fulfilling relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ. I invite you to continue to pray for missionary renewal in our parish.

You may have noticed that there has been no update about the Leadership Team meetings for a couple of months. This is due to the absence of regular Leadership Team meetings since before my annual leave. We have started a practice of summarising the main points discussed at Leadership Team meetings and making these available once a month. We will resume that practice once we meet regularly.

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

 **St Catherine of Siena**

**Carols by Candlelight**  
Sunday 10th December

**5.00pm**  
Sausage sizzle, Face painting, Coffee van & Piety Stall

**6.30pm**  
Carols, Raffle & Santa!

Raffle Prizes - 1st - \$200 voucher, 2nd - \$100 voucher, 3rd - Hamper

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 **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Tickets will be sold after all weekend Masses. Tickets cost \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

**1st Prize: \$200.00 Coles Voucher**  
**2nd Prize: \$100.00 Coles Voucher**  
**3rd Prize: Christmas Hamper**


The prizes will be drawn at the Carols on 10th Dec.

 **DEVOTION to the SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

Friday **1 December** is the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the parish. **Mass starts at 7pm**, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**1st SATURDAY DEVOTION TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**



There will be praying of the rosary in honour of Immaculate Heart of Mary next **Saturday 2 December at 3:30pm** in the meeting room of the church. All are welcome.



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- Rice
- Cup-a-soup, Tin soup
- Canned meals e.g Braised Steak with veggies or Irish Stew etc.
- Spreads- Vegemite, Honey, Jam, Nutella or Long Life milk
- Standard tea bags (not flavoured or herbal)
- Coffee, Milo, Hot chocolate
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- Meat Pies

**NO BAKED BEANS OR TINNED SPAGHETTI THANK YOU!**

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**ST VINCENT DE PAUL -CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**


SVDP is holding a collection for people who are in need this Christmas. Please bring hampers of non-perishable food and Christmas goodies by **Thursday 14 December** for distribution to families on Saturday 16 December.

**FR TIEN TRAN'S VISIT**

Fr Tien will be here to celebrate Masses on the weekend of 2 & 3 December. A reception to celebrate the occasion will be held at MacKillop Building on Sunday 3 December from 1pm onward. Please sign-up in the attendance sheet in the gathering space and bring a plate to share.

**MEMORIAL MASS - MR JIM SHEEDY**

As mentioned, Mr Jim Sheedy, former Principal of St George Preca Catholic Primary School, passed away after suffering a stroke on 3 November. There will be a Memorial Mass here on Friday 8 December at 7pm to honour Jim and pray for the repose of his soul.

 **BIBLE STUDY - ADVENT PROGRAM**  
**Starts Monday 27 November**

The Advent bible study runs for 4 Mondays starting from 27 November until 18 December from 7pm to 8:30pm in the church meeting room. The program uses 'The Sign', a pocket size booklet for reflections. It is available to purchase for those participating at a cost of \$5.00. All are welcome.

**2023 ADVENT-CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE**

**Carols by Candlelight & Christmas Raffle Draw**  
Sunday - DECEMBER 10 @ 5:00pm

**Reconciliation for Advent**  
Wednesday - DECEMBER 20 @ 7:30pm - 9:30pm

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Christmas Eve, SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER**  
Masses - @ 6:00pm, 8:30pm & 12:00am(Midnight)  
Carols sung half an hour before Mass

**Christmas Day, MONDAY 25 DECEMBER**  
Masses @ 9:00am & 10:30am  
*(No Church services at 12pm or in the evening)*

**Tuesday, 26 DECEMBER (Public Holiday)**  
Adoration of Bl. Sacrament & Confession @ 8:30am  
Mass @ 9:30am (St Stephen, 1st Martyr)  
*(No Church services in the evening)*

**Monday, 1 JANUARY 2024 (Public Holiday)**  
Mass @ 9:30am (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

**FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS**

Please note that the last 8:00am Mass on Friday will be celebrated on 1 December. The Friday 8:00am Mass after 1 December will resume next year.

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