



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."

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 5 November 2023



"The greatest among you must be your servant. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
**You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Mal 1:14- 2:2,8-10; Ps 130; 1 Thess 2:7-9,13; Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 62; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

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

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: **\$1,459.50** | Presbytery: **\$752.80**
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

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 3rd November 2023

My dear people,

As mentioned previously over the past year and flagged last week, I have held discussions with FPPV, the architects employed for the Masterplan of our property, as well as members of the Property and Building Services Department of the archdiocese. We are tremendously blessed to be a parish in the growth corridor of the state and our Mass attendance continues to grow. As a result, our worship space has become too small. On Thursday 26th October, there was a meeting with the Ministry Coordinators to present the very first plans, ideas, and concepts for our church. Our ministry coordinators have made wonderful contributions to the discussions, and these suggestions will be taken on board by the architects, and they will come back to us in due course. The plans, ideas and concepts are on the front page of the website and in the gathering space. **I must stress very strongly that no decision has been made yet and that we are now starting the discussions about the future of our church building.**

While we were having these discussions, I also initiated a conversation about changing the Mass times on Sundays in our parish. Over the past year, it has become obvious there is a great challenge for us to have the flow of cars in and out of the car park between Masses. Again, this is due to the growing number of people coming to Mass here which, in itself, is a great blessing from God. The proposal is that we change Mass times on Sundays to 8am, 10am, and 12pm. This will provide one hour between the end of Mass and the start of the next Mass which will make the flow of cars much easier. We shall continue to discuss these and get your input as time goes on. **Again, this is just for discussion and no decision has been made.**

I am delighted to announce that our parish will host a "life in the Spirit course" based on "the Gift" video series format. It is an inspiring and practical series for all age groups to help you encounter the Holy Spirit and empower you to share your faith. The course will start on 9th November and will run every Thursday from 7pm until 9pm for 6 weeks until 14th December. This course is well aligned to Divine Renovation since one of the three keys of Divine Renovation is "The Power of the Holy Spirit: through the power of the Holy Spirit, transformative renewal happens, and parishes come to life." Please register via <https://www.trybooking.com/CMMJW>. Light dinner & refreshments will be served.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who was able to join us for the Fund-Raising Concert – A Tribute to Elvis Presley last Saturday night. It was a wonderful way to bring the parish together for some light entertainment while raising some funds for the ongoing costs of running the parish. Everyone who was there had a fantastic time! I would like to thank everyone involved with putting the show together particularly the organiser, Matthew Spiteri, the lead singer, Sean Luke Spiteri and the band. When we know the amount of money raised, I will inform you accordingly.

Our parish's Carols by Candlelight will be held this year on 10th December in the evening. 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 6pm. I hope to see many of you there. The Carols by Candlelight will be held at the CRC Hall. The Christmas Raffle will also be drawn on the day and tickets for the raffle go on sale next weekend.

Finally, First Friday devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will start at 7pm this evening with the celebration of Mass. Mass will be followed with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, some time of silent Adoration, and we will conclude with the Devotions to the Sacred Heart and Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament at 8:15. The Sacrament of Confession will also be available.

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

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THAT WE NEED TO UNWRAP**



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**the
GIFT**

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a life in the Spirit course
From 9th November - 14th December
Every Thursday from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
@ St. Catherine of Siena Church, Caroline Springs.
Videos | Sharing | Q&A | Light dinner and Refreshments will be served

"But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go, for if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you." John 16:7

WELCOME HOLY SPIRIT, COME WITH YOUR FIRE

CHANGE OF MASS & ADORATION TIMES

Tuesday 7 November

Please note that Tuesday 7 November is a public holiday, and therefore, the parish daily Mass will be at 9:30am instead of 7:00pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession will start at 8:30am, followed by Benediction before Mass starts at 9:30am.

ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP

Ablaze Youth are gathering every Friday at CRCCS HALL from 6pm onward. All those in high school Years 7-12 are welcome to come along. Their Friday gatherings are due to finish early December. For further info: stcatherineyg@gmail.com

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

November for Catholics is the time we remember in prayer our deceased relatives and friends, and all who have died. Our special **"Book of the Names of the Dead"** will be available this weekend.

We invite you to write the names of your loved ones who have died in the past **12 months**. The book will then be placed before the altar during all Masses in November as we remember them before the Lord.

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES FOR THE DEAD

Envelopes for the November Masses for the dead are available in the foyer. Please write their names on the envelope and place them in the basket at either collection or submit them to the parish office.

Please note: The names of the dead will neither be in the bulletin nor announced during Masses.

Visit of His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Vatican, Archbishop Comensoli is pleased to welcome His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher and the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – His Excellency Most Rev Charles Balvo to Melbourne. Archbishops Comensoli, Gallagher and Balvo, together with clergy, will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Thursday 9 November, 5.30pm. All are welcome.



BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith the following who are baptised on Saturday 4 November: **Vivienne Nguyen and Mia Tuazon**. Please pray for them and their families.

BAPTISM, 1st HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

This Sunday 5 November, we have **Sylvana Liu, Cristiano Liu and Dylan Salvi** who will be baptised, receive Holy Communion for the first time and be confirmed at the 12pm Mass. We welcome them into the Catholic faith, and please pray for them!



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Tickets will be sold at all Masses from next weekend onward. 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 by Candlelight on 10th Dec 2023.

**DEACON TIEN TRAN'S ORDINATION
CHARTERING A BUS**

The parish is hiring a bus to go to the Ordination of Dcn Tien Tran. Dcn Tien will be ordained as a priest during Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 25 November at 10am.

Sign-up sheets are available in the gathering space if you are interested in attending. There are only limited seats available. In order to cover the cost of hiring the bus, we are collecting \$15 per person.

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