



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."

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 12 November 2023



*"Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible."
(Gospel)*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of
Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; Ps 127; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

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

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: **\$1,597.05** | Presbytery: **\$751.00**
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 Ozbun)

CRC CAROLINE SPRINGS (Year 7-10)

10 College Street | Phone: 9217 8000

(PRINCIPAL: Mr Jamie Madigan)

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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"

Friday 10th November 2023

My dear people,

As I have been mentioning, discussions have been held 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, I met 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.**

Our parish is hosting 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 started yesterday 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 am delighted to announce that \$3,798.50 was raised as part of the Fund-Raising Concert - A Tribute to Elvis Presley on 28th October. Again, I renew my gratitude to everyone involved in this wonderful outcome for our parish. I also sincerely thank God for having made it possible.

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 this weekend.

I am sad to announce that Llewellyn Berchy has decided to step down from the Parish Leadership Team (PLT). Llewellyn will be taking time to focus on his young growing family and his new professional responsibilities at the archdiocese. I would like to sincerely thank Llewellyn for his insightful contributions to the work of the PLT since it was formed two years ago. Fortunately, Llewellyn is not leaving the parish and will still be involved in many different ways.

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

A GREAT SUCCESS!!!



ELVIS - GREATEST HITS A FUNDRAISING CONCERT

We are greatly delighted to announce that the Fund-Raising Concert - A Tribute to Elvis Presley on Saturday 28 October was a great success. We raised **\$3,798.50** in total. We sincerely thank you for your support.

CATHOLIC DEAF COLLECTION

Next weekend we will have a Special Collection taken up after Communion as a third collection in support of the Catholic Ministry for the Deaf. Please give generously.

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.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Tickets will be sold at all Masses from this 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.

APPRECIATION: THE KOREAN COMMUNITY

The Korean Community in our parish is celebrating the first anniversary of celebrating Mass in our parish this weekend, and the following is sent to the parish by the Korean Chaplain, Fr Matteo Cho.

"Thanks, Fr Richard and all the parishioners of St Catherine of Siena Parish Community who prayed and supported together. I know it takes much of your valuable time to provide this service for the Korean Community for a year, and I appreciate your efforts.

Please pray for the Western Korean Community continually for a day of gratitude, a day of blessings, and a day of joy. May the Lord bless you."

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.

MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

The parish men's group **will not meet** next Friday. Instead, it will support the fundraising dinner organised by the Rotary Caroline Springs for men's mental health in conjunction with the International Men's Day. It is a two-course dinner at The Club, Caroline Springs on Friday 17 November starting at 6:30pm. Cost: \$50 person. Spouses are welcome. Bookings and donations are at <https://www.trybookings.com/CMTAF> For more info, please call Ronald: 0403 821 959.

LEGION OF MARY'S OUTREACH PROGRAM



The month of October being the month of the Rosary, the Legion of Mary took the opportunity to help children pray the rosary at Christ the Priest Catholic School. They provided rosary beads and prayer booklets for grades 4,5 and 6. The prayer sessions were held over 3

weeks. The children were taught how to hold the rosary beads correctly and to pray. This also encouraged them to pray at home. Our greatest weapon against all odds. This outreach program ended on the 30th of Oct with a few selected students of the same grades leading the rosary for World Peace in the school hall. It was attended by parents and teachers. We thank the staff of CTP, especially Mrs Connie Skinner, for initiating the project and supporting it wholeheartedly. We congratulate Legion of Mary for leading the project.

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