



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."

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 19 November 2023



"But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.**

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

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

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: **\$1,194.50** | Presbytery: **\$661.80**

Thank you.

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

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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 Ozbun)

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 17th November 2023

My dear people,

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 are working with all of these and when their new plan is sent to me, I will make it available to you. 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 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 on Thursday 9th November and will run every Thursday from 7pm until 9pm 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.

Our parish's Carols by Candlelight will be held this year on Sunday 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 6.30pm. 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 are on sale every weekend after all the Masses.

Life seems to be a constant revolving door! Last week I announced that Llewly Berchy has decided to step down from the Parish Leadership Team (PLT). This week, I am delighted to announce that Russel Fernandes has accepted my invitation to join the PLT. Russel has been on this journey of learning about missionary renewal for a few years now as a member of the Evangelisation Team and a team member of Alpha in the parish.

Our parish will be visited by Ron Huntley, who works internationally with church leaders to achieve fruitful parish missionary renewal. It is a true privilege to have Ron with us and he will address the Ministry Coordinators between 2pm and 4pm and the PLT between 5pm and 7pm. Ron will talk to us about Missionary Renewal, which is his field of expertise. 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.

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



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 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. **The bus leaves the church at 8:30am and returns at about 1:30pm.** In order to cover the cost of hiring the bus, we are collecting \$15 per person.

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

St. Vincent De Paul always needs:

- Pasta sauce
- Cereals
- Christmas Cakes/Puddings/Fruits loaf
- Instant noodles
- Sweet biscuits/Chocolates/Crackers/Dry biscuits
- Nuts, seeds, dried fruit
- Spices and olive oil
- 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
- Toiletries – Toothbrush, toothpaste, brush, deodorant, shampoo, handwash, tissues, wipes, baby nappies
- Tinned food
- Meat Pies

NO BAKED BEANS OR TINNED SPAGHETTI THANK YOU!!

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.

St Vincent de Paul Society *good works*

CATHOLIC DEAF COLLECTION

This 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.

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.

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.

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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