



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.”

1st Sunday of Advent (Yr B) – 3 December 2023



“So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn...” (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Lord, make us turn to you, let us see
your face and we shall be saved.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 84; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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

For the Dead

6:00pm: Sybil Perera | **9:00am:** Anna Fernando |

12:00pm: Philomena Lazaro

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Mass Offering/Intention for the Dead – Please submit these not later than 12 noon on Thursdays | **Announcements & Notices** – Please submit these by the end of Wednesday. Thank you.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,440.00** | Presbytery: **\$623.50** *Thank you.*

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

Parish Coordinator: MR ROBERT DURAI

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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 1st December 2023

My dear people,

We welcome back Fr Tien to the parish this weekend after his ordination on Saturday 25th November 2023. We look forward to having the opportunity to catch up with him at the gathering to celebrate his ordination after the 12pm Mass on Sunday at the Mary MacKillop Building of CRC. You are all invited of course and kindly bring a plate to share.

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 19th December 2023 at 7:45pm in the church meeting room. Please come and share your observations and concerns about our church's refurbishments.

At the Leadership Team meeting last night, we discussed how to obtain your views on the matter of the change of Mass times. Next week, I will announce how we are going to go about doing this. I am putting the question of changing the Mass times on Sunday morning to you because of the traffic issues with only half an hour between Masses. Kindly try and imagine all the Masses during the year when there is a large number of people at Mass such as First Communions, Commitment Masses, Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, guest presenters and other events occurring at the Performing Arts Centre of CRC etc.

Our parish's Carols by Candlelight will be held this year on Sunday 10th 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.

There will be a Memorial Mass to pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Sheedy and also to honour his life on Friday 8th December 2023 at 7pm here in our church. Members of the community of St George Preca Catholic Primary School, where Jim was the Principal from 2018 to 2022, will look after the different ministries at Mass and our 10:30am choir will look after the music at the Mass. There will be a small gathering after Mass where we will be able to share our stories and memories of Jim.

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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Free Admission & all are welcome

TICKET

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.

MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

We need volunteers (Readers, EMHCs and Welcomers), who are already part of the ministries currently, for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

There are clipboards with sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space. Please write down your names for the Masses that you will be attending.

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

FR TIEN TRAN'S VISIT

We warmly welcome Fr Tien Tran who was ordained as a priest last Saturday at St Patrick's Cathedral. To celebrate his ordination, a reception will be held at MacKillop Building on Sunday 3 December after the 12pm Mass. Please sign-up in the attendance sheet in the gathering space and bring a plate to share.

MEMORIAL MASS - MR JIM SHEEDY

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

BIBLE STUDY - ADVENT PROGRAM

Started Monday 27 November

The Advent bible study runs for 4 Mondays 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 was celebrated on Friday 1 December. The Friday 8:00am Mass will resume next year.

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