



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."

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) – 28 January 2024



'The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.' (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts .**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.**

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Deut 18:15-20; Ps 94; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 146; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the Sick

Lilian Song, Conchita Claudio, Patricia Muscat, Mary Buhagiar, Emmanuel Chime, Violeta Serimogan, Ezio Rischitelli, Alida Beric, Patricio Lavilla Jr, Sarah Buol, Christian, Giahna & Arianna D'Souza, Arturo De Jesus, Patricia McCarthy, Baby Luca, Obi Obi, Eleonor Rivera-Mendoza, Gloria Ng, Edwin Dragwidge, Sheldon Rodrigues

For the Dead

6:00pm: Sr Pauline Nicholson, Layla Schenk |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,288.50** | Presbytery: **\$737.55**

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)

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"

Thursday 25th January 2024

My dear people,

It is wonderful to be back at the desk writing the first weekly message for 2024. While it was great to have a break from it, I do enjoy bringing you different pieces of news about what is happening in the life of the parish. As we slowly resume our normal activities for the year, particularly with schools starting next week, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the year ahead and pray that all your hopes, desires and endeavours come to fruition. I also hope that you achieve all that you seek to do this year and that, as a parish, we continue to move ahead with missionary renewal.

I trust the month of January has been relaxing and restful enabling you to recharge your batteries for the year ahead. As I announced last year, I was fortunate to have a three-week break after Christmas, during which time I spent a most wonderful week in Malta. I also hope that the celebration of Christmas was a wonderful way to come together with our families and enjoy each other's company. I know it was for me.

On Monday, I will be celebrating Mass with the teachers of our two primary schools, and on Tuesday, with the teachers of CRC. This is how we formally start the year with the teachers. Likewise, I will celebrate Masses in each of the two primary schools in the next few weeks to start off the year with the students. These are all telling signs that the routines of daily life are about to resume.

We will also resume Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the year on the first Friday of February, which will be 2nd February. We will begin with Mass at 7:00pm and this will be immediately followed by prayers for the Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There will be a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Confession will be available at that time.

I am pleased to announce that, starting this year, Russel Fernandes will be the coordinator of the parish's Men's Group. I take this opportunity to warmly thank Robert who concludes his time as the coordinator of the Men's Group. Robert has done a wonderful job in organising the monthly meetings and communicating with the men of the parish about what is happening in the Men's Group. I also warmly welcome Russel to the role and invite you to do likewise.

As we prepare to celebrate Australia Day tomorrow, may I wish all of you a Happy Australia Day!

We continue turning to our patron saint and we ask for her intercession.

St Catherine of Siena, Pray for us.

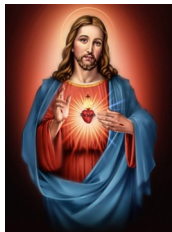
Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr Richard Rosse PP

SHRINES OF OUR LADY PILGRIMAGE 2024

The Holy Land pilgrimage that was planned for May 2024 is now cancelled due to the war. Instead we are planning to visit the shrines of Our Lady like Fatima and Lourdes, and the shrines of significant saints including our own Patron Saint, St Catherine, in Siena.

The pilgrimage will be from 21 May to 3 June 2024. Please book before 30 Jan 2024. For the itinerary, call or email the office and it will be sent to you. For more details and bookings, please call Magi Pilgrimages at 1300 721 561.



DEVOTION to the SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Next Friday, **2 February** is the first Friday of the month and we have the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the parish. **Mass starts at 7:00pm**, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All are welcome.

1st SATURDAY DEVOTION TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

There will be praying of the rosary in honour of Immaculate Heart of Mary every first Saturday of the month. The next session is on **3 February at 3:30pm** in the meeting room of the church. You are most welcome to attend.



"Who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

ABLAZE

YOUTH GROUP
CAROLINE SPRINGS

Starting Friday 9th February 2024

FELLOWSHIP!

FUN!

FOOD!

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE SCHOOL HALL
EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
FOR YOUTH IN HIGH SCHOOL (YEARS 7 - 12)
6 - 8 PM

ABLAZEYOUTHGROUP @ABLAZEYOUTHOS STCATHERINEBYG@GMAIL.COM

2024 Sacrament Programme - Society of Christian Doctrine

The program is for children who live within our Parish boundary attending government and private schools. It will commence with an enrolment and information night:

When: Tuesday, 20 February 2024

Time: 7:00 - 8.00pm

Where: Venue to be confirmed

Please contact the Preca Community, email: precadeerpark@iprimus.com.au

IMPORTANT:

For first time enrolments, please provide a copy of the child's Baptism certificate.

ABLAZE PLAYGROUP

Ablaze Playgroup invites all those with preschool aged children to come and play!

We run: Every Thursday from 10:30-12pm (during school terms) at the back of the church

Sessions include free play, snack time, story time and songs.

✉ ablazeplaygroup@cam.org.au ☎ 8361 9822 📱 Ablaze Playgroup

OUR LADY OF LOURDES MASS - SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024

Lourdes Day Mass

Saturday 10th February 2024
at 10.30am
at St Patrick's Cathedral

For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes. The Mass will take place on **Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral**, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the Principal Celebrant.

Acknowledgement of Country

We respect and honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past, present and future. We acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on this land and commit to building a brighter future together.

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