



'And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'. (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Today's Scripture Readings

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Ps 115; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Ex 20:1-17; Ps 18; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

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, Giahnna & Arianna D'Souza, Arturo De Jesus, Patricia McCarthy, Baby Luca, Obi Obi, Eleonor Rivera-Mendoza, Gloria Ng, Edwin Dragwidge, Sheldon Rodriques

For the Dead

6:00pm: Fahad Alkes Alias, Nisrat Alkes Potrus, Edward Durai, Wilfredo Alicaway Sr. | 10:30am: Anna Messina |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$2,225.50** | Presbytery: **\$750.10** *Thank you.*

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE Parish Coordinator: MR ROBERT DURAI Parish Secretary: MRS MAGGIE MAZZULLO (Tue - Thur) Evangelisation Coordinator: MS ANN O'BRIEN

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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



Friday 23rd February 2024

My dear people,

I would like to sincerely thank all of you for the wonderful way in which you participated in the survey about the change of Mass times last weekend. We printed 800 survey cards, and we ran out of them before everyone had arrived for the 12pm Mass. Furthermore, many of our regular parishioners were not at Mass here for different reasons last week. We have printed another 100 cards which we hope will be enough for those who did not have an opportunity to vote last week to do so this week. I hope to make the results of the survey official next weekend as well as the date when we will change the Mass times.

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze

CAROLINE SPRINGS

As the joyful Season of Lent has started, the following are some ways in which you can add to your prayer life for Lent this year. We will pray the Stations of the Cross together every Friday during Lent at 10am (immediately following the 9:30am Mass), and at 7pm. During the Season of Lent, there will also be the Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the meeting rooms.

Our monthly parish BBQ will start again this Sunday 25th February and will be at 1pm. You are all most welcome. It would be great to see many people there and we hope that those who have not attended the 12pm Mass will also return for some fellowship.

Our First Men's Group for this year happened last week. It immediately followed the 7pm Stations of the Cross. There were 20 people in attendance, as can be seen by the post of our Facebook page. It was a great evening, which started with spending time with Our Lord, followed by fellowship. The men present last week heard from me about the reasons why we will learn the Mass parts in Latin; it was very much what I said in my homily last weekend. The next men's group will be on the 15th March and all men in our parish are warmly invited. More information will follow closer to the date.

As we begin the new year, the PLT will have a planning day tomorrow, Saturday 24th February. I invite you to pray for us as we dedicate a day to discern what is best for the parish in terms of missionary renewal. I try my best to have an open-door policy in the way the parish is managed. I sincerely encourage you to share with me any ideas, concerns, or feedback you may have. If you feel uneasy talking to me, kindly talk to another member of the PLT or a member of the parish staff.

Following feedback received from parishioners, which is always welcome, the PLT will provide monthly updates on its discussions, activities, and priorities throughout the year, commencing start of March for the month of February.

We are fortunate to welcome Fr David Cartwright to celebrate the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9am Masses this weekend.

At all Masses this weekend, we will hear from Greg, our resident 4th year seminarian on pastoral internship, who will share a little about himself. I invite you all to pray for Greg as he continues to settle in to parish life here at St Catherine of Siena.

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



"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness, "by



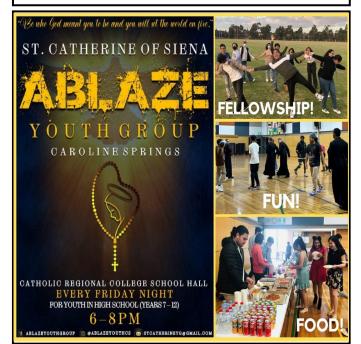
PARISH BARBECUE

The Parish is holding a monthly barbecue on Sunday after the 12pm Mass at 1pm. The next barbecue is this **Sunday 25 February**. Parishioners are welcome.

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.



OFFICE TELEPHONE

Please take note that the office phone is working again. We appreciate your patience, and apologise for the inconvenience that it caused. The office hours are Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 1:30pm.

2024 Sacrament Programme - Society of Christian Doctrine

The program is for children who live within our parish boundary and are attending government or private schools. We will also consider those who live outside our parish boundary but attends Mass here regularly. Classes begin from Tuesday 27 February onward at CRC MacKillop Building.

For more information, please contact the Preca Community by email: <u>Angelo.abela@bigpond.com</u>

IMPORTANT:

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



DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Next Friday, **1 March** is the first Friday of the month and we have the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the parish.

Due to STATIONS Of The CROSS at 7pm, MASS will be at 7:30pm, followed by

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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 **2 March at 3:30pm** in the meeting room of the church.



You are most welcome to attend.

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BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcomed into the Catholic faith the

following who were baptised on Saturday 24 Baptism February: Miles Lamasan, Sonny Jansen

and Karlo Sok . Please pray for them and

their families!

IMPORTANT: CHILD SAFETY

It is the Archdiocese Child Safety Policy that every child has to be under the care of a parent at all times within our premises. As such, we advise that if any child who goes to the toilet has to be accompanied by an adult, preferably by a parent.

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH IS COMMITTED TO BUILDING A CHILD-SAFE ENVIRONMENT

