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."

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) - 11 February 2024



'A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean". (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 31; 1 Cor 10:31-1:1; Mk 1:40-45

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Gen 9:8-15; Ps 24; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

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

9:00am: Manny Deluna | **10:30am:** Mary & Joseph White, Angelica & Joseph Cassar, Samuel Azzopardi |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,560.50** | Presbytery: **\$806.55** *Thank you.*

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

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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)

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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)



Friday 9th February 2024

My dear people,

As mentioned last week, there was a fruitful meeting about the church refurbishments on the 19th December last year. I forgot to mention last week that it was decided to form a "Building Committee" to oversee the project. Membership of the committee is open to the whole parish. If you would like to be a member of the committee, please let me know by 5pm on Friday 16th February. If you know someone who would be an asset to the committee, please encourage that person to contact me by 5pm on Friday 16th February.

We will conduct the survey on the weekend of the 17th and 18th February to determine the change of Mass times in the parish. As mentioned in my letter dated 14th December 2023, the survey will ask you to decide one of two options. The options will be <u>either</u> 8am, 10am and 12pm, <u>or</u> 8:30am, 10:30am and 12:30pm. We will go with the option which shows itself as the preferred one and thus the consensus from the parish survey. For those not attending Mass here that weekend, an opportunity will be provided for you to have your say.

It is hard to believe it, but Lent is already upon us with Ash Wednesday falling on next Wednesday 14th February. Masses with the imposition of ashes will be at 9:30am and 7:30pm. We will also pray the Stations of the Cross together every Friday during Lent at 10am (immediately following the 9:30am Mass), and at 7pm. This means that Mass with Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the first Friday of March will be at 7:30pm. During the Season of Lent, there will also be the Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the meeting rooms.

I am delighted to bring you the wonderful news that a seminarian has been appointed to our parish for his pastoral internship. Greg Lewis will begin his time with us on the weekend of the 18th February and will be here until the 25th December. Greg hails from the parish of St Francis Xavier in Corio and is a 4th year seminarian at Corpus Christi College studying for the Sacred Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. I invite you to make him welcome when he arrives in two weeks. Greg's appointment here is somewhat an answer to prayers for vocations which are part of our parish daily prayers.

As we begin the new year, the PLT will have a planning day on Saturday the 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.

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

TIMETABLE FOR LENT



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 14 February Mass (with distribution of Ashes): 9:30am & 7:30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday Morning & Evening during Lent (Starting Friday 16 February)
10:00am (after morning Mass)
& 7:00pm





MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

The parish men's group will be meeting on Friday 16 February. Due to the Stations of the Cross devotion at 7:00pm, the men's gathering will be after that. It will start with the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession from 7:30pm to 8:15pm. This will be followed by fellowship at the presbytery. All men are cordially invited.

GOD'S WORD 2024 - PIETY STALL

We have extra books of 'God's Word' on sale at the piety stall. A companion on the journey to pray, to share, to grow in God's love and be nourished by the Word of God. Includes the Bible readings set down for each day, with a reflection.



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. The enrolment and information session as follows:

When: Tuesday, 20 February 2024

Time: 7:00 - 8.00pm Where: CRC Cafeteria

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.





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