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."

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Yr B) - 31 March 2024



"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 117; Col 3:1-4; Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 117; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

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, Sam Simmons

For the Dead

9:00am: Anthony Elisha, Nikilus Weerakone |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1595.35** | Presbytery: **\$557.20** *Thank you*.

EASTER MESSAGE BY ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI

Please go to the following link to read Archbishop Peter's message for Easter. https://melbournecatholic.org/news/the-dawning-light-of-the-resurrection-archbishop-comensolis-easter-message

Or watch the YouTube video https://youtu.be/7eoW1HI8t0

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil): 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am & 12:30pm (starting from 7

April 2024)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES, SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Tuesday: 7:00pm (except on Public Holidays: 9:30am)

Monday, Wednesday - Saturday: 9:30am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

and 5:00pm or by Appointment at any other time.

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

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

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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)



Thursday 28th March 2024

My dear people,

I can't believe that the Triduum and the celebration of Easter itself are upon us. It does not seem like Ash Wednesday was six weeks ago. Indeed, the 40 days of Lent seemed like a very long time ago on Ash Wednesday. However, we find ourselves at the threshold of the Triduum and I have found this year's Lent to have gone all too quickly.

Today, we start re-living the most wonderful events of the church's calendar beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper this evening. Tomorrow, we recall the events of the Passion at the Solemn Passion of the Lord and on Saturday we celebrate the very reason for our faith, the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. I invite you to enter deeply into these events this year so that they are not simply a distant memory but truly the very reason for living the way we do. At Easter, we rejoice at the victory of life over death. We also celebrate the new life which comes after death and Jesus Christ, in his death and resurrection, which shows us that not even death has the last word. What a tremendous realisation!

This year, three members of our parish will complete their initiation into the church at the Easter Vigil. Dayle Brown will celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and will receive Holy Communion for the first time. Natalie Pradolin and Nam Hoang will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We sincerely congratulate and warmly welcome them to our community.

We are very grateful to God that we can celebrate Easter as a community. I strongly encourage all of you to avail yourselves of this wonderful opportunity to come and worship our loving God at the liturgies of the Triduum. The times for the liturgies are advertised on the website and in the bulletin. I hope to see you there.

As mentioned, at Easter, we celebrate new life. Our parish will run its tenth session of Alpha starting on 17th April this year. I highly urge you to think about attending Alpha this year. We all have gone through times in our lives when we have questioned the very meaning of life. Perhaps you are going through this right now. Perhaps your daughter or son, brother or sister, or colleague is going through this now. Alpha is the best way to come to reflect on the deeper meaning of life, over dinner, a short film and conversation. May I ask you to consider attending and warmly inviting others to attend Alpha? The transformation in people's lives their healing and closeness to Christ is testament to the fruits this wonderful program has to offer!

Greg and I would like to take the opportunity to warmly thank each and every one of our ministry coordinators and volunteers for all their work this year so far and particularly in the preparation for Easter. I would also like to sincerely thank the parish staff without whom I simply would not be able to do what I need to do.

Greg joins me to wholeheartedly wish you and your loved ones, near and far, a very Happy and Holy Easter. May the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus bring you joy and peace.

A gentle reminder that the change to Mass times will take effect from Sunday 7^{th} April thus the new Sunday Mass time will be 8.30am, 10.30am & 12.30pm. Again, I would like to sincerely thank all of you for the wonderful way in which you participated in the survey. In the meantime, we continue our conversations between the Ministry Coordinators and members of ministries involved in the celebration of Mass as we prepare for the change. Please know that I am available for any questions you may have.

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

St Catherine of Siena, Pray for us.

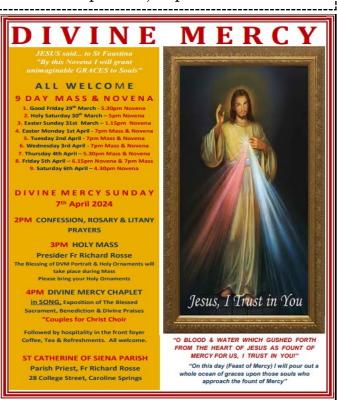
Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr Richard Rosse PP



Fr Richard and the Parish Staff wish all a Happy Easter!

May your hearts be filled with the light of the Resurrection, and may you know Christ's compassion, hope and love.



CHANGE OF SUNDAY MASS TIMES STARTING FROM 7 APRIL 2024

Please note that the new Mass times on Sundays will take effect from 7 April 2024. **The new Mass times are 8:30am, 10:30am and 12:30pm**. Thank you.



NEW SETS OF STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES, & LETTERS FOR DIRECT DEBIT & CREDIT CARD GIVERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Steward (in the gathering space in alphabetical order)

PLEASE COLLECT YOURS TODAY!

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE

Preparation classes for children of catechetical age, 8 years and above who have not been baptised and live within our parish, will be starting on Saturday 20 April. For more information, please call the parish during office hours.





DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Next Friday, **5 April** is the first Friday of the month and we have the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the parish. **MASS will be at 7:00pm**, 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 **6 April at 3:30pm** in the meeting room of the church.



Piety Stall

Do you have First Communions or Confirmations this year and are looking for something to mark the occasion. Our stocks will be available for sale a couple of weeks after Easter.

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