



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."

3rd Sunday of Lent (Year B) – 3 March 2024



He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 136; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the Sick

Lilian Song, Conchita Claudio, Patricia Muscat, Mary Buhagiari, 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

9:00am: Anthony Elisha | **10:30am:** Sam Azzopardi, Inocencio Forneas |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,264.50** | Presbytery: **\$570.40**

Thank you.

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

Parish Coordinator: MR ROBERT DURAI

Parish Secretary: MRS MAGGIE MAZZULLO (Tue - Thur)

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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

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ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
CAROLINE SPRINGS

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

Friday 1st March 2024

My dear people,

I am pleased to announce that we have completed the count of the survey for the change in Mass times with a very pleasing 785 respondents. The option chosen by most people is Option 2 - 61% with 39% choosing Option 1. This means that the Mass times on Sunday morning will be 8:30am, 10:30am and 12:30pm. This will take effect from Sunday 7th April. Ann is also looking into the additional comments provided on some of the survey cards. Again, I would like to sincerely thank all of you for the wonderful way in which you participated in the survey. There will be many conversations between the Ministry Coordinators and members of ministries involved in the celebration of Mass and me over the next few weeks as we prepare for the change. Please know that I am available for any questions you may have.

We will celebrate our parish Feast Day this year on Saturday 27th April from 7pm in the CRC Hall. This parish event will be hosted by our Maltese parishioners for all of us and will be a fundraiser shedding some light on Maltese culture. As is the case with our International Food Day when we invite everyone to come and share part of their culture, we are inviting our Maltese parishioners to showcase their culture for us. It is my intention to have more similar cultural events in our parish throughout the year.

As the joyful Season of Lent has started, the following are some ways in which you can add to your prayer life. 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 Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the meeting rooms. You will also find our Holy Week and Easter Timetable for 2024 in this weekend's bulletin and in the gathering space. It will also soon be published on our website.

I thank you for your prayers for our parish planning day held last Saturday. We had a truly wonderful day. We started with prayer and got straight into our discussions reflecting firstly on our journey of missionary renewal so far followed by where our future focus needs to be. Ann will share with us details of the planning day next week, as well as prepare a summary of our discussions for the month of February.

We are fortunate again this week to welcome Fr David Cartwright to celebrate the 10:30am and 12pm Masses on Sunday. My younger brother is turning 40 and has organised a family lunch in the Yarra Valley to celebrate this special occasion. As such, I will need to be on the road by 11:15am.

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

NO FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS - 8 MARCH

Please note that there will be **No 8:00am Mass** on Friday 8 March.



EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW

1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize - Easter Hampers

Each ticket costs \$2.00 or buy 3 for \$5.00

Tickets will be sold after all weekend masses.

Raffle will be drawn on the Easter Weekend.

THANK YOU LETTER : ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has written a letter to thank parishioners who have donated generously to the appeal. The appeal was launched to help those who were affected by the war in Ukraine in Advent last year. A copy of the letter is on the noticeboard. It is also on our parish website.

More donation envelopes are available in the gathering space for those who want to contribute. Thank you for your support.

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.

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 begin soon. For more information, please call the parish during office hours.

Holy Week & EASTER 2024 TIMETABLE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday 23 March (Vigil) - 6:00pm

Sunday 24 March - 9:00am | 10:30am | 12:00pm

Reconciliation Evening

Wednesday 27 March

7:00pm to 8:30pm

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's

Supper - 28 March - 7:30pm

(Followed by Procession & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 midnight @ CRC MacKillop Classrooms)

Good Friday Services - 29 March

Stations of the Cross - 9:30am

Solemn Passion of the Lord - 3:00pm

Tenebrae - 7:30pm

EASTER MASSES

Easter Vigil - Saturday 30 March - 7:30pm

Easter Sunday - Sunday 31 March

9:00am | 10:30am | 12:00pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

We need Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) for the Holy Week liturgies. **Please choose just one ministry to volunteer for the whole of the Holy Week liturgies.** We would like to have as many volunteers as possible to participate. Thank you.



Baptism

BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcomed into the Catholic faith the following who were baptised on Saturday 2 March: **Aston Tahir, Ariana Tahir, Levi Melencio, Emilia Pengelly, Mikayla Silan and Isaiah Lungo.** 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.

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