



"The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget youI

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

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Jer 31:31-34; Psalm 136; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 12:20-33

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: John Marangoly, Marie France Tse, Alain Tse, Jacques Lo, Peter Wong, Ramon Resngit, Prisco Frias, Holy Souls in Purgatory |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,398.00** | Presbytery: **\$590.75** *Thank you.*

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

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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 8th March 2024

My dear people,

A reminder 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.

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

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

CAROLINE SPRINGS

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.

During this joyful Season of Lent, the following are some ways in which you can add to your prayer life:

- Join us in praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 10am (immediately following the 9:30am Mass) and at 7pm.
- Attend Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the meeting rooms.

The Holy Week and Easter Timetable for 2024 has been published in this weekend's bulletin and on our website. You can also find it in the gathering space.

Thank you for your prayers for our parish planning day held on Saturday 24th February. We intend to communicate with you on Tuesday next week what we discussed and the nature and role of the PLT. All the parish's Ministry Coordinators have been invited to the first Leadership Summit of the year, which will be held on 14th March. They have been asked to invite two of their ministry members to also be part of the summit.

Our Second Men's Group for this year will occur next Friday 15th March. It will start with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm (immediately after the 7pm Stations of the Cross). There will be a period of Adoration when the Sacrament of Confession will be available, and Fr David Cartwright will be here for that. We will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:15pm and supper at the presbytery. There will be a guest speaker to address us during the supper.

Our parish will host the Novena to the Divine Mercy this year. The novena will start on Good Friday 29th March and conclude on Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April, with Mass at 3pm on that day. The finer details are on the poster in the gathering space, in the bulletin and on the website. There will also be a sign-up sheet for required ministries for Divine Mercy Sunday for which you are invited to put your name down.

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

MEETING FOR COLLECTORS

There will be a meeting for all current collectors in the parish as well as those who are interested in joining this ministry. There are two sessions to choose from and please attend one.

1. Tuesday 12 March @ 7:30pm - CRC Cafeteria 2. Saturday 16 March @3:00pm - Meeting Rooms For more info, please call Maggie in the office.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is delighted to announce that we have eight men in the Seminary this year. They are Chinh Tran, Rohan Prince, Luke Kennedy, Luke Emslie, Tung Phan, Joseph Maae, Patrick Harris and Mathews Noble. Please pray for them and also prayer for more vocations.

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.

VINE MERCY



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7th April 2024

2PM CONFESSION, ROSARY & LITANY PRAYERS

3PM HOLY MASS Presider Fr Richard Ross ne Blessing of DVM Portrait & Holy Orname take place during Mass Please bring your Holy Ornaments

4PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET in SONG, Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament, Benediction & Divine Praises "Couples for Christ Cho

Followed by hospitality in the front foyer Coffee, Tea & Refreshments. All welcome

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH Parish Priest, Fr Richard Rosse 28 College Street, Caroline Springs



"O BLOOD & WATER WHICH GUSHED FORTH FROM THE HEART OF JESUS AS FOUNT OF MERCY FOR US, I TRUST IN YOU!" "On this day (Feast of Mercy) I will pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of Mercy"

MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

The parish men's group will be meeting on Friday 15 March. 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 from 7:30pm to 8:15pm, and Fr David Cartwright will hear Confession . This will be followed by fellowship at the presbytery.

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.



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.

MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY 2024



The Melbourne Passion Play re-enacts the journey of Jesus Christ's life from Palm Sunday to his crucifixion. The Play will be performed at the Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe. The event is free of charge and will take place on Palm Sunday

(24 March 1:30pm) and Good Friday (29 March at 10am). Free parking will also be available. Free bus transportation to and from the event is organised for Palm Sunday performance only from Caroline Springs Parish. To secure your free bus trip, please register your name within the next two weeks. Contact Dawn on 0411957164.

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

