



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."

4th (Good Shepherd) Sunday of Easter (Yr B) – 21 April 2024



Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The stone rejected by the builders
has become the cornerstone.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 117; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 21; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

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, Giahna & Arianna D'Souza, Arturo De Jesus, Patricia McCarthy, Baby Luca, Obi Obi, Eleonor Rivera-Mendoza, Gloria Ng, Edwin Dragwidge, Sheldon Rodrigues, Sam Simmons, Elba Synott, Anthony Ong

For the Dead

8:30am: Kenneth Powell | **10:30am:** Carmelo Fenech, Rosaria Fenech |
12:30pm: Charles Selvaratnam Philips |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,364.60** | Presbytery: **\$805.10**

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: 8:30am, 10:30am & 12:30pm

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 Ozburn)

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



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
CAROLINE SPRINGS

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

Friday 19th April 2024

My dear people,

We will celebrate our parish Feast Day this year on Saturday 27th April (**next Saturday**) 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. From this weekend, tickets will be available for the evening. Sonny Mallia is the contact person, and he can be contacted on 0412583069.

Our parish is running its tenth session of Alpha, which started on 17th April. 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! We are blessed to have 29 participants who started on Wednesday, and we have more seats if people want to join.

This weekend, the 4th Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday around the world. This is the Sunday which the church sets aside as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We are privileged and blessed to have Greg with us on his pastoral internship. Greg will speak to us this weekend on this occasion of Good Shepherd Sunday. I must say that Greg is a bit of an answer to our daily prayers for vocations to the priesthood in our parish. The next step now is to see one of the men in our parish answering positively to the invitation of God to follow him as a Good Shepherd. God is constantly calling men to the priesthood but with all the distractions most don't hear him calling!

It is so heartwarming to see the tremendous amount of support for Victor, Mary and Zaleha, Jason's wife, as we gathered at the Memorial Mass for the repose of his soul on Thursday evening. I was reminded, as a parish community, of the strength we can draw from our Lord and from each other in the most difficult of times. Let us continue to pray for Jason as well as for Victor, Mary and Zaleha and their whole families at this difficult time.

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



PARISH FEAST DAY / MALTESE NIGHT CELEBRATION

The Parish Feast Day will be celebrated on Saturday 27 April with a Maltese theme, starting from 7pm until 11pm in the CRC Hall. **All tickets are sold out.** Thank you for your support. For more info, please call Sonny: 0412 583 069

8:00AM MASS ON FRIDAYS

The 8:00am Mass on Fridays have resumed from Friday 19 April onward for this school term. You are most welcome to attend.

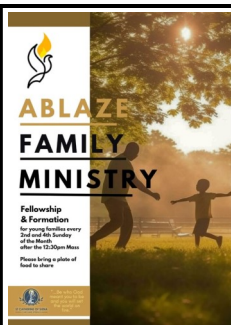


CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL

Sadly, a year after the conflict erupted in Sudan last April, the situation continues to deteriorate with the country now on the brink of famine.

The Sudan Catholic Bishops Conference has raised concerns that "the international community has forgotten the Sudan crisis" and called on the Caritas network across the world to "engage their respective governments, donors, and the wider international community to urgently pick up and advocate for the needed resources to avert the looming famine."

Please donate online www.caritas.org.au/sudan or phone 1800 024 413



ABLAZE FAMILY MINISTRY

You and your family are warmly invited to be part of our vibrant parish-based family ministry group! We believe in fostering a supportive community where families grow together in faith and fellowship. It is run by young families in the parish for young families.

When: **Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month commencing 28th of April, after the 12:30pm Mass.**

Where: **CRC Cafeteria and Hall**

Come experience: Engaging discussions on faith and family values. Fun activities for children, meaningful connections with fellow families and opportunities to serve our community together.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

In the midst of all the turmoil and confusion in our world, we look forward to sharing the joy of faith and family with you!

VICTOR & MARY BORG

Victor and Mary are very grateful for the support, presence and kindness shown to them at this difficult time when they have lost their son. We continue to surround them with our love and support.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)

This Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Pope Francis tells us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY

The Annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College will take place on **Sunday 19 May**. The seminary staff, students and the Archbishop will welcome any young men visiting that day by invitation.

If you are interested or would like to suggest the name of a man to receive an invitation, please see Fr Richard after the Mass so he can get their details and forward them to the Vocations Office. Please pray for vocations.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. **COME & SEE!** An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 4 May, 10:00 - 11:45am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.**

For more information:

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure]

<https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

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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