



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."

The Ascension of the Lord (Yr B) – 12 May 2024



"Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 46; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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 Rodriques, Sam Simmons, Elba Synott, Anthony Ong, Teofilo Ferre Jr, Nomer Yu

For the Dead

6:00pm: Jovita R Magadia, Ng Swee Cheong, Borg Family |
8:30am: Joseph & Mary Bonnici | **12:30pm:** Karuna Perera |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,528.00** | Presbytery: **\$1,020.15**
CatholicCare: \$ 1,933.60 Thank you.

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

Parish Coordinator: MR ROBERT DURAI

Parish Secretary: MRS MAGGIE MAZZULLO (Tue - Thur)

Evangelisation Coordinator: MS ANN O'BRIEN

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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

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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 10th May 2024

My dear people,

Our Parish Town Hall for 2024 took place yesterday. A big thank you to all those who were present. It was good to be able to report to you the financial situation of the parish, and to give an update of what has happened in terms of the activities in our parish. I also reiterated the importance of the path of missionary renewal the parish is on to do all we can to give everyone the opportunity to have an encounter with Our Lord. The material presented will be made available as part of the next monthly update from the PLT.

Yesterday was the Feast of St George Preca. All the students from St George Preca Catholic Primary School were here for Mass at 12pm. It is not possible to articulate how wonderful it is to have the whole school here for Mass. One of my greatest desires is that every one of our students in our primary schools has a deep and meaningful relationship with Our Lord and seeing them here to worship our awesome God together really brings me immense joy. As mentioned before, we had the privilege of having the community of Christ the Priest Catholic Primary School on 26th April, which brought me the same joy.

There is a wonderful team of parishioners who hand deliver all the thanksgiving envelopes which are not collected at the time of distribution and letters for those on direct debit. I would like to sincerely thank you on behalf of the whole parish for this important work that you do. I am very grateful for your generosity in giving your time to do this. Also, many of you have returned your Project Compassion boxes and I thank you for that. Those of you who have requested a receipt, please be advised that these are available for collection in the sacristy. You simply need to ask me for them.

Our Evangelisation Coordinator, Ann O'Brien, has requested to reduce her working hours at the parish, from 20 to 8 hours per week commencing 20th May. She will remain our Evangelisation Coordinator. Ann and I have discussed her role with the reduced hours and she will concentrate solely on evangelisation and missionary renewal. How the rest of her role will be managed will be discerned by the PLT in the next few weeks. As usual, we welcome input from parishioners.

When we first discussed the Marian Pilgrimage to Europe, it seemed quite a long while away. Time has passed very quickly and it is now eleven days away. On 21st May, 29 pilgrims and I will “set sail” for Europe. Since we will spend time at Marian Shrines and in Siena, the place where our Patron Saint lived, we have a prayer petition box next to the statue of Our Lady. You are invited to place your petitions in the box and I will take the box with me throughout our pilgrimage and pray for your intentions daily.

I take this opportunity to wish all the mothers in our community a very Happy Mother's Day. Mothers have received a truly marvellous vocation from God and for that we need to thank him. We continue to pray that he will give them, and indeed others who take on motherhood, the strength and courage to continue with their vocation at times when being a mother is trying but also rewarding. Let us also pray that God provides them with more times of joy and solace. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers.

Finally, our next Leadership Summit for 2024 will take place next Thursday 16th May. As I have mentioned on other occasions, the purpose of our Leadership Summits is to help grow our ministry coordinators as leaders and raise up future leaders aligned to missionary renewal. We ask for your prayers, that through our summits, our current and future leaders will continue to hear and respond to God's call and their role in continuing to grow a vibrant, vital and faithful parish community.

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



A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

We commend to You, O God, our mum.

*May worry be eased from her mind
and replaced with peace in her heart.*

*May the creative work of her hands be recognised
and her thoughtfulness be met with gratitude.*

*May times of pain and loss be made bearable by the
love and care of those around her.*

*And may she know that as much as she loves
her family, she too is loved. Amen.*

Fr Richard and the Parish Team wish all
mothers a **Happy Mother's Day!**

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The Annual Mass Count for the Archdiocese will be conducted in the parish in the month of May. Mass count will take place for the next four weekends at all Masses starting from the vigil Mass on Saturday 4 May until Sunday 26 May.

PIETY STALL

First Communion and Confirmation

Gifts, cards, rosaries, photo frames, prayer books are available for sale on a table outside the piety stall. Please see the piety stall attendant.

MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

The parish men's group will be meeting next Friday, 17th of May. It starts with the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00pm to 7:45pm, with Confession. The Adoration finishes with Benediction, followed by fellowship at the presbytery.

HOSPITALITY SUPPORT

Our Hospitality team warmly invites parishioners to join our team to help with setting up, serving and greeting our parishioners. This is a great opportunity as we increase our hospitality to two weekends each month by serving coffee, tea, light refreshments and fellowship.

The only prerequisite is your time. As part of Missionary Renewal, the team members help to share the experience of showing hospitality to others. If you are able to assist with this important ministry, please contact Tess White on 0429 798 309 with your details and Mass time to be included on our team roster. Training and support will be provided.

JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

We are hoping to start a Junior Legion of Mary in the parish to meet on Saturdays. Start date and time to be confirmed. Age for membership is 10 to 17 year old. The children will be trained to become good Catholics by learning to:

- Pray the Rosary
- Learn about Jesus, Our Blessed Mother Mary and the Saints.
- Be helpful and obedient at home.
- Do works of service.

Activities may include an outing during school holidays.
Legion of Mary Contact: Cristy 0497315323



VISITATIONS OF OUR LADY'S STATUE

The Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows Presidium is inviting parishioners to welcome our Lady's statue into their homes, which will be a visible reminder of Our Blessed Mother who intercedes for us. Interested parishioners can write down their contact details in the sign-up sheet in the gathering space. For more information, please call **Antoinette Spiteri on 0402 423 826.**

Year 7, 2026 CRC CAROLINE SPRINGS ENROLMENT FORM ENDORSEMENT

Enrolment applications are now open to Year 5 students who will be starting Year 7 in 2026.

Applications close Friday, 16 August 2024.

It is a requirement that you meet with our Parish Priest, Father Richard Rosse, so he can endorse your child's CRC enrolment.

Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au (copy & paste the link) and enter the meeting code **6k798**. Fr Richard will provide a Letter of Reference endorsing your child's CRC enrolment at that meeting, and you will need to email a copy or drop it in to CRC to support your child's enrolment. All bookings are prior to the 16 August application deadline.

This is for families who reside in St Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs ONLY.

The Enrolment application is online via CRC website:

<https://www.crcs.vic.edu.au/enrolment-1/enrolment-procedures>

Please note that parents/carers who already have children attending the College and who have a sibling in Year 5 will still need to complete an online enrolment.

All applications will be carefully reviewed after the closing date based on the strength of the application. The date the application was submitted does not factor into the selection criteria.

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