



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."

6th Sunday of Easter (Yr B) – 5 May 2024



*"This is my commandment:
love one another, as I have loved you." (Gospel)*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 97; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

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

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.

For the Dead

We pray for the soul of **Fr Tom Brophy** who died recently.

6:00pm: Anna Fernando, Anthony McPhail |

8:30am: Alizah Anne Lewis

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,456.20** | Presbytery: **\$716.20**

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

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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 3rd May 2024

My dear people,

I would like to start this weekly message by sincerely thanking everyone who made our Parish Feast Day celebrations the great success that it was. Firstly, I would like to thank the organisers of the night, in particular Sonny and Jenny Mallia, the wonderful team who helped them, as well as members of the Social Committee. The result which we saw on the night was testimony to all the hard work put into organising the event. It was wonderful to get a snapshot of Maltese culture through their food, their music, and a live band. Our parish is truly blessed by God with wonderful people who can work together for his greater glory. For that, I am sincerely grateful. We look forward to the next cultural night in the parish.

Our Parish Town Hall for 2024 will take place on Thursday 9th May at 7.00pm in the church meeting room. The first aim of the Town Hall is to officially present to you our financial position as at the end of 2023. Our Parish Accountant, Mr Bernard Negline, will be here to present the figures and answer any questions you may have. We will also reflect on other activities for 2024, discuss current activities and future initiatives in relation to missionary renewal. We will conclude with a discussion on our planned expansion of the church, and I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

It was wonderful to have a new ministry start in the parish last Sunday. Ablaze Family Ministry will run every 2nd and 4th Sunday after the 12.30pm Mass in the CRC cafeteria. Families, particularly with young children, are warmly invited to be part of this vibrant ministry run by young families in the parish who desire to foster a supportive community where families can grow together in faith and fellowship. There will be engaging discussions on faith and family values as well as fun activities for the children. More details can be found in the bulletin. Once again, I invite our young families to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

On Sunday afternoon, we are hosting an Afternoon Tea Information Session at 2pm for parents of our candidates for the Sacrament on Confirmation. As you know from the candidates being present for the Commitment Masses, many of our students from Saint George Preca Catholic Primary School and Christ the Priest Catholic Primary school will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation very soon. The purpose of this Information Session is to talk to their parents about the importance of the Sacrament of Confirmation as well as about our parish and all it offers to help the parents of the candidates become better disciples of Christ as their children take the next step in their journey of Christian initiation. Again, I ask you to pray for the candidates and their families at this important 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



This weekend is the **CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. A third collection will be taken up after Communion.**

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

PARISH TOWN HALL - Thursday 9 May

There will be a parish Town Hall on Thursday 9 May at 7pm. We invite parishioners to attend this very important gathering.

We will be presenting our parish financial status, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions relating to the parish. We hope you will attend.

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.



PARISH FEAST DAY / MALTESE NIGHT CELEBRATION

The Parish Feast Day / Maltese Night last Saturday was a great success. **We raised a total of \$2501.50**

Thanks to Sonny & Jenny Mallia and our Maltese community, together with the support of the parishioners who made it a wonderful celebration.

PIETY STALL — WANTED

The piety stall is looking for a glass (or perspex) display cabinet for use in front of the stall. Please contact Pat Gurrie 0418355060 to discuss.

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 with serving coffee, tea, light refreshments and fellowship.

The only prerequisite is your time. The team members help us share the experience of showing hospitality to others which is part of Missionary Renewal. 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.



BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith: **Julian Zappia, Kevin Nguyen, Imogen Gatt, Zayden Ramien and Jasmine Vella-Hernandez** who were baptised this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.crccs.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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