



# 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.”*

## 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B) – 9 June 2024



*“The Lord God called to Adam “You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!” .(Gospel)*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
**The prince of this world will now be cast out,  
and when I am lifted up from the earth  
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.**  
Alleluia!

### Today's Scripture Readings

Gen 3:9-15; Ps 129; 2 Cor 4:13 - 5:1; Mk 3:20-35

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Ez 17:22-24; Ps 91; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### **For the Sick**

Lilian Song, Conchita Claudio, Patricia Muscat, Mary Buhagiar, Emmanuel Chime, Violeta Serimogan, Ezio Rischitelli, Alida Beric, 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, Nomer Yu

#### **For the Dead**

**12:30pm:** Clarence Peterson |

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,696.00** | Presbytery: **\$905.55**

*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 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](http://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”

Dear friends in Christ,  
My greetings to you, in Christ Jesus, Prince of Peace.

You may be aware that I was overseas for the better part of the past two weeks, though I had been silent on where I was heading prior to leaving. Now that I am home, I would like to let you know that I have been in the Holy Lands of Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Lebanon on a pilgrimage of solidarity, first with Rabbi Yaakov Glasman AM, Senior Rabbi of the St Kilda Shule (in Israel) and then Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay OLM, Maronite Bishop of Australia (in Lebanon). There was a need to keep quiet about this before going, as there were security issues to attend to, and public knowledge of travel between the two countries would likely have prevented entry into either country.

The pilgrimage allowed for significant opportunities in prayer, engagement and learning through that part of the world where, in the past, Christ walked and ministered, and where, today, the great Abrahamic religions and historical cultures live side-by-side, in very complex, and presently tragic ways.

It was particularly powerful for me to stand with my friend, Rabbi Yaakov, at the Western Wall of the Temple in Jerusalem, and to pray together Psalm 150 and Isaiah 2.1–5. Likewise, it was a moment of profound blessing to be in prayer with Bishop Antoine before the great Lebanese holy men and women, especially St Charbel and St Rafqa. I had the honour of meeting with both the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pizzaballa OFM, and the Maronite Patriarch of Antioch, Cardinal al-Rahi OMM. These were both spiritual encounters and moments of insight. These men of God, and the Churches they lead, deserve our prayer and support.

You cannot go to the Holy Lands today without facing into the complex and tragic realities that are currently playing out. For example, it was (obviously) impossible to travel into Gaza. It also proved too difficult to spend any significant time in the West Bank. Nonetheless, opportunities did emerge to engage with people who live in these wounded locations, as well as the suffering of Israel and the beleaguered of Lebanon.

A chance meeting in Jerusalem with two religious sisters who had only just come from the Holy Family Parish compound in Gaza City, having been living there through the first six months of the war, was humbling and revealing. The difficulty of living in the compound was harrowing to hear, yet the level of hope that they continue to hold was telling. Similarly, speaking with a victim of the devastating explosion in the Port of Beirut of 2020 opened up the difficulty of coming to the truth of what occurred, so as to find justice for those effected. (I carried home with me a simple wooden cross made from the debris of the explosion, given to our local Church by the Archbishop of Beirut.)

Amid what might seem a complete breakdown in society, based on ancient hatreds, there are hidden jewels of goodness and rightness, and signs of reconciliation. In Jerusalem, we met with a group of senior clinicians and medical administrators who have established a program of palliative care—the only common endeavour in Israel—jointly led by a mixed group of Jewish, Muslim and Christian leaders. This program, the Rozana Project, is available to any person—no matter their religious or cultural background—in Jerusalem and the Palestinian Territories. It seeks to build peace through healthcare by building bridges between people. In Lebanon, the local Caritas agency has developed programs of education and jobs training that aids anyone in need in a society beset by economic crisis and political impasse.

There are many other stories to be told of these past few days, and I will look to write a more significant piece on my experience in the Holy Lands of Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Lebanon. At this immediate moment, I simply wish to bring an initial impression to you of this pilgrimage of solidarity. But I do wish to offer one final impression now. My time away on pilgrimage was a blessing. In all the tragic complexity of what is occurring politically, and the wounds that are festering consequently, there are nonetheless signs of hope, actions of goodness and people of welcome and hospitality—of us, and of each other.

It can be so easy to reduce what is currently unfolding in these lands to sound bites on social media, usually tinged by ideology and political manipulation. The hostages must be released; a ceasefire must be found—these are the first things needed. But then, there is a need for peacebuilding and truth-telling. Among the people I met on the pilgrim road, there are active agents for finding pathways to dialogue, reconciliation and the bridging of divides.

As I celebrated Mass in a small chapel in Galilee on the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, I prayed in gratitude for the many blessings of good will and justice that we are graced to live with, and work for, here in this country, and I prayed in petition that we avoid turning away from truthfulness and moral uprightness. Might I ask therefore, in your own Christian charity, that you keep all who are suffering, displaced, and persecuted in the lands where Jesus walked close in your prayers and considered in your understanding. Each person we met expressed their belief in a hope-filled future.

May the strength of the Holy Spirit bring comfort, courage and determination for conversion of hearts and transformation of societies to these dark situations; may the Prince of Peace be the guiding light before all. May the call of our Blessed Mother, true Lady of Israel, of Palestine and of Lebanon, ring out:

*‘He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly ... in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, of his mercy to Abraham and his descendants for ever’ (Lk 1.52, 54–55).*

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

**Most Rev Peter A Comensoli**, Archbishop of Melbourne

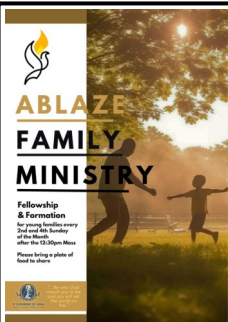
## MELBOURNE VICAR GENERAL New BISHOP For CAIRNS



It is with great joy that the Archdiocese of Melbourne shares the news of Pope Francis' (received on Thursday 6 June) appointment of the Very Rev Joseph (Joe) John Caddy AM, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, as the new Bishop of Cairns in far North Queensland. For more details about the appointment, please copy & paste the following link on your browser: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/melbourne-vicar-general-new-bishop-for-cairns>

## MINISTRY OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

We need more volunteers for this, rather, important ministry. They do wonderful flower decorations for our church on the weekends and for important liturgical celebrations like Christmas, Easter, Solemnities and our Parish Feast Day. You do not have to be a qualified florist to be part of this ministry. If you are interested, please call the office.



## ABLAZE FAMILY MINISTRY

You and your family are warmly invited to be part of our vibrant parish-based family ministry group!  
When: **Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month**  
Next Meeting: **9 June, 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.**

Ablaze Playgroup invites all those with preschool aged children to come and play!  
**We run: Every Thursday from 10:30-12pm** (during school terms) at the back of the church  
Sessions include free play, snack time, story time and songs.

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## PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL June 15/16 2024

*In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death. Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.*

We invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.

**Freecall: 1800 257 296; [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia)**

**A 3rd Collection will be taken up immediately after the 2nd Collection Next Weekend.**



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