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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."

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B) - 21 July 2024



They were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Jer 23:1-6; Ps 22; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 144; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the Sick

Lilian Song, Conchita Claudio, Patricia Muscat, Mary Buhagiar, Emmanuel Chime, Violeta Serimogan, Ezio Rischitelli, Alida Beric, 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, Sam Simmons, Elba Synott, Anthony Ong, Nomer Yu, Marianne Lim, Ashleigh Low Siew Peng, Pressy Abdilla, Dolores Grech

For the Dead

8:30am: Gavin Powell | 10:30am: Anita Yamzon |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,312.00** | Presbytery: **\$771.65** *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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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

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54 Caroline Springs Blvd. | Phone: 93618600 (PRINCIPAL: Mrs Adele Vesty)

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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)



Friday, 19 July 2024

My dear people,

It is wonderful to write to you again after five weeks. When I last wrote to you, I provided some information about the pilgrimage and the wonderful blessings received by those who were on that pilgrimage.

Since then, I accompanied my dad to Mauritius for his court case. Sadly, this has yet to be resolved and the case has been adjourned to January next year. After spending a weekend here at home in Caroline Springs, I went to North America for my annual leave, together with Fr David, visiting Las Vegas, Miami, New York and Los Angeles. I also went to Toronto, visiting Downsview Park where I attended the WYD Mass in 2002 celebrated by St John Paul II. It has been 22 years since I first heard Our Lord calling me to follow him more closely, which was the start of my conversion. This then led to my joining the seminary and now I can give thanks to God for having been a priest for 13 years. It all started at Downsview Park! I was also blessed to spend some time in Montreal with my cousin whose wedding I celebrated in 2015. There, I was fortunate to visit St Joseph's Oratory, the largest shrine dedicated to St Joseph in the world. After North America, I returned home for one weekend and then went to Bali with Fr David for a week of relaxation. I thank God that all these trips went very smoothly, and I am immensely grateful to be safely back home. I have missed all of you very much! I sincerely thank Robert, Maggie, Ann and Greg as well as members of the PLT and Ministry Coordinators for keeping things going while I was away. I am blessed indeed.

Now that I am back, I have turned my mind to all the wonderful events happening in the parish between now and the end of the year. The Sunday Masses are certainly the bread and butter of what we do as a parish. While they take up a lot of energy and resources, they provide us with the greatest rewards. On top of the Sunday Masses, we look forward to other events which will take place in the next few months, all of which serve to deepen our faith, help us grow in the bonds of friendship which unite us and raise our awareness of the needs around us. No doubt I will call upon you for many of them. I will progressively speak to you about all these things and I look forward to your active participation and engagement with them.

Our Men's Group will meet this evening Friday 19th July. We will start with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm. 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. Greg will be our guest speaker and he will speak to us in greater details about his vocation story.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I invite you to continue praying for our younger parishioners who will receive their First Holy Communion from next weekend. An Afternoon Tea will be held this Sunday where the parents will hear from me the importance of this event in the lives of their children and their families. They will also hear about activities in the parish which help us grow in our relationship with Christ. I dearly want these children and their families to realise how awesome it is for them to be receiving Holy Communion for the first them and to make sure it is not an isolated event in their lives but one which ignites in their heart a great love for Jesus and for his Church.

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



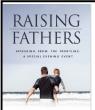


SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

For Australia, this day is a holy day of obligation. Holy days of obligation are days on which the faithful are expected to attend Mass, and engage in rest from work and recreation, according to the Third Commandment.

Parish Masses:

Wednesday 14 Aug (Vigil): **7:00pm** Thursday 15 Aug: **9:30am & 7:00pm**



menALIVE VICTORIA 'Raising Fathers'

Presented by the founder of menAlive Victoria, Rob Falzon. Raising Fathers brings valuable insights and practical advice on modern fathering in a powerful and transformative evening

with the potential to transform a father's approach to parenting. This free event is on Tuesday 20 Aug @ 7:30pm at CRC McCormack Building. Please register on Trybooking (copy & paste on google browser) https://www.trybooking.com/CSUBB

SAFEGUARDING ONLINE TRAINING

It is important that ministry volunteers who have yet to complete the safeguarding training to do so as soon as possible. It is made easier now by completing it online. Those having trouble accessing the online training and/or for further enquiries, please speak with Maggie in the office. Thank you.



WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING? COME AND SEE!

Are you or somebody you know is interested in becoming Catholic? Or want to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (***RCIA***)** will be **starting soon**. For more details, please call the parish during office hours and speak to Fr Richard.





SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY

The Catholic Vocation Office is having its Annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College on Saturday 10 August from 10:30am to 3:30pm. It is an opportunity for men to visit the seminary, hear from the Archbishop, students, and staff. Any young men, over the age of 18 who might be interested, please send an email to the parish office by Sunday 28 July.

ABLAZE FAMILY MINISTRY

You and your family are warmly invited to be part of our vibrant parish-based family ministry group!

When: One Sunday of the month

Next Meeting: 28 July, 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.**



JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

A Junior Presidium of the Legion of Mary has started in our parish. The presidium meets every Saturday from 2pm to 3pm in the church meeting room. They

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

Those between the ages of 10 and 17 are welcome to join the group. For more details, please contact **Antoinette Spiteri on 0402 423 826**.

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