



# Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

(Canonically Established: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2006)

## OUR PARISH VISION

*"A welcoming and dynamic faith-filled Catholic Community, living and sharing the Gospel, to set the world ablaze."*

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B) – 8 September 2024



*"Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, 'Ephphatha!' - that is, 'Be opened!' (Gospel)*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Praise the Lord, my soul!**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.**  
Alleluia!

### Today's Scripture Readings

Is 35:4-7; Ps 145; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 50:5-9; Ps 114; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

### 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, Marianne Lim, Ashleigh Low Siew Peng, Pressy Abdilla, Dolores Grech, Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Wevina Azores-Galea

#### **For the Dead**

**6:00pm:** Durai Anthonisamy |  
**12:30pm:** Tom Squitieri, Dominika Wawrzuta |

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1568.00** | Presbytery: **\$809.85**

*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

**2nd 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 (during School Term) for Youth (Year 7 to 12): 6:00 - 8:00pm

#### 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”

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

My dear people,

Yesterday afternoon, members of the PLT and I attended a regional gathering in Werribee for an exclusive preview of the *Parish Resource Guide*. The *Parish Resource Guide* has been developed to be a practical companion tool for parishes seeking to foster communities of faith that are vibrant, vital and viable. The *Parish Resource Guide* will be launched officially once it has been presented at the four regional gatherings around the archdiocese. The gathering also provided an opportunity for parishes in the Western Region to network and share their stories of missionary renewal, wherever they are on the journey.

Two weeks ago, Richard van der Merwe, from the Order of Malta, spoke to us about a joint initiative of the Order of Malta and Mercy Palliative Care. The aim of the initiative is to recruit community volunteers from parishes with the aim of strengthening the quality of palliative care in the Mercy catchment area in the western region of the archdiocese. There is more information in the bulletin about how to join this initiative, keeping in mind that the training sessions will start on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

We are delighted to be hosting a fundraising concert on 19<sup>th</sup> October this year. During the first half of the show, Sean Luke Spiteri will transform into the Welsh legend, Tom Jones, with signature moves, a big strong Welsh accent and voice, performing classic hits. Sean will end the show with a tribute to Elvis Presley, the KING OF ROCK 'N' ROLL singing some of the King's greatest hits. Tickets are available on: <https://www.123tix.com.au/events/40941/elvis-presley-tom-jones-live-at-crc-performing-arts-centre>

A reminder that we are hosting a “menALIVE” weekend in the parish on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October. “menALIVE” is a National Men's Ministry founded to respond to the great need in the hearts and lives of men. Their purpose is to bring men together, to renew their faith and to encourage them to become an active force of renewal. Registrations are now open for the “menALIVE” weekend (<https://www.trybooking.com/CTXJR>).

We will host our monthly Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this evening. Mass will begin at 7:00pm followed immediately by prayers for the Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There will be a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Confession will be available at that time. We will also host the Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary tomorrow at 3:30pm in the meeting rooms of the church.

On the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September, our younger parishioners not attending our parish primary schools will receive Holy Communion for the first time. I invite you to pray for our first communicants and their parents. We pray particularly that these children and their families realise how awesome it is to be receiving Holy Communion for the first time 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.

I will be away next week for my annual retreat, leaving on Sunday and returning on Friday. This year, I will be at Kenthurst Retreat Centre in Sydney, joining 22 other priests from around Australia for a time of quiet with Our Lord. Since it will be a silent retreat, I will not be contactable from Sunday evening until Friday afternoon.

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



## DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH / INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY CELEBRATION

To help celebrate the Dedication of our Church, we will be having an International Food Day on the **22nd September 2024 at CRC Mackillop Building from 1:30pm onwards**. Please bring a plate to share that would represent your culture/nationality. Kindly register your interest by completing the Attendance Sheet in the foyer. If you have any queries, please contact Tess White through the Parish Office.

### NO FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS - 13 SEPT

Please note that there will be **No 8:00am Mass** on Friday 13 September.

### MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

The parish Men's Group will be meeting on the second Friday of the month. **The next gathering will be on Friday 13 September**. 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.



### A FUNDRAISING CONCERT

**Elvis Presley & Tom Jones - I'll never fall in love again!**

Witness Sean's 'signature' Tom Jones moves, accent & voice, performing classic hits, and Elvis Presley's Greatest Hits. A must for all TOM JONES and ELVIS fans!

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Date: **Saturday, 19 October 2024; Time: 7:30pm**  
Ticket Price: **from \$50.00 (Special Offer: Buy 3 Get 1 Free)**  
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### menALIVE MEN'S WEEKEND

**Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October 2024**

The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God & to encourage them to become an active force within the Church. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age.

Cost: \$45 per person; Venue: CRC Cafeteria  
For more information visit

<https://www.menalivevic.au/mens-weekends>



## A GREAT SUCCESS!!!

### ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP BBQ & BAKE SALE FUNDRAISING

We are greatly delighted to announce that the Ablaze Youth Group raised **\$2,832.70** in total. We sincerely thank you for your support.

### ORDER OF MALTA

#### Mercy Palliative Care Volunteer Project

Mercy Palliative Care is running a training program for new volunteers at St Catherine of Siena, Caroline Springs, commencing on Tuesday 17th September and running weekly for 8 weeks from 6:30pm to 8:30pm (except 5th Nov, Melbourne Cup Day).

Weekly topics are:

*Palliative Care and the Volunteer Role; Communication Skills; Illness and Care; Death and Dying; Difficult Conversations (practical session); Responding to Loss and Grief; Spirituality; Self Care.*

All parishioners are welcome to attend the program **without committing** to become a Mercy volunteer. Please email [MPCVolunteerCoordinators@mercy.com.au](mailto:MPCVolunteerCoordinators@mercy.com.au) to book your spot.

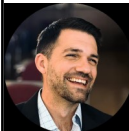


### BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith, **Atlas Hinds, Oliver Lim, Siobhan & Isolde Larkin and Dimitri Xuereb** who are baptised on Saturday 7 Sept. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers!

### PIETY STALL

**God's Word 2025:** Our limited Stock has arrived. Do not delay – available **NOW at \$25** each.  
**St Mary Mackillop Rosary :** Clearing the remaining stock at the **cost price of \$20** per rosary.



### PUBLIC LECTURE

#### The Integration of Faith, Science, and Reason in Psychological Care and Mental Health

Dr. Greg Bottaro is a Catholic psychologist, founder of the CatholicPsych Institute and creator of the CatholicPsych Model of Applied Personalism (CPMAP). Dr Greg is married with 7 kids under 11, prior to marriage he was a Franciscan Friar for 4 years under the mentorship of Fr. Benedict Groeschel. As founder of the Catholic Psych Institute and creator of the CatholicPsych Model of Applied Personalism, Dr Greg will be speaking on the integration of faith, science, and reason in psychological care and mental health.

**Date:** Monday 16 September

**Time:** 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**Venue:** Cardinal Knox Centre - St Patrick's Cathedral (Entry off Lansdowne Street) East Melbourne VIC

Register online at <https://www.trybooking.com/CUZEG>



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