



# 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."*

## 1st Sunday of Advent (Yr C) – 1 December 2024



*"Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man." (Gospel)*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

### Today's Scripture Readings

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 24; 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 125; Phil 1:3-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### For the Sick

Lilian Song, Conchita Claudio, Patricia Muscat, Mary Buhagiar, Emmanuel Chime, Violeta Serimogan, Ezio Rischitelli, Alida Beric, Sarah Buol, 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, Raymond Mazzullo, Mar Tristan Benitez, Divina Gracia Carbungco

#### For the Dead

**10:30am:** Joseph Attard, Nicola Morgante, Stephen Gustini, Tony Cefai |

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,551.50** | Presbytery: **\$927.95**

*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

### POSTAL ADDRESS

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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.

### ABLAZE 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

### ABLAZE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday: 5:00 - 7:00pm

### 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



## 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.
- Are 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**.



## BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith: **Lana Theodosiou, Caitlyn Besin, Elliott Caruana, Mayari Aclan, Harmony Hoang, Harvey Lester, Noah Dcosta and Harrison Trang** who are baptised on Saturday 30 November. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers!

## IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL January 2025

**What is it?** A wonderful opportunity to go deeper in faith through fantastic Catholic speakers, daily Mass, Adoration and times of prayer, share groups, fun activities, friendship and lots more. The theme is "Mercy" - join us and go deeper in God's love!

**When is it?** 1-10 Jan for youth and young adults (14 years and up); 8-10 Jan for married couples (including children's ministry)

**Where is it?** Armidale, NSW  
Registration closes on 15 December. For more information or to register visit:

[www.immaculata.org.au/ims](http://www.immaculata.org.au/ims)

## ADVENT 2024

### The Catholic Guy: Bruce Downes

Jesus is Coming - Time to Get Ready Experience the life-changing love of Christ and be strengthened in your faith journey this Advent alongside many people from around the world with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes.

- \* Inspiring and transforming talks
- \* Opportunities to pray and reflect
- \* Practical strategies for impactful living
- \* Life-changing encounter with Christ

To help you go deeper in your prayer life and spiritual journey, you are invited to attend the Advent Mission Event Retreat online from 7-9th December with unlimited streaming until the end of Advent. To find out more and register, go to:

<https://missionevent.thecatholicguy.com/>

## MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

We need volunteers (Readers, EMHCs, Welcomers and Collectors) for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. All volunteers must be already part of the ministries currently to sign up. There are clipboards with sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space. Please write down your names for the Masses that you will be attending.

## DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Next Friday, **6 December** is the first Friday of the month and we have the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the parish. **MASS will be at 7:00pm**, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

## 1st SATURDAY DEVOTION TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



There will be praying of the rosary in honour of Immaculate Heart of Mary every first Saturday of the month. The next session is on **7 December at 3:30pm** in the meeting room.

## PARISH ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR

### Sacred Heart & Emmaus Parish, St Albans

There is an opportunity for a Parish Administration Coordinator to undertake office administrative functions at Sacred Heart & Emmaus Parish, St Albans - Sydenham, in a part-time role reporting to the Parish Priest. This is a fixed-term position for 12 months and is based at the Parish Office in St Albans. Applications close 6th December 2024. For more information or to apply click here:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/parish-administration-coordinator-sacred-heart-emmaus-parish>

## LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL

The escalating conflict between Israel and Hezbollah has pushed Lebanon into severe turmoil, with tragic consequences that have spread from Southern Lebanon to the entire nation. The situation is dire: over 3,000 lives have been lost, more than 13,000 people injured, and critical infrastructure has been destroyed.

In response to a heartfelt plea for assistance by Bishop Tarabay and Bishop Rabbat, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in partnership with Catholic Religious Australia, Caritas Australia and Caritas Lebanon, has launched the Lebanon Appeal.

This appeal aims to provide essential humanitarian aid to our brothers and sisters suffering in Lebanon, especially those who are displaced and without homes or shelter.

Donate today: [www.caritas.org.au/lebanondonate](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanondonate)



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## 2024 ADVENT-CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

### Carols by Candlelight

Sunday - DECEMBER 15  
5:00pm - Sausage Sizzle & Children activities  
6:30pm - Carols

### Reconciliation for Advent

Wednesday - DECEMBER 18 @ 7:00pm - 8:30pm

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

#### Christmas Eve, TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER

Masses - @ 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm & 12 Midnight  
(Carols sung half an hour before Mass)

**P.S: There's NO ADORATION & CONFESSION at the above Masses**

#### Christmas Day, WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER

Masses @ 8:30am & 10:30am  
**(No Mass at 12:30pm or in the evening)**

#### Thursday, 26 DECEMBER (Public Holiday)

Mass @ 9:30am (St Stephen, 1st Martyr)

#### Wednesday, 1 JANUARY 2025 (Public Holiday)

Mass @ 9:30am (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

## FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS

Please note that the last 8:00am Mass was celebrated on Friday 29 November. The next Friday 8:00am Mass will resume next year.

## 'PRESENCE' - ADVENT PROGRAM

Join us as we make our way through the Presence program from Augustine Institute exploring the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. In three weeks we will look at God is with us, the story of the Eucharist and finally Bread for the Journey.



We will meet on Tuesday the 3rd, 10th and 17th of December from 7:45pm to 8:45pm (after Mass). No cost and no prior knowledge required, just willingness to learn. Please sign up via the trybooking! <https://www.trybooking.com/CXESV>

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Christmas Raffle Tickets will be sold after the weekend Masses commencing this weekend. The cost is \$2.00 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.00

First Prize:

**\$250.00 - Coles Myer Gift Voucher**

Second Prize:

**\$150.00 - Coles Myer Gift Voucher**

Third Prize:

**Hamper**

The Raffle will be drawn on Sunday 15 December 2024 at the Carols By Candlelight.



## Vocations BBQ

We welcome all single men who are thinking about their future to come and join us for Adoration in the church and a BBQ at the presbytery on Sunday 8 December from 6pm to 9pm. We will explore vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Please register your interest via TryBooking or use this QR code



<https://www.trybooking.com/CXDN1>

## MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST Australian Youth Conference



Are you looking to renew your relationship with the Lord? Come and join us for our Missionary Families of Christ Australia Youth Conference! This year, we will be challenged to deepen our faith and trust in our unchanging God, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. In an era where beliefs and ideologies continuously shift, we are reminded

that a life anchored in Jesus Christ is a full life - because His constant presence guides our every step to the truth. In Him, we find our purpose, our strength, and our hope! We hope to see you there!

Who: **All youths aged 13-21**

When: **7-8 December 2024**

Where: **Don Bosco Retreat Centre, Lysterfield**

Fee: **\$140**

If you have any questions, please message us on Instagram @mfcyouthmelb or email us at [mfcyouthmelb@gmail.com](mailto:mfcyouthmelb@gmail.com).

## PIETY STALL

Christmas, New Liturgical Year and Calendar Year are fast approaching.

**COLUMBAN CALENDAR \$10**

**CHRISTMAS CARDS \$2.50 (pack of 8 cards)**

**GODS WORD 2025 \$25**

**ST MARY MACKILLOP ROSARIES \$20**

**NEW COMMUNITY BIBLE \$37**

Plenty of other piety items available.

# Hope

DOES NOT DISAPPOINT

A retreat night of reflection, prayer & songs on the real value of the sacrament of reconciliation in this 'Year of Hope' as we usher the Jubilee Year



3rd  
DECEMBER  
2024

7:15-9:30pm  
at St Anthony's Church, Melton South

SEE YOU THERE

**ABOUT THE SPEAKER**  
Deacon Dave Reeves is from the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia in the United States. He has been serving as a deacon for over six years. He is the President of the Philipians 2 Foundation which runs the Saint Clare of Assisi Retreat Center in Hampton, Virginia. Deacon Dave has a passion for retreats and missions.  
As we enter into the Jubilee 2025 'Year of Hope', Deacon Dave will share with us the power and importance of the sacrament of reconciliation.  
Please join him as he takes us deeper into the sacrament through story and song.



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