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."

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B) - 10 November 2024



"She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 145; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Dn 12:1-3; Ps 15; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

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 Rodriques, 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

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

Please note: For the whole month of November, <u>ONLY</u> the names of those who died in November 2024 will be in the bulletin and announced during Masses.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: \$2,771.50 | Presbytery: \$853.50 *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.

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

SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH

CHRIST THE PRIEST PRIMARY SCHOOL (Prep-Yr. 6)

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 8th November 2024

My dear people,

The recruitment process to employ someone to share the role of Evangelisation Coordinator with Ann has begun. I have had a conversation with Suzette Diaz from the HR Department of the Archdiocese and an ad has been placed on their website. The link is provided here for your information and to invite people to apply: Evangelisation Coordinator - Discipleship | Melbourne Catholic

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the *Encounter Evening* organised by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Held on 25th October 2024, the event brought together about 60 young people, many of whom were from our parish. It is opportune to mention that, owing to changes in the mission assignments, the brothers of the Alliance of the Holy Family International will not be able to lead our Ablaze Youth Group for the rest of the year. We thank them for their hard work this year and look forward to welcoming them back next year. It is truly humbling to see the large number of our younger parishioners gathering every Friday evening to learn more about their faith, praying and playing together and sharing a meal. Praise be Jesus!

I invite you to join me in praying for the success of the new ministry in our parish, a ministry to young adults. This new ministry will be called Ablaze Young Adults and the aim is for it to be a vibrant Catholic community for 18 to 35-year-olds, dedicated to growing together in faith, friendship, and understanding of Christ's teachings. This will be space where young adults can come together to explore life's questions, deepen their relationship with God, and build lasting connections rooted in Catholic values. In a world which is constantly changing, Ablaze Young Adults will offer a place of stability, reflection, and support. Through engaging discussions, prayer, and fellowship, we will strive to help our young adults become more spiritually formed, inspired by the Gospel, and guided by the teachings of the Church. Ablaze Young Adults will meet twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, creating a consistent space for growth, connection, and mutual support. Whether you are looking to deepen your faith, make new Catholic friends, or simply find a community where you belong, Ablaze welcomes you with open arms. Come as you are and join us on this journey of faith and friendship. We will officially launch Ablaze Young Adults on 17th November at 5pm in the church.

It is hard to believe that it has already been a year since Jim Sheedy, former Principal of St George Preca Catholic Primary School, passed away. There will be a Memorial Mass to mark the first anniversary of his passing on Wednesday 13th November at 12pm in our church. It will be another opportunity to pray for the repose of his soul and to honour his life. The school community of St George Preca Catholic Primary School, where Jim was the Principal from 2018 to 2022, will be present at the Mass and will look after the different ministries. Everyone is welcome to join us to pray for Jim.

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

HOSPITALITY

After Mass, we have coffee, tea, biscuits and cakes. It is an opportunity to enjoy a cuppa with your fellow parishioners. We thank Bakers Delight, Taylors Hill, for providing savories & sweets.



BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

November, for Catholics, is the time when we remember in prayer our deceased relatives and friends, and all who have died. Our special "Book of the Names of the Dead" is available now. We invite you to write the names of your loved ones who have died in the past 12 months (Nov 2023 - Oct 2024). The book will then be placed on the sanctuary during all Masses in November as we remember them before the Lord.

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES FOR THE DEAD

Envelopes for the November Masses for the dead are available in the foyer. Please write their names on the envelope and <u>place them in the basket at either collection or submit them to the parish office</u>.

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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)

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)

ABLAZE FAMILY MINISTRY

You and your family are warmly invited to be part of our vibrant parish-based family ministry group!
When: 17 Nov, after the 12:30pm Mass in CRC Hall
Please bring a plate of food to share.

ABLAZE MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

Please note that the Ablaze Men's Group will meet next on **Friday 22 November instead for this month.** They will gather in the church at 7:00pm.



PASTORAL CARE APPEAL 2024

(Previously known as Chaplaincy Appeal)

This weekend is CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Catholic Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in prisons, to help them journey towards a brighter future. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life.

Please give generously.

You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call 99672515.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS!

Join us for the **Ablaze Young Adults Launch** - a group for ages 18 to 35 seeking community, inspiring discussions, and fellowship! Our launch event is on Sunday, 17th November, 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the church

meeting rooms. Come to make new friends, grow together, and find your place.



Ablaze Young Adults will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Sign up via the TryBooking QR code for more details.

EVANGELISATION COORDINATORSt Catherine of Siena, Caroline Springs

The parish is looking for a suitable candidate for the above role to job-share with Ann O'Brien. This permanent part-time position is based at the Parish Office. The successful applicant is required to work 12 hours per week while the days and working hours are flexible. Terms and conditions of employment are governed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. For more details, please go to: Evangelisation Coordinator - Discipleship | Melbourne Catholic (copy & paste in a browser)



God and Beer West Building Positive Relationships

Positive relationships are at the heart of a good life and essential for healthy

societies. Come along and hear from **John Hendry OAM** on how you can build more positive relationships with your friends and family. Learn how to build connections centred on trust, communication and empathy. John has been an educator for more than 50 years and has presented to the United Nations.

Date: Thursday 14th November

Time: **6.30pm dinner (purchase), 7.30pm for the talk** Venue: **Hoppers Club, 180-200 Pannam Drive, Hoppers Crossing**

 ${\sf Contact:} \ \bar{\textbf{jared.revell@gmail.com}}$

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