



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."

2nd Sunday of Advent (Yr C) – 8 December 2024



John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Zep 3:14-18; Is 12; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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

6:00pm: Miriam Felicita, Sharada An, Pauline Christian |
8:30am: Kim Borg, Kenneth Powell, Adriel Bernard Collantes |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,752.00** | Presbytery: **\$882.50**
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

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

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ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
CAROLINE SPRINGS

“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze”

Friday 6th December 2024.

My dear people,

I can't believe that we are at this stage of the year, but it is here already; the season of Advent has started. Advent is the time when we prepare for the celebration of the First Coming of Jesus at Christmas, but also a time to prepare for his Second Coming at the end of time. It is indeed a time of preparation when we make sure that we are spiritually ready for the coming of our Lord. While the next few weeks before Christmas will be packed with Christmas dinners and end of year functions, let us make sure that we keep our eyes fixed on the reason for the season and remain imbued in the preparations for the celebration of Christmas. May you all have a Blessed Advent this year!

The recruitment process to employ someone to share the role of Evangelisation Coordinator with Ann continues. Ann and I will conduct the interviews in the coming days. Again, I invite you to continue praying for the parish as we move ahead with this most important task.

Deacon Ian Vergel arrived in the parish two weeks ago. Deacon Ian will be with us full time until Christmas. He will be on holiday in January and will return in February. He will then be with us during the weekends until his ordination. Let us keep Deacon Ian in our prayers as he starts the last leg of his journey towards ordination. We were grateful to Deacon Ian for his inspiring homily last week and look forward to listening to many more from him.

While we rejoice in the arrival of Deacon Ian, our attention also turns to the sad reality that the end of Greg's time with us is fast approaching. Greg will conclude his time with us on Christmas Day. There will be a farewell for him on Sunday 22nd December 2024 immediately after the 12:30pm Mass. You are all invited to bring a plate to share. There will be much more to say at his farewell, but it is undeniable that Greg has done a truly marvellous job here at the parish during his year with us for which we are all very grateful.

The Christmas Mass times have been advertised for several weeks now and I trust that you are aware of them. I would like to highlight two events. Firstly, our Christmas Carols on 15th December. There will be activities starting at 5pm and the carols will start at 6:30pm. Secondly, our advent reconciliation on 18th December. There will be five priests here to hear confessions starting at 7pm.

In the last week, I have celebrated the Graduation Mass for the Year 10 students at CRC North Keilor and Caroline Springs, and the End of Year Mass for the year 7 – 9 students of CRC Caroline Springs. In the coming weeks, I will celebrate the Graduation Masses for the Year 6 students at Christ the Priest and St George Preca, as well as their End of Year Masses and the End of Year Staff Masses for CRC Caroline Springs, Christ the Priest and St George Preca. We wish all members of our school communities a restful holiday.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS - GRADE 6 STUDENTS

The Grade 6 students from both our primary schools will be graduating over next two weeks. We pray for them and their families as they progress to the next stage of their school journey.

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/CXDNI>



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)

CASH DONATIONS: FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Cash donations to defray the costs of buying flowers for Christmas are most welcome. Please indicate as 'Christmas Flowers' on the envelope when you give a donation. Thank you.

ABLAZE MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

The Ablaze Men's group is meeting next Friday 13 December. This month, we will start with a biblical reflection and sharing, followed by fellowship. All men are welcome at 7pm.

FAREWELL LUNCH: Br GREG LEWIS

Sunday 22 December

Br Greg has been with us for the past year as part of his pastoral internship. Not only has Br Greg been a great asset in all liturgical celebrations but also in ministry gatherings. To show our appreciation, a farewell lunch will be held at CRC Cafeteria on Sunday 22 December after the 12:30pm Mass. The Social Committee has kindly asked parishioners to bring a plate to share.

CONFESSION FOR ADVENT

Confessions for the season of Advent will be heard in the parish on Wednesday 18 December from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. There will be 5 priests present.

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.

'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 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.

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.



BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith: **Alonzo Porsovigan, Christian Mifsud, Luka Maltez, Mateo Maltez & Zarina Cauchi** who are baptised on Saturday 7 December. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers!

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