



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."

3rd Sunday of Advent (Yr C) – 15 December 2024



"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Mi 5:1-4; Ps 79; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

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, Mar Tristan Benitez, Divina Gracia Carbungco

For the Dead

10:30am: Anna Messina |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$1,303.05** | Presbytery: **\$771.25**

Thank you.

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

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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

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**CAROLS BY
CANDLELIGHT**

FREE ADMISSION &
ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday December 15th
Doors open: 5pm
Carols start at: 6:30pm

Sausage sizzle and coffee van
Face painting \$2

Raffle Ticket Prizes
1st - \$250 Coles/Myers gift Card
2nd - \$150 Coles/Myers gift Card
3rd - Hamper.

28 College Street, Caroline Springs

Carols, Raffle
& Santa

Giving Tree

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

THE Giving Tree is up this week in the Gathering Space. There are tags with suggestions of how you can help make families have a happy Christmas.

Please bring the gifts by **Friday 20 December.**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the parish office will be closed over the Christmas and New Year period from 1:30pm on Tuesday 24 December to Wednesday 1 January. The office will re-open on **Thursday, 2nd January 2025** in a limited capacity as staff will be on holidays. Normal office operation will resume from Monday 3 February onward. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

**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

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We acknowledge with great appreciation of the following businesses for sponsoring our Parish's Carols By Candlelight on Sunday 15 December. They are:

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Thank you for being a light of hope to those in need!

St Bernadette's Parish
presents

**Carols
by
Candlelight**

Join our choirs to share in
the Christmas spirit

Friday 20th December 2024 | 7:30pm – 9:00pm
St Bernadette's Primary School
Gates open 7pm. Children's activities available

**ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH IS COMMITTED
TO BUILDING A CHILD-SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

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.

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 are NO ADORATION & CONFESSION at the usual times on Tuesdays

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)

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.

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.

NO 1st FRIDAY MASS on 3 JANUARY 2025

Please note that due to the holiday season there will be no 1st Friday Mass on 3 January. The next 1st Friday Mass will be on 7 February.

LAST BULLETIN FOR THE YEAR

Please note that the last edition of the parish bulletin for this year will be published on the 4th Sunday of Advent, 22 December 2024. We will start publication of next year's volume on the weekend of the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, end of January 2025.

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. Please register your attendance on the sign-up sheet in the gathering space.

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.

The last session is on Tuesday 17 December from 7:45pm to 8:45pm (after Mass) at CRC Cafeteria.

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 are sold after all Masses 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.



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