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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."

4th Sunday of Advent (Yr C) – 22 December 2024



"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth [was] filled with the Holy Spirit." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
**I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28; Ps 83; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

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

6:00pm: Anthony Azzopardi & Family, Rayappa Alfred Kanagarasa |
10:30am: Carmelo & Rozalia Fenech, Fred Camilleri |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$2,783.00** | Presbytery: **\$1,050.60**
Thank you.

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

Parish Coordinator: MR ROBERT DURAI

Parish Secretary: MRS MAGGIE MAZZULLO (Tue - Thur)

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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

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(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)

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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 20th December 2024

My dear people,

What a truly wonderful evening last Sunday was! Our annual Carols by Candlelight was the event I hoped it would be. I was humbled by the number of people who attended, making it a fantastic opportunity for us to get together as a parish community while singing carols. As we can imagine, a lot of work went into the preparation and organisation of the carols. An equally great amount of work was also involved on the night. I would like to firstly thank the Carols Committee who accomplished the big task of organising everything about the evening, and all the work achieved on the night. I would also like to thank the Social Committee for all they did before and during the evening. My thanks also to the office staff for the support they provided to the Carols Committee and the Social Committee. Most importantly, I thank all those who formed choirs and the choir members themselves. We can only imagine the hours spent practising to make sure that they would regale us with high quality singing. Truly a blessing!

I am pleased to announce that the process to employ someone to share the role of Evangelisation Coordinator with Ann has been completed. Gavin Muscat has been employed as our new Evangelisation Coordinator – Discipleship. I am truly delighted to welcome Gavin to the parish team. Gavin will start with us in the week following Australia Day next year. I will invite him to come and share his story with us at that time. I invite you to pray for Gavin as he starts this exciting job in the new year and for the parish as we continue to work for missionary renewal.

On Sunday (22 December), after the 12:30pm Mass, we will have a farewell lunch for Greg as he concludes his time with us on Christmas Day. You are all invited to attend. The farewell lunch will be at the CRC cafeteria and it would be most appreciated if you all 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. If you are in ministry and have not yet signed up to exercise your ministry at the Mass you are attending, would you kindly do that this weekend? As mentioned last weekend, Bishop Martin Ashe will celebrate the 5pm Mass, Fr Frank Buhagiar will celebrate the 7pm Mass and I will celebrate the rest of the Masses. I am really looking forward to the liturgical celebrations of the Birth of Our Lord this year.

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

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.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR TIMETABLE

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)

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - WINNERS!

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Raffle. Here are the names of our winners:

First Prize Winner: Edward Francis
(\$250.00 - Coles Myer Gift Voucher)

Second Prize Winner: Maria Meke
(\$150.00 - Coles Myer Gift Voucher)

Third Prize Winner: Hilda Jeremiah
(Hamper)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

PIETY STALL

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

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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 at the end of January 2025.

FUNERAL MASS - CHRISTOPHER DIVER

Christopher Diver (*aka* Leo), one of our parishioners passed away recently. Christopher and his wife, Joan, have been our regular Mass attendees on Saturdays at 6:00pm.

The funeral will take place here on **Tuesday 24 December at 10:00am**. Parishioners are cordially invited to attend to pray for the repose of the soul of Christopher.

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.

ABLAZE PLAYGROUP

Our parish playgroup has finished for the year.

Their last gathering was on Thursday 19 December. The playgroup will recommence when school reopens in 2025.

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.

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

Christmas envelopes are available in the gathering space. This supports our own priest, the sick and retired priests in the Archdiocese and the bishops. Envelopes can be returned in the baskets either during the 1st or 2nd collection. Thank you.

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.

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