

# Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

(Established: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2006) "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze!" - St. Catherine of Siena

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year C) – 2 December 2018



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.

### 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 125; 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2; Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

### Next Sunday (Advent 2-C)

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

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### For the sick

Paul Kiuimdjian, Dylan Smith, Crisanta Rosaldo, Rodolfo Catibog, Jaime & Jerry Montenegro, Emily Woodford, Luka Ivan Jukic, Mary Rapinett, Ann Broughan, Christine Gauci, Alida Beric, Melani Landicho, Eric Pascual, Rebecca Gucela, Tess Villaflor, Archie Cruz, Thalia Attard, Lester Claudio, Beatrice and Jan Peeters, Angelo Galea, Angelo Giacobbe, Cely Aldana, Jibrine Jok, Jacqueline Espina

#### For the dead

(Submit to the **Parish Office not later than 12 noon** every Thursday)

**All Masses:** (RIP) Ray Marshall

**6.00pm:** (RIP) Pauline Debono, Josephine Vella, Fr Charles Borg MSSP, Ludmilla & Frank Popovska | **9.00am:** (RIP) Caremlo Fenech, Redenta, Anthony & Leslie Vella | **10.30am:** (RIP) From Delic, Saric, Baric, and Rouse Families

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship: **\$2,100.00**    Presbytery: **\$804.25**  
**REFUGEE SUPPORT: \$182.20** was donated last week  
Catholic Ministry for the Deaf Collection: **\$933.35**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
Sundays during the 10.30am Mass

### CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

**PARISH PRIEST:** Rev. Fr Richard Rosse

**DEACON & PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:** Rev. Chris Creo

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday 9.30am–5.00pm

#### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 6.00pm (Vigil Mass);

Sunday 9.00am and 10.30am

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES, SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Monday: Liturgy of The Hour-Morning Prayer (*No Mass*) 9.30am

Tuesday: 7.00pm

Wednesday - Saturday: 9.30am

Friday: 8.00am (*During School Times*)

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 8.45 - 9.15am & 5 - 5.30pm

Tuesday 6.00 - 6.30pm

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: 6.00pm - 7.00pm

**ROSARY:** Wednesday - Saturday 9.00am

#### HEARTS ON FIRE PRAYER MEETING

Friday: 7.30 - 9.00pm

#### HOLY HOUR FOR MOTHERS

Last Wednesday of the Month: 7.30 - 8.30pm

#### LECTIO DIVINA

Fortnightly (Monday): 10.00 – 11.00am

#### LEGION OF MARY

Mondays: 7.30 – 9.00pm

#### YOUNG MEN OF GOD

Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month: 7.30 - 9.00pm

#### PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month: 6.00 - 7.30pm (*CRC Hall*)

#### BAPTISMS

Contact the presbytery as soon as possible and allow **at least six weeks** for preparation etc.

#### WEDDINGS

A minimum of **4 months' notice** is needed for weddings in the parish (couples must attend a marriage preparation course).

#### SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH

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

54 Caroline Springs Blvd. | Phone: 93618600

(ACTING PRINCIPAL: Mrs Kerin Thomeloe)

**ST GEORGE PRECA PRIMARY SCHOOL** (Prep-Yr. 6)

22-48 Lancefield Drive | Phone: 8390 7352 | 7378 5500

(PRINCIPAL: Mr Jim Sheedy)

#### CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE

**CAROLINE SPRINGS** (Year 7-10)

10 College Street | Phone: 9217 8000

(PRINCIPAL: Mr Jamie Madigan)

**PRAYER FOR RAY**

WE offer our condolences to the Rita and Family following the death of RAY MARSHALL this week. **ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM O LORD. AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM.**

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

Sun 2/12	11.45am	Celebration of Baptism
	6.00-7.30pm	Young Men of God
Mon 3/12	7.30-9pm	Legion of Mary Meeting
Tues 4/12	7.30-9pm	10.30am Choir Practice
Wed 5/12	7.30-8.30pm	Music Ministry Meeting
Thu 6/12	7.30-8.30pm	RCIA Gathering
	7.30-9.0pm	10.30am Choir Practice
Fri 7/12	7.30-9pm	Advent Reflection
Sat 8/12	10am-11.00am	9am Choir Practice
	11am-12pm	Baptism Preparation Class for Children of Catechetical Age -Meeting Rooms
	1.30-3pm	Christmas Pageant Practice
	4.45-5.45pm	6pm Choir Practice

**PIETY STALL**

Only 3 weeks until Christmas. Christmas Cards (\$2.50 a pack), Nativity Sets, Small Gifts are all available. Full Christmas Catalogue to order from.

**COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2019**

Not just a calendar – it's a liturgical diary and a collection of art too! \$10

**2018 ADVENT-CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE**

Sunday, DECEMBER 9 (5.30pm)

**Carols by Candlelight**

Fridays, DECEMBER 7, 14 & 21 (7.30pm)

**ADVENT REFLECTION**

Reflecting on the Gospel and the upcoming Plenary Council 2020

Wednesday, DECEMBER 19 (7.30pm)

**First Rite of Reconciliation**

Saturday, DECEMBER 22 (After Mass)

**Parish Christmas Raffle Draw**

*(Please bring a plate to share)*

**Christmas**

**Christmas Eve (24 Dec)**

Christmas Pageant (7pm)

Vigil Mass (7.30pm)

Carols (11pm)

Midnight Mass (12.00am)

**Christmas Day (25 Dec)**

Usual Sunday Masses

*(No Church services in the evening)*

**New Year**

**New Year's Eve (31 Dec)** – TBA

**New Year (1 Jan)** Mass – 9.30am



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE**

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 17 December.

**CONSTITUTION ON THE SACRED LITURGY**

(SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM)

**CHAPTER 1**

**III. The Reform of the Sacred Liturgy**

**C) Norms based upon the didactic and pastoral nature of the Liturgy**

33. Although the sacred liturgy is above all things the worship of the divine Majesty, it likewise contains much instruction for the faithful. For in the liturgy God speaks to His people and Christ is still proclaiming His gospel. And the people reply to God both by song and prayer.

Moreover, the prayers addressed to God by the priest who presides over the assembly in the person of Christ are said in the name of the entire holy people and of all present. And the visible signs used by the liturgy to signify invisible divine things have been chosen by Christ or the Church. Thus not only when things are read "which were written for our instruction" (Rom. 15:4), but also when the Church prays or sings or acts, the faith of those taking part is nourished and their minds are raised to God, so that they may offer Him their rational service and more abundantly receive His grace.

Wherefore, in the revision of the liturgy, the following general norms should be observed:

34. The rites should be distinguished by a noble simplicity; they should be short, clear, and unencumbered by useless repetitions; they should be within the people's powers of comprehension, and normally should not require much explanation.

35. That the intimate connection between words and rites may be apparent in the liturgy:

1) In sacred celebrations there is to be more reading from holy scripture, and it is to be more varied and suitable.

2) Because the sermon is part of the liturgical service, the best place for it is to be indicated even in the rubrics, as far as the nature of the rite will allow; the ministry of preaching is to be fulfilled with exactitude and fidelity. The sermon, moreover, should draw its content mainly from scriptural and liturgical sources, and its character should be that of a proclamation of God's wonderful works in the history of salvation, the mystery of Christ, ever made present and active within us, especially in the celebration of the liturgy.

3) Instruction which is more explicitly liturgical should also be given in a variety of ways; if necessary, short directives to be spoken by the priest or proper minister should be provided within the rites themselves. But they should occur only at the more suitable moments, and be in prescribed or similar words.

4) Bible services should be encouraged, especially on the vigils of the more solemn feasts, on some weekdays in Advent and Lent, and on Sundays and feast days. They are particularly to be commended in places where no priest is available; when this is so, a deacon or some other person authorized by the bishop should preside over the celebration.

*Follow this link to read the full document:*

<https://tinyurl.com/vat2->

THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF ADVENT

**I**n the course of the year, the Church unfolds the whole mystery of Christ from the incarnation and nativity to the Ascension, Pentecost, and the expectation of the blessed hope of the coming of the Lord. The season of Advent, at the conclusion of the calendar year and the beginning of the Church's year, embraces both ends of this cycle. Advent begins with Evening Prayer I of the First Sunday of Advent and ends on 24 December, before Evening Prayer I of Christmas.

In some parts of the Church where baptism was once celebrated at Epiphany, the forty days prior to it were devoted to ascetical preparation, and Advent took on several of the liturgical features of Lent. Now, however, "it is no longer considered a penitential season but a time of joyful expectation."

Advent has a twofold character. It is the season to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's first coming is remembered, and it is the "season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, the season of Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation."

This twofold character is reflected in the two stages of Advent, each with its own special focus expressed in the corresponding preface of the eucharistic prayer. From the first Sunday to 16 December, the liturgy expresses the eschatological expectation of Advent, the watchfulness of God's people looking forward to the time when Christ will come again in glory and majesty, and "the salvation promised us will be ours." From 17 December until Christmas eve, the texts proper to each day prepare us more directly to celebrate the Lord's birth, "our hearts filled with wonder and praise."

Advent is not simply a preparation to commemorate the historical event of Christmas nor primarily an expectation of the *parousia*, but is rather an anticipation or a beginning of the celebration of the integral mystery of the incarnation, the advent and the epiphany of the Son of God in flesh and in majesty. The Christian community lives in an "interim" time between two historical events: the coming of Christ in the flesh and his coming in glory at the end of time. The Church is called to be strong in faith "as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ."

- The use of violet in Advent suggests a state of unfulfilled readiness and should no longer be regarded as an expression of penitence. It serves to set off the joyful white of Christmas with greater dramatic effect.
- For the same reason, music in Advent may be more restrained, for example, in the use of the organ and other instruments. The Gloria is not used on the Sundays of Advent, not because it is a penitential season, but so that the Gloria, the hymn of the angels may resound with greater freshness on Christmas night.

- In all three years of the lectionary cycle, the focus of each Sunday is clearly identifiable: on the first Sunday, the return of the Lord; on the second, John the Baptist's call to conversion; on the third, the relationship of John to Jesus; on the fourth, Mary and the events immediately preceding Christ's birth.

Advent, as a period of expectation and preparation, is closely related to, yet distinct from, the feast of Christmas for which it prepares. This can create a certain tension if the weeks before Christmas are exploited for commercial purposes or where social celebrations of the feast are anticipated in schools and places of work.

- Popular devotions should respect the nature and character of Advent and should be consistent with the themes presented in the Lectionary for Mass and the Missal. The anticipation of the Christmas feast should be avoided. Songs, carols, and devotions which focus on the nativity itself are out of place in Advent, especially before 17 December.

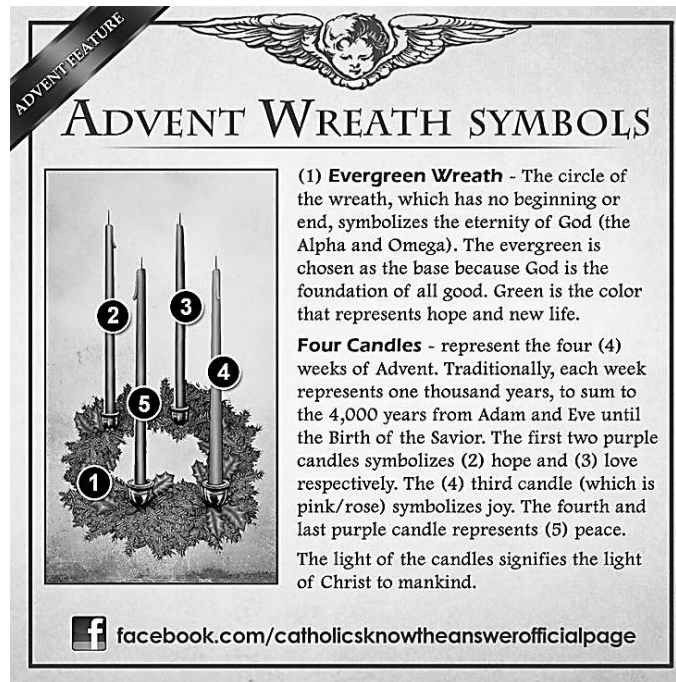
- School and other communities unable to be together on Christmas Day itself are encouraged to arrange Christmas celebrations within the season of Christmas, i.e. between the time of Christmas Day and the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, rather than during Advent. This is to

avoid compromising the keeping of the season of Advent, and provide an opportunity to better indicate the distinction between the Christian feast of Christmas and the associated secular celebrations.

- Where they are the custom, the Advent wreath and the Jesse tree, which help to sustain an expectant orientation toward Christmas, can assist the liturgical celebration and may be associated with the celebration of Mass. **The wreath can be blessed on the First Sunday of Advent.** At subsequent celebrations the candles are lighted either before Mass begins or immediately before the Collect (Opening Prayer); no additional rites or prayers are used.
- Vigils, services of light, and celebrations of reconciliation may be very effective in fostering a sense of watchfulness and prayer and in disposing the community to a more fruitful participation in the Masses of Advent.

**Other material:**

- Book of Blessings: Blessing of Advent Wreath — Chapter 47
- Rite of Penance: Appendix 2 Sample Penitential Services — Penitential Celebrations during Advent
- GIRM: Use of flowers — 305; use of musical instruments —313



## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

TICKETS will be sold from this weekend onwards. \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Raffle will be drawn on Saturday, 22 December, after the 6.00 Pm mass.



- 1st Prize** \$250.00 Coles Myer Voucher
- 2nd Prize** Christmas Hamper
- 3rd Prize** BBQ

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & VIGIL MASS 2018

**CALLING all young parishioners from Prep to Grade 8 to participate** in this year's Vigil Mass (choir and Christmas pageant) on 24 December from 7.00pm. All those interested in participating or helping out, please see Robert after Mass.

*St Catherine of Siena Parish Carols*

Sunday, 9th Dec 2018 from 6.00pm  
(sausage sizzle starts at 5.30pm)

Performances By:  
CRC Caroline Springs  
St. George Preca  
Christ The Priest  
Parish Choirs

Venue:  
CRC Hall, Caroline Springs

Santa will come along to entertain the children.

## GUESS WHAT THE YOUTH GROUP IS DOING THIS SUMMER?

# Youth Camp!

**When:** 18 -20 January 2019

**Where:** Iluka Retreat and Camps, Red Hill

Join the C.R.E.W so together we can be Catholics Ready Equipped and Willing. Get in contact with us (stcatherineyg@gmail.com) for more information.

**Registrations close 10th December 2018**

## YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE

Please support us to get to camp  
We will be selling lovingly hand-made treats

**December 9th after the 9am & 10:30am masses**

## PPC UPDATE

THE Parish Pastoral Council met on 14 November and some of the items discussed included the following:

- Llewly Berchy has resigned from the position of secretary but will remain as a Parish Pastoral Councillor
- The Guidelines are being reviewed, role descriptions written up and surveys of parishioners being conducted
- An announcement will be placed in the bulletin calling for volunteers to join the Website Editorial Task Group

For more information and details, please refer to the minutes on the Parish website.

## NEXT WEEK: THIRD COLLECTION FOR THE MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION

### Announcement: NEW PRINCIPAL for CTP

FR Richard is pleased and delighted to announce the appointment of **Adele Vesty** as the new Principal for Christ the Priest Catholic Primary School.

Adele is currently Deputy Principal at St Peter the Apostle Catholic Primary School in Hoppers Crossing. We look forward to welcoming her to our school from the commencement of the 2019 school year. Let us pray for Adele and our school community at this time.

Fr Richard would like to thank the members of the Principal Appointment Panel for their efforts in ensuring the best person was selected for this position.

## THIS WEEK'S ROSTER

### \*6.00pm Vigil Mass\*

[READERS] P Gurrie, G Marangoly, J Espiritu  
[EMHC] T Bacon, M Bartolo  
[GREETERS] D Cassar, J Espiritu  
[COLLECTORS] P Gurrie, M Mazzullo, L Xavier, S Joyce, A & G Mosca, D & L Naig

### \*9.00am Mass\*

[READERS] F Lavilla, D Quintal, V Quintal  
[EMHC] S Abela, M Tai  
[GREETERS] L Micallef, C Matau  
[COLLECTORS] L Micallef, C Matau, R Moss, A Spiteri, A Morley, J Buttigieg, A Debono

### \*10.30am\*

[READERS] L Ludovico, M Tai, J Thomas  
[EMHC] A Forneas, C Gatt, F Giarratana  
[GREETERS] D & D Fernando  
[COLLECTORS] J Madigan, E Fernando, MR Peeters, C Quioc, R Raymond, J Rojas, R Scerri, S Venansius  
[CHILDREN'S LIT.] J Azzopardi, R Perera, A Abela, L Naidu  
[COUNTERS] F Lavilla, H Philips, T Porter, M Bartolo

ALTAR LINEN	J Dabal
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## NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER (Advent 2-C)

### \*6.00pm Vigil Mass\*

[READERS] A Pereira, H Rabara, D Naig  
[EMHC] R Di Lullo, M Borg  
[GREETERS] R & V Bongcaron  
[COLLECTORS] P Xuereb, J Rivera, D Shelton, R Di Lullo, C & J Rodrigo, D & E Tarvina,

### \*9.00am Mass\*

[READERS] M Hautea, RT Binks, N Foehn  
[EMHC] C Matau, G Victor  
[GREETERS] B Adams, M Zanic  
[COLLECTORS] S Abela, J Buttigieg, B Dau, E Hautea, M Baric, J Carlos, H Foehn

### \*10.30am\*

[READERS] YOUTH  
[EMHC] J Zahra, N Zamora, R Endaya  
[GREETERS] C Dsa, R Scerri  
[COLLECTORS] J & T White, Mk Cruz, S Mallia, M Borg, T Vella  
[CHILDREN'S LIT.] S Gurrie, M Norton, J D'Souza, R Elisha  
[COUNTERS] F & M Bartolo, L Calipes, MR Peeters

ALTAR LINEN	M Zanic
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### \* CHURCH CLEANING \*

Sat 8 DEC	M Ho, J DeBrincat, RC & R Endaya, B Lyke, N Papadhami, Cotilda
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