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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 Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) (Yr C) – 27 April 2025



"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen
me; happy those who have not seen me, but still
believe!**

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 117; Rv 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Psalm 29; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the Sick

Lilian Song, Conchita Claudio, Patricia Muscat, Mary Buhagiar, Emmanuel Chime, Violeta Serimogan, Ezio Rischitelli, Alida Beric, 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, Pressy Abdilla, Dolores Grech, Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Wevina Azores-Galea, Mar Tristan Benitez, Divina Gracia Carbungco, Leanne Difesa, Teremoana Tagiilima Sea, Aj Difesa, Noah Bonello, Wevina Galea, Baby Niko

For the Dead

Recent Death: **Pope Francis**

6:00pm: Tony Cefai, Vella Family, Apap Family | **8:30am:** Anthony Elisha |

10:30am: Fiorentino & Maria Tomic, Rosalia & Carmelo Fenech, Carmen Gatt, Margaret Falzon | **12:30pm:** Ildefonso Resultay, George Frias, Bienvenido Paningbatan |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass: **\$1981.00** | Presbytery: **\$892.00**
GOOD FRIDAY(HOLY PLACES): \$ 2,331.80 Thank you.

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

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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)

DEVOTION TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

1st Saturday: 3:30pm

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 (Reflection 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)

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ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
CAROLINE SPRINGS

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

Thursday 24th April 2025

Renewing Our Mission to Young People

Dear friends in Christ,

Happy Easter! As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord — the triumph of life, hope, and renewal — we are reminded that Christ calls each of us to share this Good News.

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the *Youth & Young Adult Leaders Training & Formation Day*, hosted by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. I was joined by fellow parish leaders Nicki Edward, Denshiya Shelton, and Luke Mastromanno. It was a day filled with inspiring talks, honest conversations, and fresh ideas—but more than anything, it was an invitation to reflect on how we, as a parish, can more intentionally walk with and support the young people in our community. It was a call to rediscover our mission and renew our heart for youth and young adult ministry.

We were blessed to hear from two outstanding Catholic speakers: **Everett Fritz**, founder of Andrew Ministries and a leading voice on intentional discipleship, and **Justine Hughes**, Catholic Ministry Specialist for Alpha Youth Australia. Both offered deep insights into the lives and needs of young people today—and how we can respond with faith, compassion, and purpose.

Here are a few key takeaways that stood out:

1. The Crisis of Disconnection

Everett Fritz shared a confronting reality: **9 out of 10 young adults are leaving the Church**. Many cite disagreements with Church teachings or a lack of authentic role models. Everett challenged us to look beyond programs and events and focus instead on **real, meaningful relationships**—where young people feel known, valued, and guided. This is where genuine conversion begins.

2. The Power of Discipleship

Discipleship is more than simply attending Mass or following rules (though we know those are essential!). It's about **living a life of faith** that others can witness, be inspired by, and ultimately imitate. Everett reminded us that Jesus didn't try to reach everyone all at once—He chose a few and walked closely with them. Likewise, **small group discipleship** creates the trust and intimacy needed for lasting formation.

3. Understanding Gen Z and Gen Alpha

Justine Hughes offered an insightful look into the hearts and minds of Gen Z and Gen Alpha—generations shaped by social media, constant connectivity, and a deep longing for authentic relationships. One striking insight: **two-thirds of non-Christian youth would consider attending church if someone simply invited them**. That statistic alone highlighted the power of a **personal invitation**.

4. The Need for a Personal Decision

Justine also emphasized the importance of giving young people space to **make a conscious and personal decision to follow Christ**. Those who do are significantly more likely to remain rooted in their faith as they grow older. It's a reminder for us to create opportunities for **real encounters with Jesus**, and to trust the Holy Spirit in guiding their response.

5. Alpha Youth as a Tool for Renewal

The *Alpha Youth Series* emerged as a powerful resource to support this mission. Alpha isn't about pressuring anyone—it's about **building trust, sharing stories, and exploring big questions** in a safe, welcoming space. Through meaningful content and open conversation, Alpha creates the environment where young people can encounter Christ and take the next step in their faith journey.

As I left the training day, I felt both inspired and challenged. Youth ministry is about more than events or programs—it's about creating spaces where young people feel genuinely seen and supported, where **relationships come first**, and where they are invited into a **personal relationship with Christ**.

In the coming months, I look forward to working with our amazing parish leaders to explore how we can bring these insights to life here in our own community. Together, let's continue building a youth ministry grounded in **authentic relationships, intentional discipleship, and a transformative encounter with Jesus**—and let's walk closely with the young people entrusted to our care.

Gavin Muscat

Evangelisation Coordinator - Discipleship

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ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The Annual Mass Count for the Archdiocese will be conducted in the Parish in the month of May. Mass count will take place for the next four weekends at all Masses starting from Sunday 4 May until Sunday 25 May.

EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

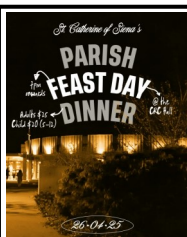
The Easter Raffle was drawn last Saturday 19 April, after the Easter Vigil Mass. Congratulations to the following winners.

1st Prize: **Fionette**

2nd Prize: **Karolina**

3rd Prize: **Neil Thurgood**

Thank you for all who supported this as well as the Social Committee for organising it.



PARISH FEAST DAY DINNER - POSTPONED

The Parish Feast day celebration is postponed to a later date due to the funeral of our late Holy Father, Pope Francis, taking place at the Vatican's St Peter's Basilica on Saturday 26

April at 10am (our time at 6pm).

The new date for the Feast Day celebration will be made known soon.



HEALING MASS INVITATION

We warmly invite you to a Healing Mass on **Sunday, 11th of May**, celebrated by Fr Wahid Riad, Parish Priest of St Mary's Church, Castlemaine. Fr Wahid is known for his deeply prayerful healing ministry and carries a great gift of anointing.

The Mass will include prayers, the laying on of hands, the anointing of the sick and a Prayer Ministry will be available before Mass for individuals and families seeking personal prayers.

Evening Schedule:

4:00pm - Holy Rosary: Seeking the intercession of our Blessed Mother

4:30pm - Praise & Worship: Preparing our hearts to encounter Jesus

5:00pm - Healing Mass

4:00 - 5:00pm - Personal prayers for individuals and families by Prayer Ministry members.

It is an opportunity for those seeking physical, emotional or spiritual healing. Let us place our lives in the hands of our Jesus, Divine Healer, trusting in His power to renew and restore us in body and spirit.

For more details, contact the Parish Office or the Charismatic Prayer Group (SRM).



PARISH BARBECUE

The monthly barbecue is postponed to next **Sunday 4 May** after the 12:30pm Mass. You are most welcome to join us. We particularly thank Bakers Delight, Taylors Hill, for providing bread for the BBQ.

MOTHER'S DAY

PARISH FUNDRAISING

Bakers Delight

In partnership with Bakers Delight, Taylors Hill, the parish is organising a Mother's Day Fundraiser taking orders for Cinnamon Fruit Loaves, Scones, and the ever popular - Bakers Delight's Hot Cross Buns.

Place your orders immediately after Mass for delivery on Mother's Day weekend of 10th and 11th of May. All orders must be made with payments with **cash only**. Order forms are available from the gathering space.

The last day to place an order will be next weekend 3rd and 4th of May. Thank you.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Next Friday, **2 May** is the first Friday of the month.

We will have **Mass at 7:00pm**, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Confession.

1st SATURDAY DEVOTION TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



There will be praying of the rosary in honour of Immaculate Heart of Mary every first Saturday of the month. The next session is on **Saturday 3 May at 3:30pm** in the meeting room.



BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith the following who are Baptised on Saturday 26 April: **Emery Rabarts, Rumani Lisone, Selina Vojtek and Cruz Arjona**. Please pray for them and their families!



'BINGO'

Starts Monday 28 April @7pm

Bingo, a game that is very much loved and cherished in Australia, is coming to Caroline Springs.

Starting Monday 28 April, Bingo will be held in CRC Cafeteria from 7pm onward on a fortnightly basis. So, parishioners don't have to go to other places now. We will have our own here, right at our doorstep.

Invite family and friends and have a wonderful time. And if they are lucky, they might walk away with some attractive prizes. **NO CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, PLEASE.**

For more details, contact Tess White on 0429 798 309 or Joe White on 0417 367 522.

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