



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."

Easter Sunday (Yr C) – 20 April 2025



"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb" she said "and we don't know where they have put him." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.**

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 117; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

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

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

8:30am: Josip Zanic, Kenneth Powell |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass: **\$1891.00** | Presbytery: **\$845.80**

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)

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)

For the latest updates, please visit our Parish Website and other social media platforms

Website: www.stcatherinecarolinesprings.org.au

Facebook: @St.Catherine.Siena.CarolineSprings.Australia



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
CAROLINE SPRINGS

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

Thursday 17th April 2025

My dear people,

While Easter is on 20th April this year, quite late compared to last year, it is amazing that the Triduum and the celebration of Easter itself are already here. I can't believe that Ash Wednesday was six weeks ago. This season of Lent has gone by quite fast!

Today, we start re-living the most wonderful events of the church's calendar beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper this evening. Tomorrow, we recall the events of the Passion at the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord and on Saturday we celebrate the very reason for our faith, the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. I invite you to enter deeply into these events this year so that they are not simply a distant memory but truly the very reason for living the way we do. At Easter, we rejoice at the victory of life over death.

We also celebrate the new life which comes after death and Jesus Christ, in his death and resurrection, shows us that not even death has the last word. What a tremendous realisation! Easter is indeed the highpoint of our liturgical calendar. St Paul reminds us that without the Resurrection, our faith and our preaching are in vain. It is because of Easter that our worship of God every Sunday and all the activities which comprise our spiritual lives make sense. I strongly encourage all of you to avail yourselves of this wonderful opportunity to come and worship our loving God at the liturgies of the Triduum, advertised on the website and in the bulletin.

This year, twelve members of our parish community will celebrate one or more of the sacraments of initiation. Noah and Jai Josan will be baptised together with their mother, Shauna, who will also be confirmed and receive Holy Communion for the first time. Christiaan van Taarling and Jessica Fontana will also celebrate the three sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and receive Holy Communion for the first time. Wendy Cian, Faith Esguerra and Danilla Bakoos will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Daniel Thomas, Luke Walton, Sasha Truong and Alana Currie will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and receive Holy Communion for the first time. What a blessing for our parish! We sincerely congratulate and warmly welcome them to our community.

At Easter, we celebrate new life. Our parish will run its eleventh session of Alpha starting on 23rd April. I highly urge you to think about attending Alpha this year. We all have gone through times in our lives when we have questioned the very meaning of life. Perhaps you are going through this right now. Perhaps your daughter or son, brother or sister, or colleague is going through this. Alpha is the best way to come to reflect on the deeper meaning of life, over dinner, a short film and conversation. May I ask you to consider attending and warmly inviting others to attend Alpha? The transformation in people's lives, their healing and closeness to Christ is testament to the fruits this wonderful program has to offer!

A reminder that our Parish Feast Day Dinner will be on 26th April. If you have not already bought your ticket, I very strongly invite to do so ASAP.

I would like to take the opportunity to warmly thank each and every one of our ministry coordinators and volunteers for all their work so far and particularly in the preparation for Easter. I would also like to sincerely thank the parish staff without whom I simply would not be able to do what I need to do.

To finish, I sincerely wish you and your loved ones, near and far, a very Happy and Holy Easter. May the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus bring you joy and peace.

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



Fr Richard, Dcn Ian, the PLT and Parish Staff wish all a Happy Easter!

May your hearts be filled with the light of the Resurrection, and may you know Christ's compassion, hope and love.



PARISH FEAST DAY DINNER

The Parish Feast day will be celebrated on 26 April 2025 from 7pm in CRC Cafeteria with a spit roast. **Cost per person:** Adult- \$25.00; Child- \$20.00 Please BYO drinks. Tickets will be sold at all weekend Masses, as will tickets for raffle. Please contact Gordon on 0409932876 for more info.

Year 7, 2027 CRC CAROLINE SPRINGS ENROLMENT FORM ENDORSEMENT

Enrolment applications are now open to Year 5 students who will be starting Year 7 in 2027.

Applications close Friday, 15 August 2025.

It is a requirement that you meet with our Parish Priest, Father Richard Rosse, so he can endorse your child's CRC enrolment.

Please go to the link <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/k3hut> or use the QR code to make a booking.

Fr Richard will provide a Letter of Reference endorsing your child's CRC enrolment at that meeting, and you will need to email a copy or drop it in to CRC to support your child's enrolment. All bookings are prior to the 15 August application deadline.

This is for families who reside in St Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs ONLY. The Enrolment application is online via CRC website: <https://www.crcs.vic.edu.au/enrolment-1/enrolment-procedures>

Please note that parents/carers who already have children attending the College and who have a sibling in Year 5 will still need to complete an online enrolment.

All applications will be carefully reviewed after the closing date based on the strength of the application. The date the application was submitted does not factor into the selection criteria.



PARISH BARBECUE



The monthly barbecue is next **Sunday 27 April** 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.

EASTER ENVELOPES

Easter envelopes are available in the Gathering Space. This supports our Parish Priest, the Archbishop, retired and sick priests, and priests in needy parishes. Thank you.



ALPHA PROGRAM

The new Alpha Program is starting on Wednesday 23 April. The Alpha program is for those who have faith to deepen their faith and for those who do not yet know God to come to know God.

Registration is now open via

TryBooking. Use the

following link or QR code to register.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CYXBG>



PARISH FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT



The parish has a new account known as Parish Fundraising. It has been set up to save as much funds as possible for future renovations and most importantly to build a hall. It will be much appreciated if you could donate directly into the following account as and when you could.

Name: **St Catherine of Siena - Parish Fundraising**
BSB: **083 347**

Account No: **335 331 856**

We thank you in advance for your generosity.



'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 PLEASE.**

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

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