



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."

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Yr C) – 13 April 2025



"I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Today's Scripture Readings

Is 50: 4-7; Ps 21; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

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

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

Due to Palm Sunday Liturgy, No Mass Intentions accepted this weekend and on Easter Vigil. Mass intentions for the dead will resume from Easter Sunday onward. Thank you.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass: **\$1,202.00** | Presbytery: **\$760.00**

Thank you.

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

Parish Coordinator: MR ROBERT DURAI

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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

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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)

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

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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"

Friday 11th April 2025.

My dear people,

We have now completed our Parish Offertory Giving Program. I thank all of you who have already returned your pledge cards. **I strongly encourage those of you who have not yet returned your pledge cards to please do so ASAP.** This will enable us to gauge the success of the program. Over the past few weeks, we have meditated on how our giving is linked to our generosity and how our generosity should resemble the generosity of God. I sincerely thank all of you for your contributions. Together, we give thanks to God for those of you whose current circumstances have enable you to increase your giving. We continue to appeal to those who are regular contributors to consider increasing the amount given and those who are not giving through the program at the moment to consider joining the program.

The timetable for Holy Week and Easter is now available in the bulletin, on our website and on numerous posters around the church. I would like to direct your attention to the fact that the Easter Vigil will be early this year at **6:30pm**. We are able to celebrate it early because daylight saving has ended on 6 April, and sunset will be at 5:50pm. I draw your attention to our Lenten Reconciliation evening on Wednesday 16th April from 7pm until 8:30pm. There will be 5 priests available to hear confessions. Please also note that since the oval opposite the church is unavailable on Good Friday, we will use the CRC grounds for our Good Friday Stations of the Cross. This is also the last weekend to purchase tickets for the raffle which will be drawn after the Easter Vigil.

The Feast Day of our Patron Saint will be on 29th April, and this date is also the Feast Day of our parish. We will celebrate our Parish Feast Day on 26th April 2025 at 7:00pm in the CRC Cafeteria. It will include a spit roast and the cost per person will be \$25.00 for adults and \$20.00 for child (5-12 years old). Tickets will be sold at all the weekend Masses. Please contact Gordon Ross on 0409 932 876 if you have any questions.

As mentioned, we are also starting different fund-raising activities in the parish for the extension to the church building and to build a hall. Our Parish Bingo has been advertised for several months now. This is a reminder that it starts on Monday 28th April at 7pm at the CRC Cafeteria. We will also have a Dance Night to raise funds, and this will take place on Saturday 31st May. Please put that in your diaries and more information will be made available very soon.

I wish you a very blessed Holy Week. As we enter into the high point of our liturgical calendar, I pray that, as we re-live the last days of the life of Our Lord, we might appreciate anew the infinite love that he has for us.

We continue turning to our patron saint and we ask for her intercession.

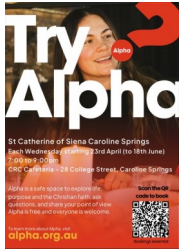
St Catherine of Siena, Pray for us.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr Richard Rosse PP

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Confessions for the season of Lent will be held in the parish on **Wednesday 16 April from 7:00pm to 8:30pm**. There will be 5 priests present.



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 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 the raffle. Please contact Gordon on 0409932876 for more info.



CASH DONATIONS: FLOWERS FOR EASTER

We welcome any cash donations to defray the costs of buying flowers for Easter celebration. Please indicate as 'Easter Flowers' on the envelope when you give a donation. Thank you.

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.



'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.



HOSPITALITY : THIS WEEKEND

An opportunity to enjoy a cuppa and to catch up with fellow parishioners. Please join us after Mass.

PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING PROGRAM

This is the final weekend of our **Parish Offertory Giving Program**, and we want to thank you for your response. Your generosity is more than just financial support—it is an act of faith, trust, and gratitude to God. Every gift is a reflection of our relationship with Him and our commitment to His work in our parish. For those who have yet to receive one, Pledge Cards are available in the gathering space. Filled out cards can be placed in the offertory collection, dropped off at the parish office, or send by mail.

Thank you once again for your faithfulness and generosity. Every pledge—no matter the size—is a response to God's blessings and helps strengthen our parish for the future.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS



This year, the Good Friday Stations of the Cross procession will take place starting from the church, through CRC, to the oval, and then back to the church again. We need readers and cross-bearers. **Those who would like to volunteer, please be in church at 8:45am on Good Friday morning.** It will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. Thank you.

Holy Week & EASTER 2025 TIMETABLE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday 12 April (Vigil) - 6:00pm

Sunday 13 April - 8:30am | 10:30am | 12:30pm

Lenten Reconciliation Evening

Wednesday 16 April

7:00pm to 8:30pm

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's

Supper - 17 April - 7:30pm

(Followed by Procession & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 midnight @ CRC MacKillop Classrooms)

Good Friday Services - 18 April

Stations of the Cross - 9:30am

Solemn Passion of the Lord - 3:00pm

Tenebrae - 7:30pm

EASTER MASSES

Easter Vigil - Saturday 19 April - 6:30pm

Easter Sunday - 20 April

8:30am | 10:30am | 12:30pm

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