



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."

3rd Sunday of Easter (Yr C) – 4 May 2025



Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.**

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 99 Rv 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30

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

6:00pm: Victoria Deguara | **8:30am:** Anna Fernando |

10:30am: Pottamkulam Thomas Joseph, Mary Mifsud |

12:30pm: Priscilla & Denis Fernando |

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass: **\$1,212.90** | Presbytery: **\$671.20**

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: 6pm; Saturdays: 8:45am, 10am, 5pm, and 1st Friday: 7:30pm or by Appointment at any other time.

LEGION OF MARY

Every Monday: 7:00 – 8:30pm

SRM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday: 7:00 – 8:30pm

ABLAZE 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

ABLAZE MEN'S GROUP

2nd Friday of the Month: 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"

Friday 2nd May 2025.

My dear people,

The whole world is still saddened by the death of Pope Francis on Easter Monday this year. The scene of him moving through the crowds in the popemobile the day before he was called home by the Father will be on our minds forever. We thank God for his ministry as Vicar of Christ on earth and pray for the repose of his soul. We pray also for the cardinals who now face the daunting task of electing the next Successor of St Peter at the conclave which starts on 7th May.

As we come towards the end of this second week of Easter, we are still in the mindset of celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord. Our Holy Week was simply tremendous with the wonderful participation of so many people in the liturgies. The prayerfulness of the liturgies moved me. It was really good to see that many people attach importance to Easter as it is the most important event in the liturgical calendar.

The Feast Day of our Patron Saint was on Tuesday, 29th April, and this date was also the Feast Day of our parish. On that day, I had the privilege of blessing the new statue of St Catherine of Siena and Siena Square at CRC. You are all welcome to wander around that area just outside the Year 7 building and say a prayer in front of the statue of our Patron Saint, when you are here for Mass on weekends.

We were due to celebrate our Parish Feast Day with a dinner on 26th April 2025 at 7.00pm in the CRC Cafeteria. Since the Pope's Requiem Mass was happening at that time, we had to postpone our parish Feast Day Dinner to tomorrow evening. I look forward to seeing all of you who are able to come to the dinner.

Our two parish primary schools are also celebrating our parish Feast Day. I celebrated Mass this afternoon at St George Precia and the whole community of Christ the Priest will be here for Mass on Tuesday at 12:30pm. Moreover, next Friday, 9th May will be the feast of St George Precia, and the community of St George Precia be here for Mass at 12pm.

It is wonderful that we have started our Parish Bingo last Monday 28th April. There were about 50 people in attendance and the night was extremely successful. There was a wonderful feeling around the room. The funds raised from our Parish Bingo will go towards the extension of the church building and to build a hall. Parish Bingo will be held every fortnight at 7pm at the CRC Cafeteria, and the next one will be on 12th May. We are having two other fund-raising activities in the month of May. The first one is the Mother's Day fundraiser. The details of this fundraiser are in the bulletin. 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.

On Sunday 11th May, we will have the first monthly Healing Mass in our parish. It will be at 5pm, preceded by the rosary and Praise and Worship at 4pm. We will welcome Fr Wahid Riad as the Principal Celebrant of that Mass. The monthly Healing Mass will be on the 2nd Sunday of the month with the same timetable.

So far, we have had some very positive and encouraging results as part of 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.

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

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Starting this weekend, 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.



ABLAZE YOUTH: ENCOUNTER EVENT 2025

Ablaze Youth will be attending an Encounter Event at Good Shepherd Parish, Gladstone Park, on Friday, 9th of

May. Our youth will leave the church at 5:30pm SHARP. This invitation is open to all those in high school from grades 7 to 12. If you are interested, please RSVP by email to stcatherineyg@gmail.com by Tuesday 6th of May at the latest. A donation of \$20 will be collected on the day to cover travel costs.

FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS

Please note that the 8:00am Mass on Fridays during school term has resumed from last Friday, 2nd of May. You are most welcome to attend.



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 Charismatic Prayer Group (SRM).

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 on the 10th and 11th of May. Order forms are available from the gathering space. **All orders must be paid when orders are placed. The last day to place an order will be this weekend, 3rd and 4th of May.** Thank you.

ABLAZE YOUNG ADULTS

The Ablaze Young Adults will be gathering this **Sunday 4 May in the church meeting room at 5pm**. Young adults between the ages of 18 and 35 are welcome to attend. Ablaze Young Adults meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.



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ABLAZE MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

The Ablaze Men's Group will be meeting next **Friday 9 May at 7pm**. We will begin with the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by fellowship. All men are welcome to attend.



Caritas 2025 PROJECT COMPASSION AUSTRALIA

Please return ALL Project Compassion boxes and envelopes by next Sunday, 11 May 2025. Thank you.



NEW SETS OF PARISH OFFERTORY PROGRAM ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE (in the gathering space in alphabetical order)

ONLY FOR THOSE GIVING BY ENVELOPES, PLEASE COLLECT YOURS TODAY!



BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith the following who are Baptised on Saturday 3 May: **Elizabeth Capanda, Mia Origlia, Charlotte Anandarasa, Sheather Vidanalage, Sienna Musso, Charlee Fisher, Izak Emelio, Oliver & Misipati Mamaia.** Please pray for them and their families!

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