



Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

(Canonically Established: 18th January 2006)

OUR PARISH VISION

"A welcoming and dynamic faith-filled Catholic Community, living and sharing the Gospel, to set the world ablaze."

5th Sunday of Easter (Yr C) – 18 May 2025



*"I give you a new commandment:
love one another; just as I have loved you." (Gospel)*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 144; Rv 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 66; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

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: Flaviano Marasigan | **8:30am:** Fr Somadina Ibe-Ojuludu, Fr Chinedu Nwachukwu, Fr Marcel Ezenwafor, Fr Gerald Nwogoeze, Fr Kinsley Nwosu, Fr Wilfred Aleke, Fr Chukwudi Obueze |

Church Finances for the Last Quarter (Jan-Mar25)

Total Income: **\$93,379.00** | Expenditure: **\$109,470.00**

Deficit: \$ (16,091.00)

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: 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)

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"

Friday 16th May 2025.

My dear people,

I would like to thank the organisers of the Parish Feast Day Dinner which occurred on Saturday 3rd May. It was a truly wonderful night and those who were able to attend had a great time. The Social Committee worked tirelessly to put the night on and, on behalf of the parish, I thank all the members of the Social Committee for their hard work over several weeks. We are also grateful to the band which came together quite spontaneously to provide us with entertainment on the night.

Our Mother's Day fundraiser was a great success. On everyone's behalf, I would like to thank Shirley Chung for her great idea and hard work in organising the whole event. She had a few dedicated members of our parish to help her along the way. For a first-time initiative, it was a great success. It is wonderful how much good can be achieved with just a few people coming together for a good cause; Praise Jesus! We look forward to more such fundraisers for the parish project of church refurbishments and the building of a hall.

Speaking of fundraisers, we had a very successful bingo last Monday, with about 65 people attending. There was a wonderful feeling around the room. Please keep in mind that 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. Tickets are available with Sonny and Jenny Mallia on 0412583069 and 0413478780 respectively. We are likewise immensely grateful to Sonny and Jenny and their team for putting the Dance Night together. I hope to see a large number of parishioners there. Again, all for a good cause!

The first of our monthly Healing Masses was a vibrant success. There were around 180 people present, all of whom found the Mass to have brought them what they were looking for. We thank Fr Wahid Riad for celebrating the Mass and the members of SRM for their tremendous work in preparing for the Mass, as well as all who helped with the logistics of the Mass.

The members of the Grief and Bereavement Ministry had an initial meeting on 8th May, at which I was present. Their formal training by Catholic Care followed on 13th May. They will have two more training sessions on 20th and 27th May. After that, the team will be ready to help with grief and bereavement in the parish. We will publicise information about the way in which they will help once all the training is completed.

We will start a new way of publishing our financial situation from this weekend. This weekend's bulletin will include our financial situation for the first quarter of 2025. We will simply publish the income, expenditure and surplus or deficit. Subsequently, we will publish this information on a monthly basis as well as quarterly, four times a year. It will give you, the parishioners, a better indication of how we are going financially. As I mentioned many times before, you are welcome to ask me any question about the finances of the parish, and about any other aspects of the running of the parish, for that matter.

I would like to let you know that I will be on my annual leave from 1st to 28th June. My mother is turning 70 this year. She has always wanted to go to Lourdes, Fatima and Rome and we are going to take her there, as a family. We will also visit friends and relatives in England and France.

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

BETHLEHEM OLIVEWOOD: SALE!

Next weekend, there will be a sale of olive wood biblical items handcrafted by Catholic families in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ. Any purchase helps to support the Catholic community in the Holy Land and improve their livelihood. It also helps to maintain the holy sites. **Please support it if you can. Thank you.**



MASS FOR
Marriage Anniversaries
SUNDAY 1 JUNE 2025 • 11AM
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Couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and over) are invited to register: trybooking.com/DAKBR



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.crccs.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.



NEED HELP: ALPHA PROGRAM

We are looking for parishioners who can help with catering for 40 people attending the Alpha Program currently. It is possible to have 2 or more people who can share the catering or cooking for each session. The following sessions are the ones that we need help with on Wednesdays - 28 May, 4 and 11 June. If you can help, please call Ann O'Brien on 0408158134 as soon as possible. Thank you.



This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. A

collection will be taken up after Homily. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelope or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible. We have Nevin Verghis at all Masses who will talk about how CatholicCare helps people of need in the community.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY

The Annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College will take place on **Saturday 24 May from 10:45am to 3:30pm**. The seminary staff, students and the Vocations Director, Fr Dishan Candappa will welcome any young men visiting that day by invitation. If you are interested or would like to suggest the name of a man to receive an invitation, please see Fr Richard after the Mass so he can get their details and forward them to the Vocations Office. For catering purposes, we have to submit interested applicants details by Tues 20 May. Please pray for vocations.

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

DANCE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

31

MAY

2025

LET'S DANCE!

JOIN US FOR A SOCIAL DANCE NIGHT!

8.30PM - 11.30PM

COMPLIMENTARY TEA & COFFEE

Tickets: Contact Sonny & Jenny

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DANCE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

The parish is having a Dance Night on **Saturday 31st of May from 6:30pm to 11:30pm**. Venue to be confirmed later. Tickets are on sale now. **Adults at \$15 and children at \$5 each.** Bring

your own food and drinks. Coffee and tea will be provided. Music is provided by DJ Genesis. For more information, please contact Sonny at 0412 583 069 or Jenny at 0413 478. 780.

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