



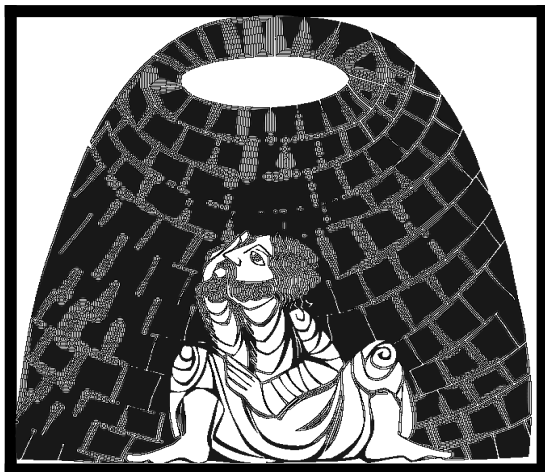
Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

(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."

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C) – 17 August 2025



*"There is a baptism I must still receive,
and how great is my distress till it is over!" (Gospel)*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, come to my aid!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.**

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 39; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 66:18-21; Ps 116; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

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, 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: **Victor Felsing**

6:00pm: Angelina Lee, Angelina Peterson, Alton David, Amparo Lopez |

8:30am: Deceased members of Arkulin & Caput |

10:30am: Mary Savona |

Church Finances for the Year of 2024

Total Income: **\$ 394,155.00** | Expenditure: **\$ 460,224.00**

Deficit: (\$ 66,089.00) More details on the website

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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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 15th August 2025.

My dear people,

A very Happy Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to you. Today we celebrate Our Blessed Mother's entry into heaven at the end of her earthly life. Since Our Lady was preserved from Original Sin from the moment of her conception, her days on earth did not finish with death and she was assumed body and soul into heaven. Whenever we celebrate Our Lady, we remember that she is for us the perfect model of discipleship and the best example of fidelity to Christ. We also remember that she is in heaven seeing Our Lord face to face and in that capacity, we can turn to her for her intercession for all our needs. Four Masses are to be offered in our parish today to celebrate this Solemnity, with two at the church, one at Christ the Priest and one at St George Precia.

The next fundraising activity in our parish will be a Grand Final Fundraiser. At this stage, I ask you to kindly keep the afternoon of Grand Final Day free (27th September 2025) and more details about the fundraiser will be shared with you as soon as they become available. The members of the Fundraising Committee are Robert Durai, Shirley Chung, Angelina Forneas, Joe White, Joe Sequeira, Sonny Mallia and me. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us for ideas you may have about fundraising activities. Again, the purpose of the fundraiser is to enable required refurbishments to the church and build a parish hall.

The archdiocese is running the Archbishop's Campaign again this year. Last year's campaign was a huge success. Information booklets about the campaign are available in the gathering space for you to take home and learn more about the campaign. The funds raised will help the archdiocese with the following: Corpus Christi College Building Fund, Priests Retirement Foundation, University of Divinity Building Fund, John Pierce Centre, and other entities such as Catholic community agencies and community service organisations. The collection itself will be taken next week.

Last week, we launched the Grief and Bereavement Ministry in our parish. I once again thank all those who have volunteered to be members of this ministry and invite you to pray for its success. There have already been two people who have availed themselves to this new ministry. The members will soon be commissioned. As was mentioned last week, the task of the Grief and Bereavement Ministry will be a listening presence to people in the parish who are grieving and bereaved. We all know that there are many different reasons which cause grief and people often just need someone to talk to.

It is wonderful that this weekend, we will continue celebrating our younger parishioners receiving Holy Communion for the first time. First Holy Communion will continue to take place over the next two weekends and I invite you to continue praying for our first communicants and their parents. We pray particularly that these children and their families realise how awesome it is to be receiving Holy Communion for the first time and to make sure it is not an isolated event in their lives but one which ignites in their heart a great love for Jesus and for his Church.

I will be absent from the parish next week from Monday evening to Friday morning as I will be at the Annual Melbourne Clergy Conference. I invite you to pray for all the priests of the archdiocese as we participate in ongoing formation and fellowship with one another.

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



WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING? COME AND SEE!

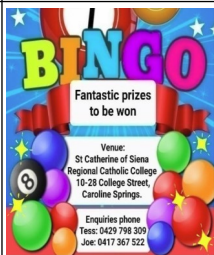
Are you or somebody you know is interested in becoming Catholic? Or want to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** will be **starting from Saturday 30 August**. For more details, please call the parish during office hours.

AFL GRAND FINAL FUNDRAISER

The newly formed Fundraising Committee has decided to organise a **Grand Final Day on Saturday 27 September at CRC Hall**. Please keep the afternoon free and join us for a great fun and excitement as 2 teams fight it out for the most coveted trophy and title of the year. More details about the fundraiser will be shared as soon as they are available.

CHURCH BULLETIN

Please return any bulletin to the gathering space if you are not taking it home, rather than leaving them on the pews or throwing them away. Thank you.



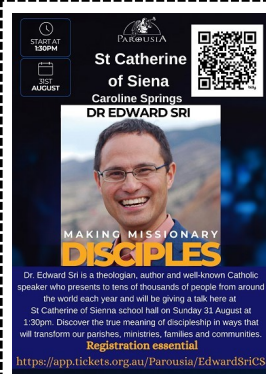
'BINGO'

MONDAY 18 August @7PM

Bingo, a game that is very much loved and cherished in Australia has truly started in Caroline Springs. **Venue: CRC Cafeteria**

Lots of games and lots of prizes to be won. Invite family and friends and have a wonderful time. And if they are lucky, they might walk away with attractive prizes too.

NO CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OLD, PLEASE.



MAKING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Dr Edward Sri talk here on Sunday 31 August at 1:30pm

Discover the true meaning of discipleship in ways that will transform our parishes, ministries, families and communities. Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker who presents

to tens of thousands of people from around the world each year and will be giving a talk here at CRC school hall on Sunday 31 August at 1:30pm.

Please register at [https://](https://app.tickets.org.au/Parousia/EdwardSriCS)

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THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025

Last year in August 2024, the Archbishop's Campaign was launched in parishes. The response from the faithful was overwhelmingly positive and Archbishop Peter expressed his

gratitude for your help during the campaign.

This year, he invites you and the parish to help with the Archbishop's Campaign again. The generosity of the parish will fund vital ministries and key projects of the Church in Melbourne.

The main collection weekend for this year's campaign will be the weekend of 23-24 August. Campaign Booklets with more information are available in the gathering space to take home.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign>

Your generous gift supports ministries across the Archdiocese –bringing the Good News to life not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



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100 YEARS OF YCW WOMEN IN ACTION

YCW (Holdings) Melbourne invites you to join in the centennial celebration of the contributions women have made to YCW Australia. Hear stories from different generations of women and share your own memories and experiences of YCW with others during a delicious light lunch. Open to women and men of YCW, their friends and networks.

Sunday 31st August; Registrations at 10:30am for a 11am start

Catholic Theological College, Knox Room 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

All tickets: \$25 + \$2.17 Humanitix booking fee includes light lunch. Booking is essential:

<https://events.humanitix.com/100-years-of-ycw-women-in-action>



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Christ The Priest Catholic Primary School

We congratulate and pray for our young people who are receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend.

SATURDAY, 6PM: Samantha Cruz, Lavinia Barabona, Lucas Buttigieg, Matteo Castaneda, Jeremy Chetcuti, Amelia Maria Bibin, Stephen Oh, Allegra Pikoulas, Franco Tedesco, Claudia Tuazon

SUNDAY, 8:30AM: Maximo Andres, Henrik Luke, Sara Shammas

SUNDAY, 10:30AM: Erika Brekalo, Jasmine Galea, Duncan Galea, Aisha Evans, Marko Corluka, Ethan Fitzpatrick, Emily Alkateb, Remy Jahoda, Tevita Koroi, Aiden Lawang, Kate Vong

SUNDAY, 12:30PM: Zak Arvanitidis, Lavand Jabbo, Maeva Basrah, Onel Kajjo, Xavier Borg, Mason Quach, Sam Shamouy, Madison Tran, Thomas Markus, Jacob Renaud, John Edward Vijandre

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