



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."

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C) – 7 September 2025



"... none of you can be my disciples unless you give up all your possessions." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Wis 9:13-18; Ps 89; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Nm 21:4-7; Ps 77; Phlp 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

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

6:00pm: Joji Sartaguda | **8:30am:** Fr John Tollan, Donald Quintal, Shirley Gerrard, Andrew Peterson | **10:30am:** Michael Englezakis, Michael Imbroli, Tony Cefai, Carmel Charlie Zammit, Paule Mifsud & family |

Church Finances for Jan to June 2025

Total Income: \$ 196,997.00 | Expenditure: \$ 204,916.00

Deficit: (\$ 7,919.00)

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

JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY | Every Saturday: 2:00 – 3:00pm

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

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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 5th September 2025.

My dear people,

All details about the Grand Final Fundraiser to be held on Saturday 27th September 2025 are now available. These are on the poster in the gathering space, on our website and on our Facebook page. Furthermore, when you book for this event on TryBooking, the confirmation email will also contain all the prices and other details. We kindly ask you to please register via this link <https://www.trybooking.com/DFEHR> so we can organise how many sausages and other items to purchase. Again, the purpose of the fundraiser is to enable required refurbishments to the church and build a parish hall.

A reminder that our younger parishioners who do not attend the two parish schools will receive Holy Communion for the first time over the weekend of 13th and 14th September. 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.

Next weekend will be the last weekend when Deacon Ian will be with us as a deacon on his diaconal placement. Deacon Ian will return to the parish as Fr Ian to be the Principal Celebrant at all Masses of the weekend of 4th and 5th October. The 12:30pm Mass on 5th October will be followed by a celebration of his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ. That event will be combined with our annual International Food Day. As mentioned last weekend, we will hire two buses to take all the people who have indicated that they will go by bus to Deacon Ian's ordination on 20th September. The buses will leave at 8:30am sharp. Please be advised that the parish will subsidise the cost of the buses and we are asking you to contribute \$15 per person for adults and children 12 years and above.

Following his pastoral visitation to us from the 25th to the 27th July, Bishop Martin has written to us to give a report of the time he spent with us. The report is now available on our website for your perusal.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the fathers in our community a very Happy Father's Day. Fathers have been given a truly wonderful vocation from God and for that we need to thank him. We continue to pray that he will give them, and indeed others who take on the role of father in many different ways, the strength and courage to continue with their vocation especially at times when being a father, although rewarding, can be difficult. Let us also pray that God provides them with more times of joy and solace. Happy Father's Day to all fathers.

I will be away next week for my annual retreat, leaving on Sunday and returning on Friday. This year, I will be at Kenthurst Retreat Centre in Sydney, joining 20 other priests from around Australia for a time of quiet with Our Lord. Since it will be a silent retreat, I will not be contactable from Sunday evening until Friday afternoon. My absence next week is the reason why we are having a message this week.

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

FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS

Please note that there will be **NO 8:00am Mass on 12 September.**



AFL GRAND FINAL FUNDRAISER

The Fundraising Committee invites all parishioners to join us for an afternoon of great fun and excitement as 2 teams fight it out for the most coveted trophy and title of the year.

Event: **AFL Grand Final on BIG SCREEN**

Day: **Saturday 27 September**

Time: **1:30pm** | Venue: **CRC Hall**

Entry Fee: **\$5 per person**

(children under 12 free)

Sausage sizzles, soft drinks & popcorn will be on sale; prices on posters.

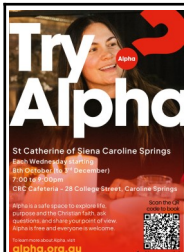
Register now in TryBooking:

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



KONKANI RETREAT

Organised by Karaval Konkans Australia Inc in our parish on **20th September from 10am until 5pm conducted by Fr Basil Vas.** Inviting all Konkani speaking members to attend. For more info, please contact : Joe Sequeira on 0422441078.



ALPHA PROGRAM

The new Alpha Program is starting on Wednesday 8 October, and it runs for 9 weeks. 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/DEPPK>



HEALING MASS INVITATION

We warmly invite you to a Healing Mass, **next Sunday, 14 Sept, celebrated by Fr Rembert Fernando MGL.** 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

4:30pm - Praise & Worship

5:00pm - Mass

4:00 - 5:00pm - Personal prayers for individuals and families by Prayer Ministry members.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Fr Richard, Dcn Ian, PLT & Parish Staff wish all Fathers and Grandfathers a Happy Father's Day.

Blessings
CELEBRATING THE JOY OF FAITH

Heavenly Father, bless every father in our world today, and bless them with confidence through the many obstacles they overcome as they attempt to provide for their families. Give them courage to gather their families close, even through clamour and social pressures of our world today, that each of their children might know they are loved, that they are of great worth to you, and that they have a special mission to perform while here on earth. Bless all fathers to feel your love and fill them with confidence that you are with them and will guide them as they seek your will, that they might be examples of faith and trust in you to their families. Lead them through every storm, Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

DEACON IAN VERGEL'S ORDINATION CHARTERING BUSES

The parish is hiring buses to go to the Ordination of Dcn Ian. Dcn Ian will be ordained a priest at Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 20 Sept at 10am. Sign-up sheets are available in the gathering space if you are interested in attending. There are only limited seats available. In order to cover the cost of hiring the bus, we are collecting \$15 per person. Cash will be collected on the day just before the bus leaves the church.

ORDINATION AND DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATION

The above anniversaries will be celebrated on **Sunday 21st September after the 12:30pm Mass at CRC Cafeteria.**

Please **register your attendance** on the sign up sheet in the gathering space for catering purposes.

BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Harminie Silk will be baptised, receive Holy Communion for the first time, and Confirmed at the 12:30pm Mass this Sunday. Please pray for Harminie and her family.

ABLAZE MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

The Ablaze Men's Group will meet on **Friday 12 Sept.** It starts with the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00pm to 7:45pm, with Confession. Adoration finishes with Benediction, followed by fellowship at the presbytery. Fr David Cartwright will be helping with Confessions, which is available for everyone.

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