



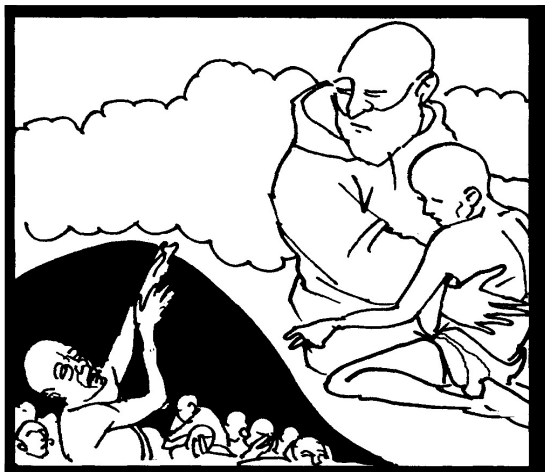
# Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

(Canonically Established: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2006)

## OUR PARISH VISION

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

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C) – 28 September 2025



*"Father Abraham, have pity on me ..." (Gospel)*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Praise the Lord, my soul!**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.**

Alleluia!

### Today's Scripture Readings

Am 6:1,4-7; Ps 145; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 94; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

### 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, 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

**8:30am:** Anthony Elisha, Roza Grbac | **10:30am:** Doris Lourdes Meli |

**12:30pm:** Lester Claudio, Donato Lavilla, Arnulfo Lim |

### Church Finances for July 2025

Total Income: \$ 38,691.00 | Expenditure: \$ 28,519.00

**Surplus: \$ 10,172.00**

## CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

**Parish Priest:** REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

**Parish Coordinator:** MR ROBERT DURAI

**Parish Secretary:** MRS MAGGIE MAZZULLO (Tue - Thur)

**Evangelisation Coordinator:** MS ANN O'BRIEN

**Evangelisation Coordinator (Discipleship):** MR GAVIN MUSCAT

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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](http://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"*

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

A Message from our Evangelisation Coordinator – Ann O'Brien | Evangelisation through the Kerygma

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

In the Gospel of Luke (9:1-6) 'Take nothing for the Journey' Luke writes – Jesus called the Twelve together and gave them power and authority over all the devils and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. He said to them, 'Take nothing for the journey; neither staff, nor haversack, nor bread, nor money; and let none of you take a spare tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there; and when you leave, let it be from there. As for those who do not welcome you, when you leave their town shake the dust from your feet as a sign to them.' So they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the Good News and healing everywhere.

As the body of Christ, we too are called to evangelise through the Kerygma (the proclamation of the Good News) & thus do our part in the fulfilment of the fundamental mission of the Church, to evangelise & to make disciples of all nations.

However, at our last Leadership Summit, with ministry leaders & future leaders & indeed in many conversations I have had with fellow parishioners in the gathering space it has become abundantly clear that evangelisation is the least understood & most feared of the 5 systems of missionary renewal (worship, evangelisation, fellowship, discipleship & service).

Many of us find it difficult, if not fear, to talk about our faith & the church especially with the unchurched, our families, our friends & co-workers. We fear what to say, don't know what to say or how to say it. We fear rejection & even retribution. For those not afraid, more often than not, only the church is spoken about, "you should come to church", "why don't you come to church" but rarely do I hear Jesus & the proclamation of the Good News at the centre of conversations & interactions. I believe strongly that this is what needs to change.

Whilst the reputation of the Catholic church has indeed been battered, especially in recent decades, the reputation of Jesus, His love & His mercy will forever remain our constant & I firmly believe it is Jesus, not the church (despite how controversial that may sound) that needs to be at the centre of our lives & at the centre of every conversation & interaction with others, especially with those who need Him most.

\*Our Catholic faith is very rich. We have a lot of history & tradition. As wonderful as that is, the downside of it is that we tend to clutter things up and overwhelm folks who are not yet ready to digest the rich food of our tradition\*. That's where Alpha comes in. Alpha begins with the simple things, building relationships & on the basic proclamation of the gospel. It is a tool for catching fish & communal evangelisation.

\*The call to evangelisation has never been more urgent. Why? Because Jesus calls us to it. All of the other priorities we have as dioceses & parishes must be seen in light of this urgent call to evangelise. Why? Because evangelisation is about the heart, and when you transform the heart, everything else flows from that\*.

So, my challenge for you is this...if your faith life feels stagnant or if your efforts to talk about your faith or to get your loved ones to church has proved fruitless maybe it's time to try something new. Maybe it's time to try Alpha or to invite them to Alpha or do Alpha together? If not you then who? If not now, when?

*'Acknowledge him before the nations, O children of Israel; for he scattered you among them. He has shown you his greatness even there. Exalt him in the presence of every living being, because he is our Lord and he is our God; he is our Father and he is God for ever.'* **Tobit 13:3-4 (NRSV).**

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For details of our next Alpha starting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October & to register please see details in this bulletin or on our website.

*\*Excerpts from Chapter 11 – **Thriving Faith** – Discipleship in Uncertain Times by Fr James Mallon (Founder, Divine Renovation Ministry).*

## HOSPITALITY - THIS WEEKEND

Coffee, tea, biscuits and cakes will be served after Mass. Please join us.



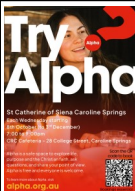
## NOVENA PRAYER - ROSARY

There will be a recitation of the rosary in our parish for 9 nights via zoom from Saturday 4 Oct to Sunday 12 Oct. Please join us. Copy & paste the following Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89717778669?pwd=gUkKW86FbCF1HlbopxzXKba9z2M2GV.1>  
Meeting ID: 897 1777 8669  
Passcode: 702072

## FIRST CLASS RELIC & EXHIBITION OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF ST CARLO ACUTIS Monday 3 Nov - Saturday 8 Nov 2025

It is with great pleasure and honour that the parish was approached to host the First Class Relics of St Carlo Acutis who was canonised by Pope Leo XIV in Rome on 7 September. Together with the relics, we will have an exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of St Carlo from Monday 3 November to Saturday 8 November. More details soon.



## 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>



## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Get ready—Melbourne is hosting the **Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in 2025!** This epic three-day event (**Sunday 30 November to Tuesday 2 December**) brings together young Catholics from across the country for an unforgettable experience. If you're in **Year 9 to 25 years old**, this is your chance to:

- \***Meet awesome people** from all over Australia
  - \***Grow deeper in your faith** and connection with Jesus
  - \***Be inspired** to live your faith out loud
  - \***Experience** the energy and diversity of the Catholic Church in a whole new way
- Registrations** are open now, with a registration cost per person (more info coming soon). **Interested?** Contact Gavin Muscat: [gavin.muscat@cam.org.au](mailto:gavin.muscat@cam.org.au) Or call the Parish Office during office hours.

## FR IAN CELEBRATES OUR PARISH MASSES



Fr Ian will be celebrating all Masses on the weekend of 4th and 5th of October. There will be a celebration of Fr Ian's ordination **after the 12:30pm Mass on Sunday 5 October. This will also be our Annual International Food Day.** Parishioners are to bring a plate representing their nationality/culture. Please register in the sign-up sheets in the gathering space.

## FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS & THE BEACH BOYS



A tribute to America's most iconic vocal groups of the 60's

**Date:** Saturday 18 October  
**Time:** 8:30pm (doors open from 7:30pm)

**Venue:** CRC Performing Art Centre

**Cost:** \$50 per person (Buy 3 Tickets Get 1 Free -When you purchase 4 tickets at a time)

**To book:** <https://www.123tix.com.au/events/49184>  
Or call 1300 001 238



## menALIVE MEN's WEEKEND

The national menALIVE gathering - **MAX2025** - will be held in Melbourne for the very first time, from 10th-12th October 2025. This annual gathering draws Catholic men from across Australia and New Zealand for a powerful weekend of faith, fellowship, and renewal. Event details and registration link: <https://www.menalivevic.au/max-25>



## BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith the following who are baptised on Saturday 27 September: **Tatum Sammut, Adaeze Ejim and Nova Cruz.** Please pray for them and their families!



## 'BINGO' - MONDAY 29 SEPT

Bingo, a game that is very much loved and cherished in Australia has truly started in Caroline Springs.

**Venue: CRC Cafeteria @7PM**

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.**

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