



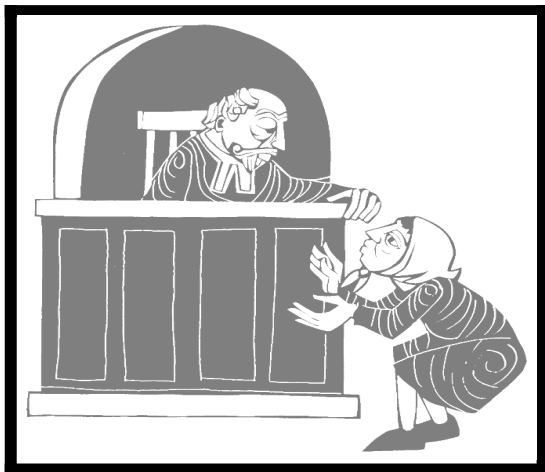
Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

(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."

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C) – 19 October 2025



*"..... I must give this widow her just rights,
or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." (Gospel)*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
**The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Ex 17:8-13; Ps 120; 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 32; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

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, Mar Tristan Benitez, Divina Gracia Carbungco, Teremoana Tagiilima Sea, AJ Difesa, Noah Bonello, Baby Niko, Jennifer Yamzon

For the Dead

Recent Death: Leanne Difesa

6:00pm: Rosaline Navamany | **10:30am:** Donald Quintal, Evelyn Muscat, Rosalia Fenech, Carmelo Fenech, deceased members of Vella Family |
12:30pm: Eduardo Claudio, Maximo Claudio Jr, John Gabriel Limueco |

Church Finances for August 2025

Total Income: \$ 32,384.00 | Expenditure: \$ 25,393.00
Surplus: \$ 6,991.00

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 Friday: 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)

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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 17th October 2025.

My dear people,

I would like to start by thanking all of you for your prayers for my aunt and my family. As mentioned at Masses two weekends ago, I had to go to Mauritius for an emergency as we were told that she is very unwell. It was wonderful to see my aunt and spend some time alone with her as well as having the opportunity to pray together and celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with her. It was also very difficult to leave when I left Mauritius on Tuesday. While there is a heaviness with all of us at the moment, it was good to have started celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the Grade 3s of SGP this week. I will celebrate with the rest of their students as well as with all of the students of Christ the Priest next week.

A reminder that the next fundraising activity in our parish is a Frankie Vallie and The Four Seasons and the Beach Boys Concert - A tribute to America's most iconic vocal groups of the 60's. The details are:

Date: Saturday 18 October

Time: 8:30pm (doors open from 7:30pm)

Venue: CRC Performing Arts Centre

Cost: \$25 per person

To book: Call Sonny or Jenny Mallia on 0412583069 or 0413478780.

Walk-ins on the night are welcome. Again, the purpose of the fundraiser is to enable required refurbishments to the church and build a parish hall. I hope to see a large number of parishioners there. All for a good cause!

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is blessed to host the Australian Catholic Youth Festival this year. Young people from Year 9 to age 25 are invited to join our parish group for ACYF Melbourne (Sun 30 Nov to Tue 2 Dec). This three-day festival is one of faith, prayer and community – like a mini World Youth Day! It will provide a great chance to meet young Catholics, grow in faith, and be inspired in daily life. Cost: \$100 (minimum) per person (the parish will cover the remaining \$290 of the \$390 total by means of fundraising). The cost does not include food, and transportation will be sorted later. The sign-up deadline is 22 October. There will be an information session on Sunday 19 October at 5pm in the church meeting rooms.

I conclude my fortnightly message this week with a reminder of the proposal to change the boundaries of the parishes of Caroline Springs, Melton and Melton South. As previously mentioned, an email has been sent directing you to a letter from Fr Alex and me to parishioners of the three parishes about a month ago. The letter invites comments and questions to be sent to our parish's email address. Please feel free also to ask me any questions when we see each other this weekend.

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

FUNERAL SERVICE - LEANNE DIFESA

Leanna Difesa, Margaret Bartolo's daughter-in-law, passed away recently. **Prayers will be held in the Chapel of Repose at Altona Memorial Park, Dohertys Road on Monday 20 October at 10.15am.** Parishioners are invited to attend to pray for the repose of the soul of Leanne.

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.

LAST CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE !!!



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Join Our Parish Group at **Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) 2025 !**

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for ACYF Melb (Sun 30 Nov to Tue 2 Dec).

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Sign-up **deadline: 22 October**

Prep/info session: **Sunday 19 October @ 5pm, the church meeting room.**

Email Gavin Muscat: gavin.muscat@cam.org.au

Archbishop's video: <https://youtu.be/evbj5eFg3HM>

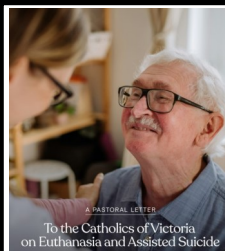


The pro-life campaign, 40 Days for Life, is currently underway and will run until

2nd November. You are warmly invited to take part by fasting and praying at our vigil site at St. Kilda.

For the location, online calendar bookings and other details, please visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne

Donations are gratefully accepted and will go towards our campaign expenses and supporting local pregnancy support. 40 Days for Life Melbourne, BSB: 063 167 ACC: 11053337



PASTORAL LETTER: BISHOPS of VICTORIA

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the Government's Bill would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for

medical practitioners who conscientiously object to euthanasia and assisted suicide. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Member of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws. The letter can be found here:

bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill (copy & paste on google search) or scan the QR code.



CALLING ALL MUSIC LOVERS & SINGERS

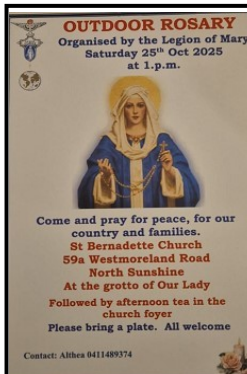
Do you enjoy singing or playing a musical instrument?

Our parish is looking for new singers and musicians to share their gifts in our Music Ministry. Whether you'd like to join an existing group or form a new one, we warmly welcome you! To help you get started, we invite you to our Music Workshop: Sunday, 26th October, 3 to 5 pm. For more info, please call the parish office.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL MINISTRY (SRM)

Change in Meeting Day

Please note that SRM Charismatic Prayer Group are meeting on Fridays at 7pm instead of Thursdays in the meeting room.



OUTDOOR ROSARY

Legion of Mary

Date: **Saturday 25 October**

Time: **1:00pm**

Venue: **St Bernardette Church, 59a Westmoreland Road, Nth Sunshine**

Followed by afternoon tea in the church foyer. Please bring a plate. All are welcome.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL

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