



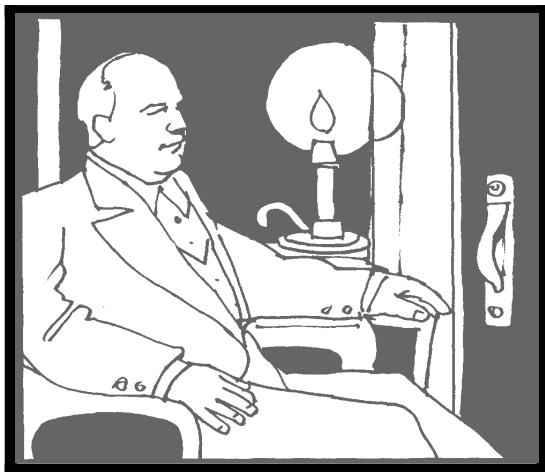
Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

(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."

1st Sunday of Advent (Yr A) – 30 November 2025



"Therefore, you too must be ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Is 2:1-5; Ps 121; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 11:1-10; Ps 71; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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 Tagilima Sea, Noah Bonello, Baby Niko, Jennifer Yamzon

Recent Death

8:30am: Maria Sequeira | 12:30pm: Celita Perera

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

Please note: **For the whole month of November, ONLY the names of those who died in November 2025 will be in the bulletin and announced during Masses.**

Church Finances for September 2025

Total Income: \$ 32,893.00 | Expenditure: \$ 50,607.00
Deficit: \$ 17,714.00

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

Parish Coordinator: MR ROBERT DURAI

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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 Thursday: 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)

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 28th November 2025.

My dear people,

ACYF is finally here!!! 34 of our younger parishioners will be attending. This three-day festival, from 30th November to 2nd December, is one of faith, prayer and community – like a mini-World Youth Day! It will provide a great opportunity to meet young Catholics, grow in faith, and be inspired in daily life. I am truly looking forward to spend these three days with our participants. I reiterate my request for prayers for a powerful encounter with Jesus Christ for these parishioners of ours. The total cost to the parish of sending them to ACYF is \$12,500. I would like to sincerely thank you for the contributions to the four fund raising activities. These have brought in a total of \$13,794.15. I am truly grateful to all of you for having contributed so generously. The amount above what was required will be credited to Ablaze Youth Group and Ablaze Young Adults for their ongoing activities.

A reminder that we will run our Annual Carols by Candlelight again this year. It will be held on 14th December. Food will be available from 4pm as well as different activities for children. The singing of carols will begin at 6pm and the evening will conclude at 8pm. I would like to thank the Carols Committee who have been working very hard to make sure that our carols event is a great success again. Please put the date in your diaries. I look forward to meeting many of you there.

As it seems to happen every year, this year has flown right past us. The season of Advent starts this Sunday as we start preparations for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is very easy to get lost with the noise of Christmas parties and dinners and End of Year celebrations in the next weeks. May I urge you to remain focussed on what Christmas is about namely, that God became man and was born in the poverty of a stable in Bethlehem, lived an authentic human life in Nazareth for thirty years and concluded his life on earth by dying and rising for our salvation in Jerusalem.

Our Advent Bible Study started last Tuesday after the 7pm Mass and will continue over the next three Tuesdays. Please know that you can attend even if you missed the first session.

The Liturgy Committee met last Tuesday evening and have confirmed the Christmas Mass times for this year. They are as follows:

Wednesday 24th December: 5pm, 7pm, and 9pm and

Thursday 25th December: 12am (Midnight), 8:30am and 10:30am.

Please note that there will be **NO 12:30pm Mass**.

It is with great sadness that I announce that Mrs Adele Vesty has accepted the position of Principal of Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School in Werribee. While it is sad that Adele is leaving our community, we are immensely grateful for the wonderful work she has accomplished over her seven years as Principal of Christ the Priest Catholic Primary School. We wish her all of God's choicest blessings as she begins this new chapter of her life. We will farewell Adele at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 7th December 2025. Please be advised that the process to appoint her successor has begun. I look forward to announcing the name of the new Principal at CtP once that appointment has been made.

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

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA FREE ADMISSION

Carols *by Candlelight*

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER, 2025
 4PM to 6PM - FOOD & ACTIVITIES
 6PM to 8PM - CHRISTMAS CAROLS

CRC HALL | 28 COLLEGE ST CAROLINE SPRINGS

Children welcome to BYO cushions or bean bags to sit front of stage & enjoy with some popcorn!



Sausage Sizzle
Coffee Van
Face Painting
Santa Visit
Christmas Raffle

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL FUNDRAISING PROJECTS:



A total of **\$3,648.40** was collected last weekend's sausage sizzle and bake sale. We thank you for your generosity. With that, the total raised stands at **\$13,749.15**



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Giving Tree will be up next week in the Gathering Space. The Deer Park / Caroline Springs Conference has requested donations of food hampers or gift cards. There are tags with suggestions on the Giving Tree. Please take one and bring the gifts by **Friday 19 December**.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Christmas Raffle Tickets will be sold after all Masses commencing THIS WEEKEND. The cost is \$2.00 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.00

First Prize: **\$100.00 Voucher**

Second Prize: **Christmas Hamper**

Third Prize: **Christmas Hamper**

The Raffle will be drawn on

Sunday 14 December 2025 at the Carols By Candlelight.

FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS

Please note that the last 8:00am Mass was celebrated last Friday 28 November. Friday 8:00am Mass will resume next year.



St Catherine of Siena Catholic Parish
28 College Street, Caroline Springs

2025 ADVENT - CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Carols by Candlelight - Sunday 14th December
4 to 6pm Food & Activities | 6 to 8pm Christmas Carols

Reconciliation for Advent - Wednesday 17th December
7:00pm to 8:30pm

Christmas Eve Mass Times - Wednesday 24th December
5:00pm | 7:00pm | 9:00pm | 12:00am (Midnight)
Carols sung half an hour before Mass

Christmas Day Mass Times - Thursday 25th December
8:30am | 10:30am
Carols sung half an hour before Mass
(No Mass at 12:30pm or in the evening)

Friday 26th December (Public Holiday)
9:30am - Mass (St Stephen, 1st Martyr)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Thursday 1st January
7:00pm Wednesday 31st December
9:30am Thursday 1st January

ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS, *Bakers Delight* CAKES & TARTS

In partnership with Bakers Delight, Taylors Hill, the parish is taking orders for Christmas hampers, cakes & tarts for your Christmas celebration & gatherings. Orders can be placed for the next two weekends, with the delivery taking place on the weekend of 13 & 14 December. Order forms are available in the gathering space. **All orders must be paid when orders are placed. The last day to place an order will be 6 and 7 December.** Thank you.



ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP

On **Friday 5th December**, Ablaze Youth will be having a **CHRISTMAS PARTY from 6pm-8pm**. Join them for a night filled with Christmas cheer, fun games, music, and festive surprises! You definitely don't want to miss out on this awesome session at CRC Hall for all in Year 7 to 12.

A MARIAN RETREAT INVITATION

A half-day Marian Retreat organised by the Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows Praesidium, will be held on 7 December, commencing after the 12:30 pm Mass and concluding at 5:00 pm at the Mary MacKillop Building at CRC. Fr Richard will give two talks during the retreat. We warmly invite you to join us. Please write your name on the clipboard provided, as we need to confirm attendance for catering purposes.



BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith the following who are Baptised on Saturday 29 November:
Vada de Castro, Elijah Ocampo-Lee, Ezra Carneiro, Mase & Sienna Vongue, Alexander & Oliver Corbett.
Please pray for them and their families!

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