



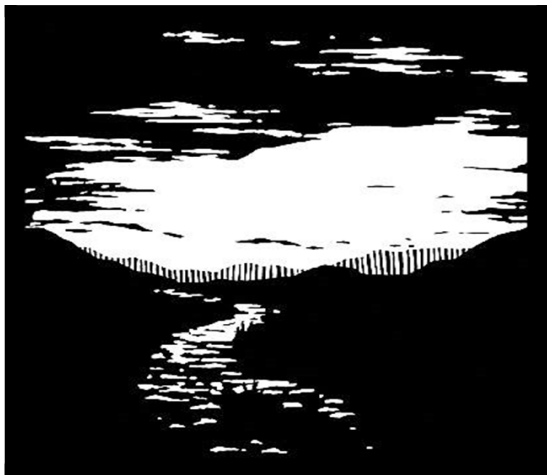
Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

(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."*

2nd Sunday of Advent (Yr A) – 7 December 2025



*"This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:
'A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for
the Lord, make his paths straight.'"* (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.**

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 35:1-6,10; Ps 145; Jm 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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, Noah Bonello, Baby Niko, Jennifer Yamzon

For the Dead

8:30am: Joseph Grech, Kenneth Powell |

10:30am: Mary Mifsud, Giuseppe Milazzo, Carmelo & Giuseppina Milazzo, Gaetano & Giuseppina Mellia |

Church Finances for the Last Quarter (July-Sept25)

Total Income: \$ 103,968.00 | Expenditure: \$ 102,256.00

Surplus: \$ 1,712.00

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

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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 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)

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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 December 2025.

For as long as I remember I have followed Jesus because He has been in my heart, he has been my friend and the love of the Holy spirit has strengthened and guided me since I was young.

My name is Fr. Vespa and I was born at St Andrew's Hospital, East Melbourne, 31 January 1984, and baptised on Easter Sunday, 22 April 1984, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Thornbury East. When I was still young my family moved to the parish of St. Mary's Greensborough where I attended primary school and received my primary level sacraments.

When I celebrated my first holy communion Christ's love came over me but it was an unconscious love, not in the head but in the heart. That was the first time I felt the true sense of God's grace in my life, it was Sunday, 24 October 1992, when I was eight years old.

It was not until I was 18 years old while in year 12 when I felt the same feeling again - that same feeling I experienced when I was 8 years old.

Ten years later it was different. This time it was in the head as well as the heart, but because of this I consciencely knew that it was God calling me.

After year 12 I discerned about joining the seminary, though I felt the Holy Spirit prompting me to go and gain life experience. Which I did -

Following secondary college, I began work in the hospitality industry, working as a traditional pizza maker, waiter, restaurant manager and finally completing a Certificate III in Hospitality, becoming a qualified chef. On completion of the chef apprenticeship, I travelled abroad for two years to work in London, also spending some time working in a small village restaurant in the Abruzzo region of Italy. Following this I returned to Australia in late 2009 and began studying a Bachelor of Nutritional Medicine. Upon graduation, I worked in a private clinic until making the decision to apply to the seminary in April 2018. While on a family holiday in Rome with my father and mother in August 2018 I mentioned to them, I was going to begin seminary formation in 2019. I told my mother in front of 'la pietta' and told my father while we were in St peters square.

I entered Corpus Christi College, the regional seminary for Victoria and Tasmania on the 17 February 2019. During my time in the seminary, I was deeply involved in the life of the college, experienced many elements of formation and learned through a variety of different pastoral experiences. My parish pastoral year was 2022 when in fourth year, I was appointed to the parish of St Anne's and St Bede's under the guidance of the Fr. John Salvano, during which time I learnt not only about the parish and church duties, but I also gained a variety of lived and personal wisdom and experience from Fr John. I was ordained a deacon on 26 October 2024 at St Bede's Catholic Church by the Most Reverend Anthony Ireland. As a deacon I was appointed at the parish of St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park, under the guidance of Fr Anthony Girolami.

As many of you know on the 27 of June 2025, I received the unbelievable blessing to be chosen to represent Australia for the year of Jubilee and was ordained in St peters basilica by Pope Leo XIV.

I look forward to beginning assistant priest at St. Catherine of Siena under the guidance of Fr. Richard Rosse and have the blessed opportunity to journey in faith with all of the parishioners.

May you have a blessed advent,
Fr. Vespa.

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

MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

We need volunteers (Readers, EMHCs, Welcomers and Collectors) for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. All volunteers must be already part of the ministries currently to sign up. There are clipboards with sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space. Please write down your names for the Masses that you will be attending.

RECONCILIATION FOR ADVENT

Confessions for the Advent season will be heard in the parish on Wednesday 17 Dec from 7pm to 8:30pm.



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 Dec**



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Christmas Raffle Tickets will be sold after all Masses commencing THIS WEEKEND.

\$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.



HEALING MASS: CANCELLATION

The healing Mass scheduled for next Sunday 14 December is cancelled. The Spiritual Renewal Ministry (Charismatic Prayer Group) has apologised for the inconvenience.



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

CANCELLATION OF 9:30AM MASS: 24 DECEMBER
 Please note that there will **NO 9:30am Mass on Wednesday 24 December.**

ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS, CAKES & TARTS

Bakers Delight

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 YOUNG ADULTS

Attention 18-35 year olds — don't miss this! We invite you to our final Young Adults meeting this Sunday 7th December at 5pm in the meeting room. It will be a great opportunity to connect and enjoy a fun evening together. Feel free to extend the invitation to any friends aged 18-35.



NEXT 'BINGO': MONDAY 8 DECEMBER

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.



BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith the following who are Baptised on Saturday 6 December:
Adellyn Sarmiento, Zoey Stevens, Olivia Cassar, Zamira Rivera. Please pray for them and their families!

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