



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."*

3rd Sunday of Advent (Yr A) – 14 December 2025



*"Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for
someone else?" (Gospel)*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, come and save us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.**

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 7:10-14; Ps 23; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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

For the Dead

Recent Death: Ghislain Pierre

6:00pm: Herman Quadros |

8:30am: Leo Diver, Thomas Scott |

12:30pm: Renato Villar |

Church Finances for the Last Quarter (July-Sept25)

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

Surplus: \$ 1,712.00

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

Asst Priest: REV. FR JOHN VESPA

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 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

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(PRINCIPAL: TBC)

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(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

Facebook: @St.Catherine.Siena.CarolineSprings.Australia

 **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**



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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**.

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

Last chance to get your Christmas Raffle tickets after Mass - **\$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5**
 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.



CASH DONATIONS: FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Cash donations to defray the costs of buying flowers for Christmas are most welcome. Please indicate as 'Christmas Flowers' on the envelope when you give a donation. Thank you.

ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS, CAKES & TARTS

Bakers Delight

In partnership with Bakers Delight, Taylors Hill, the parish has extended the cut-off date for taking orders for Christmas hampers, cakes & tarts. **Orders must be placed this weekend and paid for, with the delivery taking place next weekend.** Thank you.

'THANK YOU' NOTE BY ADELE VESTY

Dear Father Richard and Parish Members,
 I wanted to express my heartfelt thanks for the kind words, blessing, and thoughtful gift I received at Mass last Sunday. Your generosity and warmth truly touched me.
 Most of all, thank you for the support, friendship and fellowship you have given me over the past seven years. It has been a privilege to be part of such a vibrant and growing parish, one that promotes the faith with joy and supports the community in so many positive and meaningful ways.
 Please know how grateful I am for everything this parish has been to me. I will carry these memories, relationships and blessings with deep appreciation.
 With sincere thanks and prayers,
 Adele

 **LAST 'BINGO' FOR THE YEAR: MONDAY 15 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.

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