



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."

4th Sunday of Advent (Yr A) – 21 December 2025



"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
Alleluia!**

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 127; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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 Rodrigues, 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

6:00pm: Shiranee Doss, Catherine Williams |

10:30am: Anna Messina |

12:30pm: Antonia Micallef, Maximo Claudio Sr, Ildefonso Claudio |

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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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 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 Michelle Cassar)

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

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"

Friday 19th December 2025.

My dear people,

I would like to start my message this week by sincerely thanking you for all your messages of support to my family and me on the death of my mum's partner. The funeral was celebrated last Tuesday and we returned to Melbourne yesterday. May I please ask you to continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Ghislain Pierre and for my mum and my family at this difficult time.

This is my first message since ACYF occurred from 30th November to 2nd December. My experience of this ACYF is that it was a truly wonderful event which showed young people that it is okay to believe in God and to have a relationship with him. The Praise and Worship sessions were the highlight for me. Over the next few months, I will invite the participants to write down their experiences and share them with us.

Many of you from the community of Christ the Priest Catholic Primary School know that Michelle Cassar has been appointed as the new Principal. I would like to congratulate Michelle on her appointment and wish her God's choicest blessings on her new appointment. Many of you would know Michelle from her role as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in our parish. I look forward to working with Michelle and invite you to pray for her as she embarks on this new mission to which God is calling her.

Yesterday, I received communication from the Archbishop's Office that the petition which Fr Alex Clemente and I had presented to him about the change in parish boundaries has been approved. From 12th of January 2026, the boundaries of the parish will change as per the information shared with you back in October. This is an exciting time for our parish, and we trust that God will accompany us as we seek to understand more clearly what the change in boundaries will mean for the future. One thing for sure is that most Catholics in the new area of the parish come here to Mass. The change in boundaries also means that from next year, there will be a third school in the parish as St Marianne Cope, Mount Atkinson, will fall within our boundaries.

I would like to thank all the people who have worked hard to make our annual Carols by Candlelight a success. I would like to thank everyone who sang and the musicians, members of the Carols Committee, members of the Social Committee, our sponsors, those who helped in the preparation and with the activities held on the day, and Mr Jamie Madigan, Principal of CRC CS for allowing us to use the facilities. Most importantly, I thank you for having taken the time to come to the carols and enjoy this very important parish event.

A reminder that the Mass times over Christmas are:

Christmas Eve - Wednesday 24th December: 5pm, 7pm, and 9pm and

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

Please note that there will be **NO 12:30pm Mass** on 25th December.

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
Carols
by Candlelight



We thank all those who were involved in organising and supporting the Parish Carols by Candlelight last Sunday. It was a great success. We also thank all our sponsors for coming forward to make this event possible.

THANK YOU!

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - WINNERS!
 Thank you for supporting our Christmas Raffle. Here are the names of our winners:
 First Prize Winner: **Gordon Fabijanac**
 Second Prize Winner: **Chris Taarling**
 Third Prize Winner: **Mackenzie Mallia**
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!



DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROMOTE IT?
 As part of our effort to raise funds, the parish is planning to accept and publish local business advertisements in our weekly parish bulletin. This initiative is also aimed at both creating opportunities for businesses and tradies, and it also serves a local directory for parishioners to find services they might need. For more information, please contact Joe Sequeira at 0422 441 078 or the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE
 Please note that the parish office will be closed over the Christmas and New Year period from 1:30pm on Wednesday, 24 December 2025, to Friday, 2 January 2026. The office will re-open on **Monday 5 January** in a limited capacity as staff will be on holidays. Normal office operation will resume from Monday 2 February onward. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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.

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES
 Christmas envelopes are available in the gathering space. This supports our own priests, the sick and retired priests in the Archdiocese and the bishops. Envelopes can be returned in the baskets either during the 1st or 2nd collection. Thank you.

ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS, CAKES & TARTS

 We kindly ask all those who placed orders for one or more of the items to collect them after Mass. We thank Bakers Delight, Taylors Hill in partnering up with the parish in this fundraising project. We thank all who supported us in one way or another. Thank you.

THE ROSARY PROJECT
 The Rosary Project visit has been rescheduled to this weekend. Maria Alberto will be speaking at Masses and then selling items to raise funds for this ministry (perfect last minute Christmas gifts or stocking fillers). You also have the opportunity to sponsor a school pack (including the children's rosary book) for \$30 to help get a copy in every Catholic primary school. Learn more about the ministry at www.therosaryproject.net

ABLAZE PLAYGROUP
 Our parish playgroup has finished for the year. Their last gathering was on Thursday 18 December. The playgroup will recommence when school reopens in 2026.

BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

 We welcome into the Catholic faith the following who are Baptised on Saturday 20 December: **Caio & Gabriela Garing, Carter & Mya Mohandas, Noah Malwahandi Silva, Macy Dsouza & Emily Molitoris**. Please pray for them and their families!

LAST BULLETIN FOR THE YEAR
 Please note that the last edition of the parish bulletin for this year is published this weekend, the 4th Sunday of Advent, 21 December 2025. We will start publication of next year's volume on the weekend of the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time from the 1st of February 2026 onward.

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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

NO 9:30AM MASS: 24 DECEMBER

Please note that there will be **NO 9:30am Mass on Wednesday 24 December.**

NO 1st FRIDAY MASS on 2 JANUARY 2026

Please note that due to the holiday season there will be no 1st Friday Mass on 2 January. The next 1st Friday Mass will be on 6 February.

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