



Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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OUR PARISH VISION

"A welcoming and dynamic faith-filled Catholic Community, living and sharing the Gospel, to set the world ablaze."

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 1 February 2026



'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.' (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
**Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 145; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 58:7-10; Ps 111; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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, 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

10:30am: Mariano & Kitty Attard, Tedia Cauchi, Maria Emily Penaranda, Mary Mifsud |

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Mass Offering/Intention for the Dead – Please submit these no later than 12 noon on Thursdays | **Announcements & Notices** – Please submit these by the end of Wednesday. Thank you.

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

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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 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 30th January 2026.

My dear people,

I am filled with great joy as I sit at my desk to write my first fortnightly message for 2026. While it was good to have a break, I do enjoy bringing you different pieces of news about what is going on in the life of the parish. As we slowly resume our normal activities for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the year ahead and pray that all your hopes, desires and endeavours come to fruition. I also hope that you achieve all that you seek to do this year and that, as a parish, we continue to move ahead with missionary renewal.

This past week, Fr Vespa celebrated Mass with the staff of our three catholic primary schools and staff of CRC Caroline Springs. Earlier today, he celebrated Mass with the Year 7 cohort of CRC Caroline Springs and their families as they embark on this next step in their lives. Next week, he will celebrate Mass at CRC Caroline Springs, St George Precia, and Christ the Priest as we ask God's blessings upon all the desires and projects of everyone in the schools of the parish.

Many activities of the parish will resume over the next few weeks. To name a few:

- ***Ablaze Youth Group on Friday 6th February***
They meet every Friday between 6pm and 8pm in the CRC Hall. Parishioners in Year 7 to Year 12 are most welcome to attend.
- ***Men's Group on Friday 13th February***
- ***Ablaze Young Adults Group on Sunday 15th February***
They meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month between 5pm and 7pm in the meeting rooms of the church. Parishioners aged between 18 and 35 years old are most welcome to attend.

I am delighted to announce a new initiative in the parish which we heard last weekend from Gavin. VIA - The Discipleship Journey is designed to fit into the reality of busy lives, offering a simple and gentle rhythm rather than a demanding schedule. Gatherings will focus on friendship, learning and reflecting on our Catholic faith, prayer and meaningful conversation. You will also have the opportunity to be part of a small group that will meet monthly, allowing space for genuine relationships, shared faith and mutual support. This journey is open to anyone who desires to grow in faith, to draw closer to Jesus and to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith. The Discipleship Journey begins on Wednesday 4 February at 7.00pm, in the Church Meeting Room. I warmly encourage you to join and take this next step in your faith! You can register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1528043>.

I would also like to share with you that I am accompanying Archbishop Comensoli on a "fact-finding mission" to France on Sunday and will be back on 13th February. A little more than 17,000 adults became catholic last year in France and Archbishop Comensoli is keen to learn how and why this has happened and whether anything done at these dioceses can be learned and principles applied in our context. He has asked me to come and help with the French language. I will use this opportunity to learn from these dioceses in terms of missionary renewal and hopefully be able to apply these principles here in our growing parish. Fr Vespa will look after you in my absence.

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

HOSPITALITY - NEXT WEEKEND

Coffee, tea, biscuits and cakes will be served after Mass. Please join us.

VIA

The Discipleship Journey

Starting: Wednesday 4 February 2026!

Grow in your faith & walk alongside others in a warm and welcoming community.

Main Sessions:

1st Wednesday of the Month,
at the Church Meeting Room, 7pm

Small Group Meet-Ups:

During the third week of the month.

More Info &
Registration



www.stcatherinecarolinesprings.org.au/via

ABLAZE YOUNG ADULTS

There will be **NO Ablaze Young Adults Group** meeting this Sunday. The next meeting will be held on Sunday 15 February from 5pm to 7pm in the meeting room. Adults from the ages of 18 and 35 are most welcome.

RECOMMENCES - FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS

Please note that the 8:00am Mass on Fridays will resume from next Friday 6 February onward during this school term. All are welcome.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PILGRIMAGE 2026



Our parish is organising a pilgrimage to Italy and Croatia, tracing back to places where St Catherine visited. The pilgrimage will be from **19 Sept to 4 Oct.**
\$8,990 AUD per person / 30+ Paying Pilgrims
\$9,290 AUD per person / 20 + Paying Pilgrims
Single room (except on the ferry) \$1,790 per person
A copy of your passport and a deposit is required in order to secure the early bird.
For the itinerary, call or email the office and it will be sent to you. For more details and bookings, please call Magi Pilgrimages at 03 8839 6615.

2026 Sacrament Programme - Society of Christian Doctrine

The program is for children who live within our parish boundary attending government and private schools. It will commence with an **enrolment and information night:**

When: **Tuesday, 10 February 2026**

Time: **7:00 – 8.00pm**

Where: **CRC Cafeteria**

Please contact the Preca Community, email:
Angelo.abela@bigpond.com

IMPORTANT:

For first time enrolment, please provide a copy of the child's Baptism certificate.



ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP

The Ablaze Youth Group will resume their gathering on **Friday 6 February from 6pm to 8pm** at Catholic Regional College Hall. All those in high school Years 7-12 are more than welcome to come along. So, don't miss this opportunity. For further enquiries, please contact: stcatherineyg@gmail.com

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Next Friday, **6 February** is the first Friday of the month. We will have **Mass at 7:00pm**, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Confession.

1st SATURDAY DEVOTION TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The next session of praying of the rosary in honour of Immaculate Heart of Mary will be on **Saturday 7 February at 3:30pm** in the meeting room.



ELECTRONIC KEYBOARD

One of our parishioners has an electronic keyboard to give away. It is about 10 years old and in a complete working order. If you are interested, please call the parish office.



'BINGO' RESUMES: MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY

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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