



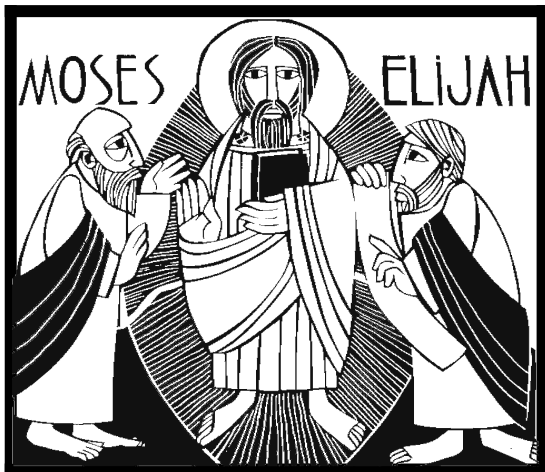
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OUR PARISH VISION

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

2nd Sunday of Lent (Yr A) – 1 March 2026



*"This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.
Listen to him." (Gospel)*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is
heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Today's Scripture Readings

Gen 12:1-4; Ps 32; 2 Tm 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 94; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the Sick

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

6:00pm: Charles & Noelle Forbes, | **8:30am:** |
10:30am: John DeBono, Anthony Ong Wee Lee, |
12:30pm: |

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.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Every 2nd Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm (KOREAN)

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

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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 27th February 2026.

My dear people,

One of the very important ministries in our parish is the Children's Liturgy, which happens at the 10:30am Mass during school time. The purpose of the Children's Liturgy is to talk about and explain the Gospel of the day to children in such a way that they can take a message from it. We have some tremendous volunteers who look after that ministry when it is on. I need to ensure that I am helping them achieve the goals of the ministry, as mentioned above. When very young children go to the Children's Liturgy it makes it very difficult for the volunteers to achieve the goals mentioned above since the point of that ministry is not to look after children during the readings at Mass. This is why the Children's Liturgy is only from children from Grade Prep to Grade 4 until the reception of First Holy Communion. From that point we believe that our children are able to understand the Real Presence so they are able to stay for the duration of Mass and hear all the readings proclaimed.

When I visited St John's Parish in Indiana in 2022, a wonderful ministry that I saw there was actually minding children during Mass. This ministry enabled the parents of smaller children to completely participate in the Mass and not have to follow toddlers around. It is indeed one cherished dream and desire of mine that one day we can offer that ministry in our parish. However, at present, we do not have the space to offer it. It will be with your donations to the projects for the future of the parish that our parish will be able to offer that ministry sometime in the future.

This evening, we resume the Vigil of Prayers for the reparation of all the harms caused by sin. As we know the Church has had this custom for many years and it is indeed important to pray that the damage caused by sin be repaired. This year we pray particularly in response to the appeal made by Our Lady when she appeared in 1925 in Pontevedra to Saint Lucia who had preciously witnesses the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima. Ove the year 2025 – 2026 there will be many such vigils to hearken to the appeal of our Lady. We will start with Mass at 8pm and those who so wish can start the evening with Stations of the Cross at 7pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:30 until Benediction at 11:50pm. The Sacrament of Confession will be available during the time of Exposition. There will be prayers also from 8:30pm until Benediction.

I am delighted to share with you the awesome news that Fr Vespa has been appointed as Vocations Promoter of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Fr Vespa thus joins the team of the Vocations office together with the Vocations Director, the Assistant Vocations Director and two other Vocations Promoters. Fr Vespa will have the particular responsibility of promoting vocations to the priesthood in schools, both primary and secondary. I invite you to pray for Fr Vespa in this new ministry of his as well as to pray for vocations to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, particularly from our parish.

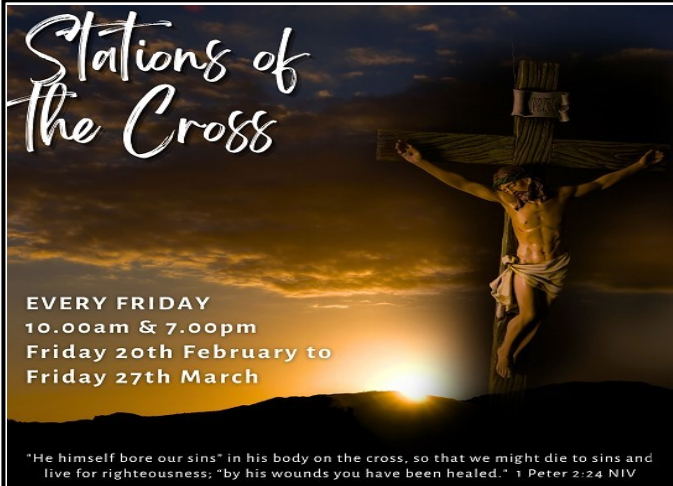
We continue turning to our patron saint and we ask for her intercession.

St Catherine of Siena, Pray for us.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS

Please note that there will be **NO 8:00am Mass** on 6 March.



ABLAZE YOUNG ADULTS

The Ablaze Young Adults will be gathering this **Sunday 1 March in the church meeting room at 5pm**. Young adults between the ages of 18 and 35 are welcome to attend. Ablaze Young Adults meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

CASH DONATIONS: FLOWERS FOR EASTER

We welcome any cash donations to defray the costs of buying flowers for Easter celebration. Please indicate as 'Easter Flowers' on the envelope when you give a donation.



DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



The next first Friday Mass and Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be on **6th of March**. Due to **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at 7pm, **MASS** will be at **7:30pm**, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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 March at 3:30pm** in the meeting room.



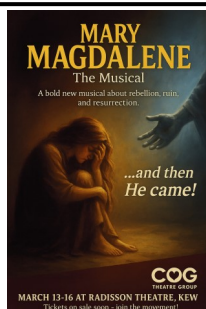
MARY MAGDALENE The Musical

An uplifting Lenten production retelling the journey of Mary Magdalene through music and story. When:

Fri & Sat 13-14 March @ 7:00 pm
Sat & Sun 14-15 March @ 1:00 pm

Venue: [Renaissance Theatre, High Street, Kew](#)

Ticket Booking: trybooking.com/DHZPD



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Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world. Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza.

Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

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You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code. Or online at:

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Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.



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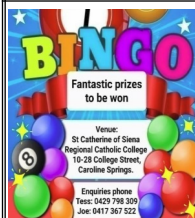
The Discipleship Journey

Upcoming Meeting:

Wed 4th March 2026, 7pm
at the Church Meeting Room!

More Info & Registration

www.stcatherinecarolinesprings.org.au/via
gavin.muscat@cam.org.au



NEXT 'BINGO':

MONDAY 2 MARCH

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. CASH ONLY**

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