



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."

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 15 February 2026



"Leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Sir 15:15-20; Ps 118; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 50; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

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, 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: Mara Vdovic, Carmen Attard & family, Gerald Rapinett & family, Paul Cassar | **10:30am:** Patrick LaManna, Jeanette Fernandes, Anthony Ong Wee Lee | **12:30pm:** Abraham Thomas

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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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)

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Website: www.stcatherinecarolinesprings.org.au

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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 13th February 2026.

My dear people,

I returned this morning from my visit to France where I accompanied Archbishop Comensoli as he sought to understand the reasons behind the surge in adults seeking initiation into the Catholic Church. Teresa Rhyenhart, Director for Mission and Annie Carrett, Chancellor of the Archdiocese, also accompanied the Archbishop. While in France, we met with the Archbishops of Marseille, Lyon and Paris, as well as the people in these dioceses who look after catechumens, candidates of Confirmation and the newly baptised. The most salient point for me was the accompaniment that is offered to people from the moment they indicate a desire to be baptised or complete their initiation as adults and that accompaniment lasts several years, not just until confirmation. I have indeed learnt a lot and much of what I learnt can be put into practice in our parish. I will discuss all these matters with the PLT and let you know what we decide in due course.

It is hard to believe that the season of Lent is already upon us! Ash Wednesday is next Wednesday 18th February and, as was announced, we will have three Masses at 9:30am, 6pm and 7:30pm. The Masses will include the imposition of ashes. We are still in need of Extra ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who will also help with the imposition of ashes, for these three Masses. I encourage EMHCs to please check the sheet in the gathering space for the Mass which you will attend.

The imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday as we begin Lent this year reminds us of the need to repent and believe the good news as we are invited to take up the Lenten observances of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. May I offer a reminder concerning the law of abstinence which stipulates that Catholics must abstain from eating meat as well as fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. During the season of Lent, we will have the stations of the cross in our parish every Friday of Lent at 10am and 7pm, except for Good Friday when it will be at 9:30am.

I am pleased to announce that Ablaze Young Adults will resume their activities for this year on Sunday 15th February. Ablaze Young Adults is a place where our younger parishioners aged between 18 and 35 years can grow deeper in their relationship with our Lord while also being a place of fellowship and formation.

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

TIMETABLE FOR LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 18 February
Mass (with imposition of Ashes):
9:30am, 6:00pm & 7:30pm



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday Morning & Evening
during Lent (Starting Friday 20
February)

10:00am (after morning Mass)
& **7:00pm**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

We are still in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) for Ash Wednesday Mass. If you are a current member of the ministry and are available, please sign-up in the gathering space.

LENTEN RETREAT FOR YOUTH

The Little Sisters of the Poor in Northcote are inviting youth for a day of prayer and reflection. The Lenten Retreat for youth is free, and lunch will be provided. Details:

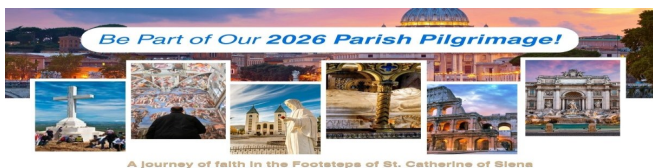
When: **Saturday 14th March 2026**

Time: **09:30am – 6:00pm**

Venue: **Little Sisters of the Poor, 112B St Georges Road, Northcote**

For more information & registration, please contact Sr Maureen at 0416609878 or email: srmaureenmokaya@gmail.com

FOOTSTEPS OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PILGRIMAGE 2026

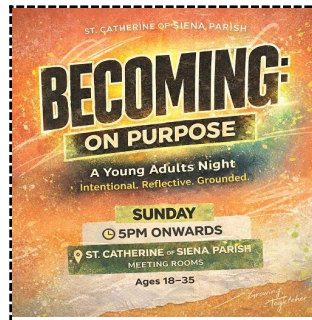


Our parish is organising a pilgrimage to Italy and Croatia, tracing back to places where St Catherine visited. The pilgrimage will be from **19 Sept to 4 Oct.**
\$8,990 AUD per person / 30+ Paying Pilgrims
\$9,290 AUD per person / 20+ Paying Pilgrims

Single room (except on the ferry) \$1,790 per person
A copy of your passport and a deposit is required in order to secure a place.

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.

Early Bird Special ends on 15 February 2026.



ABLAZE YOUNG ADULTS

The Ablaze Young Adults will be gathering this **Sunday 15 February** 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.



ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP

Ablaze Youth is inviting a SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER from the Australian Catholic Youth Festival on **Friday 27 February** from

6pm-8pm at CRC Hall. All those in high school Years from 7 to 12 are more than welcome to come along. For further enquiries, please contact: stcatherineyg@gmail.com

VIGILS OF REPARATION

There will an evening of prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday 27 February** in the parish.

The evening starts with **Stations at 7:00pm**, then **Mass at 8:00pm**, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary, prayers, and then ending with Mass again at 12 midnight.

Parishioners are most welcome to come and join. For more information, please refer to posters in the gathering space.

2026 COMMUNION OF REPARATION VIGILS



ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR

One of our parishioners has an electric wheelchair to give away. For more information and pick-up, please call Vivien on 0450 941 057.



NEXT 'BINGO': MONDAY 16 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. CASH ONLY**

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