



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."

3rd Sunday of Lent (Yr A) – 8 March 2026



"Sir," said the woman, "give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give
me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ps 22; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

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: Tessie Cini, Jude Jenniston |
10:30am: Anthony Ong Wee Lee |
12:30pm: John Marangoly |

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

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

Asst Priest: REV. FR JOHN VESPA

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday 9:30am–1:30pm

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

CHRIST THE PRIEST CATHOLIC PRI SCH (Prep-Yr. 6)

54 Caroline Springs Blvd. | Phone: 93618600

(PRINCIPAL: Mrs Michelle Cassar)

ST GEORGE PRECA CATHOLIC PRI SCH (Prep-Yr. 6)

22-48 Lancefield Drive | Phone: 7378 5500

(PRINCIPAL: Mr Michael Ozbun)

ST MARIANNE COPE CATHOLIC PRI SCH (Prep-Yr. 6)

35 Sentinel Parade, Mount Atkinson 3029 | Phone: 9003 3697

(PRINCIPAL: Mrs Jacqueline Byrne)

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE CS (Year 7-10)

10 College Street, Caroline Springs | 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

Stations of the Cross



EVERY FRIDAY
10.00am & 7.00pm
Friday 20th February to
Friday 27th March

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness: "by his wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24 NIV

CHRISM MASS @ ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL



THE Chrism Mass at the Cathedral will be celebrated on **Holy Tuesday, 31 March at 10am**. The parish is chartering a bus to bring parishioners to and from the Cathedral. **The bus will leave the church at 8am**. To defray the cost of the bus, we will be cost of \$15 per person. If you would like to attend, please register your details in the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.

CASH DONATIONS: FLOWERS FOR EASTER



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

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW

1st Prize - TV
2nd Prize - Air Fryer
3rd Prize - Easter Hamper

Each ticket costs \$2.00 or buy 3 for \$5.00
Tickets will be sold after all weekend Masses.
Raffle will be drawn after the Easter Vigil Mass.



NEXT 'BINGO': MONDAY 16 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**

Holy Week & EASTER 2026 TIMETABLE



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday 28th March (Vigil) - 6:00pm
Sunday 29th March - 8:30am | 10:30am | 12:30pm

Lenten Reconciliation Evening
Wednesday 1st April
7:00pm to 8:30pm

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 2nd April - 7:30pm
(Followed by Procession & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 midnight @ CRC MacKillop Classrooms)

Good Friday Services - 3rd April
Stations of the Cross - 9:30am
Solemn Passion of the Lord - 3:00pm (CRC Hall)
Tenebrae - 7:30pm

EASTER MASSES
Easter Vigil - Saturday 4th April - 7:30pm
Easter Sunday - 5th April
8:30am | 10:30am | 12:30pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

We need Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC), Welcomers, and Collectors for Holy Week liturgies. Please choose one ministry per Mass to put your name down for Holy Week liturgies so that others have a chance to volunteers too. Sign-up sheets are in the gathering space.

MASS OF THE SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH

Thursday 19 March 2026

There will be a Mass in the parish in honour of St Joseph, the father of Jesus, and the husband of Mary, the Mother of God on Thursday 19th of March at 6:30pm. Parishioners are welcome.



ABLAZE MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

The Ablaze Men's Group will meet on **Friday 13 March**. Since there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm, the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 7:30pm to 8:15pm, with Confession. Adoration finishes with Benediction, followed by fellowship at the presbytery. Fr Hoang Dinh will be helping with Confessions, which is available for everyone.

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FUNERAL MASS – PAUL XUEREB

Paul Xuereb passed away recently. Paul was a regular Mass attendee at the Saturday 6pm, and he was also an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and a Collector.

The Requiem Mass will held on Wednesday 18 March at 11:00am. Parishioners are invited to attend to pray for the repose of the soul of Paul.

GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Grief & Bereavement Ministry aims to support members of the church who are going through tough times. Ministry members will provide a listening ear and companionship. The following are ways in which you can get in touch with them:

1. Speak to one of the ministry members directly
2. Call the parish office
3. Speak to Fr Richard

VISITATIONS OF OUR LADY'S STATUE



Our Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, Presidium is inviting parishioners to welcome our Lady's statue into their homes, which will be a visible reminder of Our Blessed Mother who intercedes for us. Interested parishioners can write down their contact details in the sign-up sheet in the gathering space. For more information, call **Mary Rose Peeters on 0412 797 005.**

BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith the following who are baptised on Saturday 7 March: **Zion Merandez, Claudia Curmi, Lavinia Balagtas, Matthieu Nania, Cecilia Debono, Franco Gillard & Luciano Galea.** Please pray for them and their families!

FORMED

ONLINE CATHOLIC MATERIALS FOR ALL

Parishioners are invited to access this platform for **FREE** on all sorts of Catholic based materials like talks, audio dramas, e-books, and even cartoons for children. There are over 4,000 catholic studies that are available from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with materials that are professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. To gain access to all of FORMED's content, follow these simple steps:

*Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>

*Enter our parish's postcode

*Enter your name and your email address



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this Lent

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.

Please donate today

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

www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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



ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP



Ablaze Youth is having a session with Fr Richard next **Friday 13 March** at 6pm-8pm at CRC Hall. Fr Richard

will touch on all things about Mass — what to expect, the do's and don'ts, and how to get the most out of this sacred celebration. It is an opportunity not to be missed for all high school students from Years 7 to 12. For further enquiries, please contact: stcatheriney@gmail.com

MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY 2026

Recruiting NOW!



The Melbourne Passion Play re-enacts the journey of Jesus Christ's life from baptism to crucifixion.

The play will be performed on Palm Sunday at 1:00pm & Good Friday at 10am at CRC Sydenham, 380 Sydenham Rd, Sydenham VIC 3037. Rehearsals have started. Those interested

in taking part, please contact Gino Gammaldi on 0422662451. NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.

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