



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."*

5th Sunday of Lent (Yr A) – 22 March 2026



"When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Today's Scripture Readings

Ex 37:12-14; Ps 129; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 50:4-7; Ps 21; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 - 27:66

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the Sick

Conchita Claudio, Patricia Muscat, Mary Buhagiar, Emmanuel Chime, Violeta Serimogan, Ezio Rischitelli, Alida Beric, Arturo De Jesus, 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

6:00pm: John Gatt, Anita Claudio, Ildefonsa Claudio, Grace Cini, Maria Cuadra | **8:30am:** Victor Farrugia |
10:30am: Jaime Abulon, Norieza Abulon, Carla Villarante, Ponciano Arquero Jr |

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

Parish Coordinator: MR ROBERT DURAI

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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)

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(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

RECONCILIATION FOR LENT

Confessions for the season of Lent will be held in the parish on **Wednesday 1 April from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.**

Divine Mercy 2026

St Catherine of Siena Parish

Novena Chaplet

Good Friday 3 April	5:00 PM
Saturday 4 April	3:00 PM
Easter Sunday 5 April	4:00 PM
Monday 6 April	10:00 AM
Tuesday 7 April	6:15 PM
Wednesday 8 April	10:00 AM
Thursday 9 April	10:00 AM
Friday 10 April	10:00 AM
Saturday 11 April	10:00 AM

Divine Mercy Sunday - 12 April

3:00 PM	Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet Sacrament of Reconciliation (from 3:00pm onward)
4:00 PM	Holy Mass

"Through the Divine Mercy Novena I will grant every possible grace to souls (Dlary, 1994), and on Divine Mercy Sunday I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those who approach the fount of My mercy (Dlary, 1994)." —Jesus to Faustina Kowalska

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Dates & Times of Novena and Chaplet:

Good Friday 3 April – 5:00PM
Saturday 4 April – 3:00 PM
Sunday 5 April – 4:00 PM
Monday 6 April – 10:00 AM
Tuesday 7 April – 6:15 PM
Wednesday 8 April to
Saturday 11 April – 10:00 AM
Sunday 12 April (Divine Mercy Sunday):-

3:00 PM – Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament (including Chaplet of Divine Mercy) & Confessions | 4:00 PM – Holy Mass

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, there will be a cost of \$15 per person. If you would like to attend, please register your details in the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

NEW Women's MINISTRY

STARTS MONDAY 30TH MARCH | 7.00PM



PRAYER | SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION | ADORATION | GUEST SPEAKERS | SMALL GROUP SHARING | FELLOWSHIP

WHEN: LAST MONDAY EACH MONTH | 7:00pm to 8:00pm
WHERE: Church Meeting Room

For more information contact Tina Matana on 0429 798 309 or email tina_matana@hotmail.com

ABLAZE WOMEN MINISTRY

The Ablaze Women Ministry is starting from **Monday 30 March** onward in the parish. The group will meet on the last Monday of the month in the **meeting room from 7pm to 9pm.** Prayer, scriptural reflection, Adoration, guest speakers, small group sharing and fellowship will be the focus of the ministry. For more information, please email tina_matana@hotmail.com



'BINGO': MONDAY 30 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. CASH ONLY**

GOOD FRIDAY ENVELOPES



The annual collection for the support in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 3rd of April. The missionary work helps in areas like health, education, employment and housing. Apart from the usual collection taken up on that day, envelopes are also available in the gathering space.

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.

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

The Parish Feast Day will be celebrated on Sunday 3 May 2026 at CRC Hall after the 12:30pm Mass. Please keep this date available. More details soon.



ALPHA PROGRAM

The new Alpha Program is starting on Wednesday 22 April, and it runs for 9 weeks. The Alpha program is for those who have faith to deepen their faith and for those who do not yet know God to come to know God.

Registration is now open via TryBooking.

Use the following link or QR code to register. <https://www.trybooking.com/DHLNA>



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH IS COMMITTED TO BUILDING A CHILD-SAFE ENVIRONMENT



PARISH BARBECUE

The monthly barbecue is this **Sunday 22 March** after the 12:30pm Mass. You are welcome to attend. We particularly thank Bakers Delight, Taylors Hill, for providing bread for the BBQ.

VIGILS OF REPARATION

There will an evening of prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday 27 March** in the parish. The evening starts with **Stations of the Cross 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 join. For more information, please refer to the posters in the gathering space.

2026 COMMUNION OF REPARATION VIGILS

100th Anniversary of Our Lady's Appeal in Pontevedra, Spain



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.

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



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAITH COMMUNITY

We warmly welcome into the Catholic faith Stephanie O'Brien, daughter of Ann O'Brien, who will be baptised, confirmed and receive Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday 22 March at the 12:30pm Mass. Please pray for Stephanie and her family.



MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has formally signed the Degree of Convocation of the Melbourne Synod. The

synod assembly will be held across the weekend of 4-6 December 2026. A synodal gathering is focused on pastoral renewal and can result in decrees or pastoral plans that guide the diocese in its planning. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli invited the community to join the journey and identified three key themes for the Synod:

- Young Discipleship
- Missionary Leadership
- Formation and Participation

More information about the synod, and a video by Archbishop Peter inviting the whole Catholic community to pray for the synod can be found on the Archdiocese website (please copy the link and paste on your browser)

<https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

MASS INTENTIONS - HOLY WEEK (PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER VIGIL)

Please note that **it will not be possible to take** any Mass intentions for Holy Week, starting from Saturday 28 March (Palm Sunday) until the following Saturday 4 April (Easter Vigil) due to the differences in the liturgy from the ordinary Sunday Masses. Thank you for your understanding.

PALMS & OLIVE BRANCHES & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need palms branches (both small and large) and olive branches for Palm Sunday celebrations. **Please deliver them to the church on Friday 27 March or Saturday morning 28 March by 10.00am at the latest.**

We are also need volunteers to help prepare palms and olive branches for the Masses. If you could help, please come to the church on Saturday 28 March at 10.00am. Please bring a secateurs.

Parishioners attending Masses next weekend are requested to bring your own palms and olive branches for blessing.

MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY 2026



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 1:30pm & 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.

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