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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Yr A) – 29 March 2026



"Look, your king comes to you: he is humble, he rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden" (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 117; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

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

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Mass Offering/Intention for the Dead – Please submit these no later than 12 noon on Thursdays |
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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

ABLAZE WOMEN MINISTRY

Last Monday of the Month: 7:00pm

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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 March 2026.

My dear people,

This week, I begin my message by re-iterating that the 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on 3 April this year will be celebrated in the CRC Hall. This decision has not been made lightly. As everyone knows, we are very blessed to have about 1,800 people coming to Mass every weekend in our parish. Since our church can sit around 600 with the chairs in the meeting rooms, celebrating this liturgy in the church means only two thirds of the regular Mass goers coming for the 3pm liturgy will not have a place to sit. Since many of the people are elderly, it is better to have about 1,300 seats available for the larger number of people who will be coming to that liturgy. The CRC Hall will make this possible. We shall see how this works this year. I am very grateful to Mr. Jamie Madigan, CRC Principal for making this possible.

This evening, we have our second 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 witnessed the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima. Over 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 8:30pm until Benediction at 11:50pm. The Sacrament of Confession will be available during the time of Exposition. There will also be prayers from 8:30pm until Benediction.

In preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection, that is Easter, we will have our Lenten opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession on Wednesday 1st April from 7pm to 8:30pm. There will be seven priests available. As Easter approaches very fast, we are all making different preparations for our family celebrations. It is likewise very important to spiritually prepare for Easter by having our sins absolved before Easter.

I wish you a very blessed Holy Week. As we enter into the high point of our liturgical calendar, I pray that, as we re-live the last days of the life of Our Lord, we might appreciate anew the infinite love that he has for us. The times of the different liturgies for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum are on the noticeboard in the gathering space, in the bulletin and on our website.

Last week, I preached on a few matters relating to the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. I would like to reiterate the importance of making sure that your hand is open wide to receive the Blessed Sacrament and to consume it as soon as it is given to you. Also, a reminder that ministry does not require clapping so there is no need to clap after the last hymn at the end of Mass. Occasionally people might be invited to clap when we are celebrating someone's milestone or at the celebration of the sacrament, but ministry does not need to be clapped. Finally, a reminder to make every effort to be in the church and seated five minutes before Mass and not to leave before the Final Blessing and Dismissal. My homily of last week is on the website should you wish to read it. It is available here. <https://stcatherinecarolinesprings.org.au/2026/03/27/homily-by-fr-richard-rosse-5th-sunday-of-lent-year-a-22-march-2026/>

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

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

Eastern 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

(3:00pm to 4:00pm)

4:00 PM Holy Mass

Through the Divine Mercy Novena (and part every evening)

from Good Friday 7pm to 10pm (Divine Mercy Novena)

and the Divine Mercy Chaplet (3:00pm to 4:00pm)

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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):-

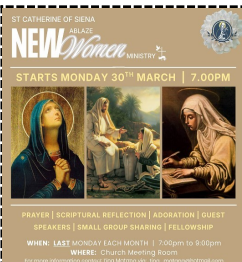
3:00 PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

(including Chaplet of Divine Mercy) & Confessions |

4:00 PM - Holy Mass

CLOSURE OF CRC STAFF CAR-PARK GATE DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Please note that CRC staff car-park gate will be closed from 9:00am until 4:00pm during school term and hours. This is due to the government regulation in regard to school children safety. Parishioners are requested to make use of street parking when attending Mass on weekday mornings or come to the church to pray during these hours. Thank you.



ABLAZE WOMEN MINISTRY

The Ablaze Women Ministry is starting from **Monday 30 March** 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

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.



'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**

T E N E B R A E

The name Tenebrae - the Latin word for 'darkness' or 'shadows' - has for centuries been applied to the combined Offices of Matins and Lauds on the last three days of Holy Week, which in medieval times came to be anticipated on the preceding evenings.

The Service on 3rd April at 7:30pm is based on the Office of Readings (Matins) and Morning Prayer (Lauds) of Holy Saturday in the present Divine Office but also draws upon traditional elements of the Office of Tenebrae. These include the chanting of the Lamentations of Jeremiah, in which some of the verses are introduced by a letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

A conspicuous feature of the service is the progressive extinguishing of candles as the psalms and readings progress, until only a single candle - a symbol of Christ - remains. For a brief time towards the end of the service we remain in darkness, meditating upon the mystery of Christ's death and the apparent victory of darkness and evil in our lives, only to be startled by a loud noise (strepitus) symbolising the earthquake at the time of the resurrection (Matthew 28:2) The single candle is restored to its place, and by its light we pray briefly and finally depart in silence.

GOOD FRIDAY ENVELOPES

The annual collection for the support in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 3rd of April. 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



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>



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