



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 Easter (Yr A) – 19 April 2026



"And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 15; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 2:14, 36-41; Ps 22; 1 Pt 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

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 Dragwidze, Sheldon Rodriques, Sam Simmons, Elba Synott, Nomer Yu, Marianne Lim, Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Mar Tristan Benitez, Divina Gracia Carbungco, Teremoana Tagilima Sea, Noah Bonello, Baby Niko, Jennifer Yamzon, Ana Fernandes

For the Dead

6:00pm: Abraham Thomas, Tony Cefai, Benito F Barbadillo |
8:30am: Gavin Powell, Ken Powell, Bernard Croning, Anthony Elisha, Frank Cassar | **10:30am:** Maurice Waring, Claudette Xavier, Maria La Porta | **12:30pm:** Julie Lobo, Allan Alcantara, Daniel Quirke, Alexander Borg-Cardona |

Church Finances for the Last Quarter (Oct-Dec25)

Total Income: **\$ 135,918.00** | Expenditure: **\$ 108,823.00**
Operating Surplus: **\$ 27,095 .00** | Debt Payment: **\$15,741.00**
Net surplus: \$ 11,354.00

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

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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

ABLAZE WOMEN MINISTRY

Last Monday of the Month: 7:00pm

SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH

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(PRINCIPAL: Mrs Jacqueline Byrne)

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10 College Street, Caroline Springs | Phone: 9217 8000

(PRINCIPAL: Mr Jamie Madigan)

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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 17th April 2026

My dear people,

What a wonderful blessing it is to start the fortnightly message today by recounting what wonderful events Holy Week, Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday were for our parish. We realise that every year, with more and more people moving into the parish, the numbers at all the liturgies of Holy Week are much greater. Hopefully it is something that will continue. The Stations of the Cross on the morning of Good Friday around the oval opposite the church was a moving event. I think that celebrating the liturgy of the Solemn Passion of the Lord in the CRC Hall was the right decision to make. This enabled more than 1000 people to be seated and even then, there were some people outside. We will see next year how we can accommodate them. I would also like to mention here that the rubrics (instructions for the celebrations of liturgies) mention that only one cross should be used for veneration, which explains why we only had the one cross. We need to continue to find better ways of keeping the flow of people fluid as they come to venerate the cross. The Easter Vigil was likewise very moving with nine parishioners completing their initiation into the Catholic Church. Easter Sunday was a wonderful celebration, and we were very honoured to have Bishop Martin Ashe, the Auxiliary Bishop for the Western Region of the Archdiocese, here as Principal Celebrant of the 10:30am Mass. Again, I would like to thank everyone who has played a role, whether small or big, in making sure that our celebrations were so magnificent. All these blessings ought to be celebrated!

Our parish will be hosting a Marian Procession in the parish on the afternoon of 23rd May. The Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians is celebrated on 24th May every year. Our Blessed Mother, under this title, is the patroness of Australia. This year, as Pentecost Sunday is on 24th May, the church in Australia will celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians on 25th May. Nevertheless, we will hold the Marian Procession on 23rd May. Please keep your diaries free for the afternoon of 23rd May and I look forward to seeing many of you then. More information will be made available in the next week.

Another great blessing of the parish is that our 13th Alpha is going to start on Wednesday 22nd April. We heard the testimonies of various participants of Alpha last weekend. We are going to hear about Alpha again this weekend. We are holding a sausage sizzle to raise funds for the running of Alpha. The funds raised will be used to purchase the food that is an integral part of the running of Alpha. I will be very grateful for all the support you can provide with the sausage sizzle. Furthermore, I highly urge you to think about attending Alpha this year. We all have gone through times in our lives when we have questioned the very meaning of life. Perhaps you are going through this right now. Perhaps your daughter or son, brother or sister, or colleague is going through this. Alpha is the best way to come to reflect on the deeper meaning of life, over dinner, a short film and conversation. May I ask you to consider attending and warmly inviting others to attend Alpha? The transformation in people's lives, their healing and closeness to Christ is testament to the fruits this wonderful program has to offer!

A reminder that our Parish Feast Day celebrations will be on 3rd May, immediately after the 12:30pm Mass. If you have not already done so, I humbly ask you to mark your calendars with this event. Furthermore, there is a signup sheet in the Gathering Space for you to indicate your presence and what you can bring to share with your fellow parishioners as we celebrate our Feast Day.

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

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 bring a plate to share.** Please register your name on the attendance list in the gathering space.



VIGILS OF REPARATION

There will an evening of prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday 24 April** in the parish. The evening starts with **Rosary at 6:30pm**, then **Mass at 7:00pm**, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary, prayers, and then ending with Mass again at 12 midnight. Confessions will be available between Masses. For more info, please refer to posters in the gathering space.

MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER *Bakers Delight*

In partnership with Bakers Delight, Taylors Hill, the parish is organising a Mother's Day Fundraiser and will be taking orders for hot-cross buns and scones from next weekend. More details next week.



YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER

Our parish is seeking a passionate Youth Ministry Leader to help grow our Ablaze Youth Group. This permanent part-time role (5-7 hours per week, mainly Fridays) involves leading weekly gatherings, supporting volunteers, and creating a welcoming, faith-filled space for young people in Years 7-12 to connect, build friendships, and grow in their relationship with God. Please help to spread the word. Those interested are invited to submit an application. Learn more here: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/youth-ministry-leader>

ABLAZE YOUNG ADULTS

This Sunday 19th at 5:00pm in the Church Meeting Room, our Ablaze Young Adults gathering will be on the theme - "A Unique Journey". Fr John Vespa will share insights from his life and how God has guided him through different seasons, with key lessons along the way. All young adults aged 18-35 are warmly invited!



THE SECRET of the HOLY FACE

Fr Lawrence Carney, author of The Secret of the Holy Face, will share the history, meaning, and spiritual significance of the Holy Face devotion and how simple daily prayers can become a profound act of reparation and renewal in our world. Please register: <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/the-secret-of-the-holy-face-australian-tour-caroline-springs> (please copy & paste link in browser). **This is a free event.**
Date: **Monday 27 April @ 7:30pm**
Venue: **St Catherine of Siena Parish**
Contact: Evelyn Ogilby 0405 156 971



ALPHA PROGRAM

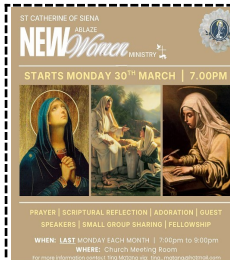
The new Alpha Program is starting on Wednesday 22 April, and it runs for 9 weeks.

The Alpha program is to help people 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>



ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP

Ablaze Youth are having their **FIRST** session for term 2 next **Friday 24 April**. **Deacon Dominic** will be our guest speaker, touching on the topic of **'EUCCHARIST'**. You don't want to miss out! It is from 6pm to 8pm in CRC Hall. All those in high school Years 7-12 are more than welcome.



ABLAZE WOMEN MINISTRY

The Ablaze Women Ministry will be meeting on **Monday 20 April** 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

LAUNCH OF BOOK STALL

The Legion of Mary will be launching a book stall this Sunday after the 10:30am Mass, at the entrance of the church. The stall will be available every fortnight, and all books and literature will be of a religious nature. Individuals are allowed to borrow a book for two weeks.

PARISH EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

The Easter Raffle was drawn on 8 April after the Easter Vigil Mass. Congratulations to our winners.
1st Prize: Evonne Ong | 2nd Prize: Denver Herft
3rd Prize: Addison Gatt | 4th Prize: Tina Matana
Thank you for all who supported this as well as the Social Committee for organising it.

BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith the following who are Baptised on Saturday 18 April: **Cyrus Gemmill, Jacey Nebuwa, Poppy & Parker Watson, Sofia Lopez Tabor-da, Isaiah Donnerborg, Gabriel Sesto, Isabelle & Ivan Dominic**. Please pray for them and their families!



'BINGO' - MONDAY 20 APRIL

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**

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