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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."

4th (Good Shepherd) Sunday of Easter (Yr A) – 26 April 2026



"The sheep hear his voice; one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 32; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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, Ana Fernandes

For the Dead

6:00pm: Fahad Alkes Alias, Nisrat Alkes Putrus |
8:30am: Frano Lukic |

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

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

Asst Priest: REV. FR JOHN VESPA

Parish Coordinator: MR ROBERT DURAI

Parish Secretary: MRS MAGGIE MAZZULLO (Tue - Thur)

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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

ABLAZE WOMEN MINISTRY

Last Monday 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

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.



ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The Annual Mass Count for the Archdiocese will be conducted in the Parish in the month of May. Mass count will take place for the next four weekends at all Masses starting from Sunday 3 May until Sunday 24 May.

ONE-DAY CATHOLIC MARRIAGE RETREAT



Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, St Catherine of Siena Parish and CDF, the retreat will feature inspiring and practical talks led by

Byron and Francine Perola, co-founders and principal authors of the SmartLoving marriage preparation series. They bring decades of real-world experience helping couples build strong, faith-filled marriages.

This day is grounded in our Catholic faith while remaining welcoming and practical for all married couples. Through real-life stories, simple communication tools, and dedicated one-on-one time, our hope is that couples leave not only inspired, but equipped with practical steps to strengthen their marriage.

To ensure that all couples can attend, babysitting services will be provided for the day, making it as accessible as possible for parents.

Date: **Saturday, 30 May 2026**

Venue: **Catholic Regional College**

Time: **9:45am – 5:00pm**

Cost: **\$80 per couple**

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/DLAGK> or scan the QR code. For more info, email: beyondthevows-melb@gmail.com



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



MOTHER'S DAY / WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 (SEOUL, S. KOREA) FUNDRAISING

Bakers Delight

In partnership with Bakers Delight, Taylors Hill, the parish is taking orders for Croissant, Scones, and the ever popular - Bakers Delight's Hot Cross Buns. Place your orders immediately after Mass for delivery on Mother's Day weekend of 9 and 10 May. All orders must be made with payments with **cash only**. Order forms are available from the gathering space. The last day to place an order will be next weekend 2nd and 3rd of May. Thank you.

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>



ALPHA PROGRAM



The new Alpha Program started last 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. **It is not too late to join.** Registration is now open via TryBooking. Use the following link or QR code to register. <https://www.trybooking.com/DHLNA>

PARISH TOWN HALL: THURSDAY 14 MAY

There will be a parish Town Hall on Thursday 17 July at 7pm. We invite parishioners to attend this very important gathering.

We will be presenting our parish financial status, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions relating to the parish. We hope you will attend.

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.

FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS

Please note that the 8:00am Mass on Fridays has resumed from Friday 24 April onward during this school term. All are welcome.

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PARISH BARBECUE

The monthly barbecue is this **Sunday 26 April** after the 12:30pm Mass. You are welcome to attend. We particularly thank Bakers Delight, Taylors Hill, for providing bread for the BBQ.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. *The late Pope Francis said, "There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him."*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Next Friday, **1 May** is the first Friday of the month. We will have **Mass at 7:00pm**, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Confession.

1st SATURDAY DEVOTION TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

There will be praying of the rosary in honour of Immaculate Heart of Mary every first Saturday of the month. The next session is on **Saturday 2 May at 3:30pm** in the meeting room.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION

The annual May Information session has been scheduled. The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and the 50s, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. It is an opportunity to further discern your vocation. Wives most welcome.

The session will be on **Saturday, 2nd May from 10:00am to 11:30am at Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.**

If you are interested, email Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, but if you forget, then just turn up on Saturday morning. All are welcome.



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>



Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday

Appeal. A collection will be taken up after Homily.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.



NEW SETS OF PARISH OFFERTORY PROGRAM ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE
(in the gathering space in alphabetical order)

ONLY FOR THOSE GIVING BY ENVELOPES, PLEASE COLLECT YOURS TODAY!

MARIAN PROCESSION

Our parish will be hosting a **Marian Procession in 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. More information about the procession will be made available soon.



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