



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."

The Ascension Of The Lord (Yr A) – 17 May 2026



Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
**Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.**
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 46; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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 Tagilima Sea, Noah Bonello, Baby Niko, Jennifer Yamzon, Ana Fernandes

For the Dead

6:00pm: Abraham Thomas | **10:30am:** Maria Emily Penaranda |
12:30pm: Anita Claudio, Donato Lavilla, Reynaldo Fernando |

Church Finances for the Month of January 2026

Total Income: \$ 23,088.00 | Expenditure: \$ 20,594.00

Nett surplus: \$ 2,494.00

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



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CAROLINE SPRINGS

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze"

Friday 15th May 2026

My dear people,

I will start by thanking those of you who came to the Parish Town Hall yesterday. It was an opportunity to share with you the good news that, last year, we had a net operating surplus of \$19,070. The Offertory Giving campaign, which ran in March last year, was fruitful and our thanksgiving income increased by \$51,679, compared to 2024. However, owing to our debt repayment, our net situation is still a deficit of \$40,739. Again, I thank all of you who support the parish financially. It is thanks to your contributions that we can not only continue to keep the lights on, as it were, but also to provide for the pastoral initiatives that we do in the parish.

Our parish will be hosting a Marian Procession on the afternoon of 23rd May (next Saturday). The Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians is celebrated on 24th May every year and Our Blessed Mother, under this title, is the patroness of Australia. Since Pentecost Sunday falls on 24th May this year, 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. I look forward to seeing many of you next Saturday. The procession will start at 4.15pm and the path will be as follows: upon exiting the church, we will turn right on The Parade, left on Lake Street, left on Caroline Springs Boulevard and left on College Street to return to the church. We still need volunteers to help carry the statue of Our Lady. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space for you to indicate your availability to assist.

The first of our Healing Masses for this year was a vibrant success. There were around 130 people present, all of whom found the Mass to have brought them what they were looking for. We thank Fr Vespa for celebrating the Mass and the members of SRM for their tremendous work in preparing for the Mass, as well as all who helped with the logistics of the Mass.

This Sunday, at 3pm and 5pm, our younger parishioners from St George Preca Catholic Primary School will be confirmed by Bishop Martin Ashe, the Auxiliary Bishop for the Western Region. We continue to pray for all these younger parishioners of ours that, in confirming their faith, the Holy Spirit will fill them with gentle promptings to always stay close to our Lord. We also thank Bishop Ashe for his generosity in giving his time to confirm them.

I would like to let you know that I will be on annual leave from 7th June until 3rd July this year. Fr David Cartwright and I will travel together to Johannesburg and Mauritius. I will also travel to New York to attend the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Nick Waldron. Deacon Nick, a candidate for the priesthood for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, spent a month with us from June to July in 2022 on a pastoral internship. I was quite moved to receive an invitation to attend his ordination and since it is on 20th June, which is during my annual leave this year, I decided to attend. Please pray for Deacon Nick as he prepares for his Ordination to the Priesthood.

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

VIGILS OF REPARATION

There will be an evening of prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday 22 May** 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.

2026 COMMUNION OF
REPARATION VIGILS



FIRST AID TEAM

The parish is forming groups of volunteers of nurses and doctors to be on standby whenever there is a medical emergency during Mass. If you are interested, please speak to one of the priests after Mass or call the office. There will be a meeting on Saturday 30 May at 3.30pm in the meeting room.

ANYONE WITH TRAILER/S - NEED HELP

We need 1 to 2 people with trailers to help bring cut yaccas to Melton Recycling Facility. Please call Joe White to arrange day and time at 0417 367 522.

HEALING MASS

The Healing Mass last Sunday was well attended and the next Healing Mass will be on Sunday, 9th of August.

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 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

ST GEORGE PRECA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have students from St George Precia Primary School who will be Confirmed this Sunday.

Students:-

Patrick Alkateb, Mika Ajala, Avery Antonopoulos, Alivia Aquilina, Mason Bartolo, Laylah Blanco, Aliyah Borg, Zara Borg, Kate Brown, Anthony Costa, Zoe Fenech, Blake Donnerborg, Mila Drinovac, Frank Dow Esposito, Alyssa Fraietta, Rafael Garcia, Ivy Gatt, Summer Grech, Samuel Hinson, Sienna Irabor, Jake Janusko, Mia Johnson, Oliver Juric, Lucas Capovilla, Tessa Krohn, Bianca Lastrina, Hunter Magion, Annabelle Martic, Billy McLean, Lyssandra Nalanga, Daniellah Nanales, Alannah Rapinett, Karolina Kolceg, Luka Skukan, Mason Spiteri, Levi Abela, Abigail Tran, Mason Watts, Adriana Alvarenga, Aleak Ngollueth, Flynn Azzopardi, Lilly Baluyut, Alice Bishop, Liam Borg, Jayden Buhagiar, Jordan Catania, Christian Chime, Eva Conceicao, Adam Cortez, Alonzo Delacruz Dauro, Noah Despotovski, Yousif Habash, Aliub Deng, Theodore Gargan, Cruz Luca, Steffie Masula, Sofia Mihai, Stella Nave, Payton Ignacio, Chloe Pham, Jade Quadros, Johanna Ramirez, Mason Sciberras, Ryden Sese, James Surace, Aderian Tammouz, Crystelle Tipace, Elena Janey, Gavin Yun.

Please keep them all in your prayers.



ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP

Ablaze Youth is inviting Regina & Cesar Endaya to speak on their faith journey and the importance of faith and family, **next Friday 22 May** from 6pm to 8pm in CRC Hall. You don't want to miss out!! All those in high school Years 7-12 are more than welcome.

Year 7, 2028 CRC CAROLINE SPRINGS ENROLMENT FORM ENDORSEMENT

Enrolment applications are now open to Year 5 students who will be starting Year 7 in 2028.

Applications close Friday, 14 August 2026.

It is a requirement that you meet with our Parish Priest, Father Richard Rosse, so he can endorse your child's CRC enrolment. Please go to the link <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/mgb3g> or use the QR code to make a booking.

Fr Richard will provide an Endorsement letter at that meeting, and you will need to email a copy or drop it in to CRC to support your child's enrolment. All bookings are prior to the 14 August application deadline.

The Enrolment application is online via CRC website: <https://www.crccs.vic.edu.au/enrolment-1/enrolment-procedures>

Please note that parents/carers who already have children attending the College and who have a sibling in Year 5 will still need to complete an online enrolment. All applications will be carefully reviewed after the closing date based on the strength of the application. **The date the application is submitted does not factor into the selection criteria.**



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