



Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

(Canonically Established: 18th January 2006)

OUR PARISH VISION

*"A welcoming and dynamic faith-filled Catholic Community,
living and sharing the Gospel, to set the world ablaze."*

5th Sunday of Easter (Yr A) – 3 May 2026



*"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me." (Gospel)*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
As we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 65; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

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: Deceased members of Vella Family & Apap Family |
10:30am: Teresa Medeici, Herman Quadros |

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 Ozburn)

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 1st May 2026

My dear people,

On Wednesday, the universal church celebrated St Catherine of Siena, our patron Saint and it was for us a Solemnity, the highest rank of celebration. The celebration of our patron saint is always an opportunity to give thanks for the wonderful parish which we have here in Caroline Springs. It is also a wonderful opportunity to remind ourselves how much of a great example and inspiration our patron saint is. Arguably, her most famous quote, "Be who God wanted you to be and you will set the world ablaze," part of our Mission Statement and Parish Prayer, reminds us of the need to be devoted disciples of Our Lord to be able to set the world ablaze. To celebrate our Parish Feast Day, we are gathering for lunch on Sunday 3rd May immediately after the 12:30pm Mass. It is not too late to put your name down and bring something with you to share.

Our parish will be hosting a Marian Procession 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 and I look forward to seeing many of you then. We will advertise the start time of the procession next weekend. The path of the procession 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.

As mentioned, our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this month for candidates who attend the three parish primary schools, Christ the Priest, St George Preca and St Marianne Cope. On Wednesday, we were honoured to receive a visit from Bishop Martin Ashe who will confer the sacrament on them. Bishop Martin spoke to the candidates and encouraged them to become the disciples Jesus wants them to be.

It is now just over a year since our parish bingo started. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who regularly attend the bingo to support this fundraising initiative. A reminder that the funds raised from bingo are going towards the church refurbishment and the multi-purpose building in the parish. Please be advised that, to date, we have raised a little over \$10,000. I would like to also very warmly thank all of you who have, over the past year, deposited funds into the Parish Fundraising Account, which now has a little over \$53,000.

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

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.

PARISH TOWN HALL: THURSDAY 14 MAY

There will be a parish Town Hall on Thursday 14 May 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.



SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY

The Annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College will take place on **Saturday 23 May from 10:45am to 3:30pm**. The seminary staff, students and the Vocations Director, Fr Dishan Candappa will welcome any young men visiting that day by invitation.

If you are interested or would like to suggest the name of a man to receive an invitation, please see Fr Richard after the Mass so he can get their details and forward them to the Vocations Office. For catering purposes, we have to submit interested applicants details by Tues 19 May. Please pray for vocations.

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



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

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. Order forms are available from the gathering space.

The last day to place an order will be this weekend 2nd and 3rd of May. Thank you.



THIS 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.

ABLAZE MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

The Ablaze Men's Group will meet on **Friday 8 May**. It starts with the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00pm to 7:45pm, with Confession. Adoration finishes with Benediction, followed by fellowship at the presbytery.

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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