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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."

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 12 July 2026



"A sower went out to sow ... some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.**

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Is 55:10-11; Ps 64; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 85; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

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: Robin Joseph Yu |

8:30am: Stane Ivo, Filip Arkulin, Martha Fernandes |

10:30am: Fernando Morais |

Church Finances for the Month of March 2026

Total Income: \$ 32,280.00 | Expenditure: \$ 56,268.00

Nett Deficit: \$ (23,988.00); Loan Payment: \$ 48,725.00

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)

Evangelisation Coordinator: MS ANN O'BRIEN

Evangelisation Coordinator (Discipleship): MR GAVIN MUSCAT

Deacon: REV. MR DOMINIC LAWES

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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



HOSPITALITY - THIS WEEKEND

After Mass, we have coffee, tea, biscuits and cakes. It is an opportunity to enjoy a cuppa with your fellow parishioners. Please join us after Mass in the

Gathering Space.

DEACON DOMINIC's ORDINATION

Deacon Dominic Lawes should be ordained a priest on Saturday, 14 November 2026. Time and venue to be confirmed soon.

GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Grief & Bereavement Ministry aims to support members of the church who are going through tough times. Ministry members will provide a listening ear and companionship. The following are ways in which you can get in touch with them:

1. Speak to one of the ministry members directly
2. Call the parish office
3. Speak to Fr Richard or Fr Vespa

FIRST AID TEAM

We are still in need of volunteers of nurses, doctors and other medical professions to be on standby whenever there is a medical emergency **during Mass, especially for the 8:30am and 12:30pm Masses.** If you are able to help, please speak to one of the priests after Mass or call the office.



NEXT 'BINGO' MONDAY 3 AUGUST

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**

VISITATIONS OF OUR LADY'S STATUE



Our Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, Presidium is inviting parishioners to welcome our Lady's statue into their homes, which will be a visible reminder of Our Blessed Mother who intercedes for us.

Interested parishioners can write down their contact details in the sign-up sheet in the gathering space. For more information, call **Mary Rose Peeters: 0412797005.**

BROWN SCAPULAR OF OUR LADY OF CARMEL - Thursday 16 July @9:30am Mass

The Brown Scapular is a sacramental sign of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, particularly under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Wearing the scapular is a visible expression of trust in Mary's protection and a commitment to live a life of faith, prayer, and purity.

"Whosoever dies clothed in this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire." – a promise attributed to Our Lady to St Simon Stock, rooted in a call to conversion and faithful living.

If you wish to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular, please attend Mass on Thursday 16 July.

SPIRITUAL DAY RETREAT "A PIERCED HEART - The Path of Our Lady of Sorrows"

You are invited to a day of prayer, formation, and fellowship in the beautiful setting of St Peter's Catholic Church, Daylesford.

Led by Fr John Corrigan and Fiona Bradley, the retreat day A Pierced Heart: The Path of Our Lady of Sorrows will include Mass and Eucharistic Adoration (with Confession available). Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided. The retreat is open to all men and women.

Date: Saturday 12 September, 9:30am–4pm

Cost: \$30

Bookings essential: <http://www.trybooking.com/DNJOM>

Contact: Fiona 0402 474 074,
fiona.bradley@ballarat.catholic.org.au



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united



PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL - 11/12 July 2026

For Yamikani (Name changed for privacy), getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility. This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

Freecall: 1800 257 296; catholicmission.org.au/mission
Collection will be taken up after the Homily, THIS WEEKEND.

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ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP

The Ablaze Youth Group will have their first session for this term on **Friday 17 July from 6pm to 8pm** in CRC Hall. Fr John Vespa is invited to speak on faith - his life before priesthood and his ordination by Pope Leo. All high school students in Years 7-12 are welcome to come along. Bring your friends. See you there!



WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING? COME AND SEE!

Are you or somebody you know is interested in becoming Catholic? Or want to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** will be **starting in August**. For more details, please call the parish during office hours and speak to Fr Richard.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA UKRAINE APPEAL

Caritas Australia is appealing to Australians for help as the war in Ukraine continues in its fifth straight year. In 2026, an estimated 10.8 million people in Ukraine will require humanitarian assistance.

Caritas Australia is helping by providing emergency shelter, water, food assistance, psychosocial support and cash assistance to displaced families. Learn more or make a donation today at

www.caritas.org.au/ukraine



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.**



24-HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - DEER PARK PARISH

St Peter Chanel Parish, Deer Park is urgently appealing for volunteers who are able to prayerfully consider committing to one Holy Hour of Adoration each week, spending time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. For more information and/or to volunteer, please call Lucy Sgro on 0424 056 823.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Pray at the St Peters Basilica
- Guided tour of Catacombs & Vatican Museum
- See the tomb of St Francis in Assisi
- Pray at the tomb of Padre Pio
- Climb the Apparition Hill in Medjugorje
- Pray at the Sanctuary of St. Catherine
- Visit to St. Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint

INCLUSIONS

- Return Economy Class Airfare
- Accommodation in Premium Hotels
- Breakfast and Dinner
- Transfers on Deluxe A/C Coach
- Entrance Fees
- Services of Professional Guides

For bookings, contact

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UPDATE -

Theme Paper Release

The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we

prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process is a 'Conversation in the Spirit' or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code which is at the end of each paper. Please call the office for a copy of the Theme Paper.

More information about the synod can be found on the Archdiocese website (please copy the link and paste on your browser) <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

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