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OUR PARISH VISION

*"A welcoming and dynamic faith-filled Catholic Community,
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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 9 August 2026



"Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid." (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the lord, I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13; Ps 84; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 56:1,6-7; Ps 66; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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, Laila Bunoan

For the Dead

6:00pm: Alain Tse, Elizabeth Wee (Intan) |
8:30am: Clara & Innocent Iba |
10:30am: Bernard Arthur, Anthony Ong Wee Lee |
12:30pm: Anita Claudio, Lester Claudio |

Church Finances for the Month of April 2026

Total Income: \$ 42,735.00 | Expenditure: \$ 32,114.00

Nett Surplus: \$ 10,621.00

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

Asst Priest: REV. FR JOHN VESPA

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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

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MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has formally convoked a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. A synod is a gathering of God's people – bishops, priests and representatives – who come and discern about matters regarding faith, governance, and pastoral care. This process involves prayer, dialogue, and consultation, aiming to foster a deeper understanding of the Church's mission in the contemporary world.

Towards Synod 2026

Preparations for a Synod to be held in the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 2026 are now underway. 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 has invited the community to focus on three key themes for the Synod:

- **Young Discipleship**
- **Missionary Leadership**
- **Formation and Participation**

Melbourne Synod Papers

To access the following papers, please copy and paste the links on your google browser:

- **Guide for Consultation Process** — <https://melbcath.org/4eRqHnh>
- **Young Discipleship** — <https://melbcath.org/synod-young-discipleship>
- **Missionary Leadership** — <https://melbcath.org/44UfEUq>
- **Formation and Participation** — <https://melbcath.org/4f847pe>

The purpose of this synod is to help shape our evangelical and missionary priorities for the years ahead. With the release of the synod theme papers, we now embark on the next step of our own local synodal journey. The papers have been prepared to assist with reflection on the themes. As we reflect, we are encouraged to ponder these questions:

- **Where is the Holy Spirit leading our Archdiocese at this time?**
- **Whom are we being called to accompany in faith more intentionally?**
- **How might we reflect the face of Christ more clearly in our local Church?**

For more information and details of the synod, please go to the website at <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

A synod consultation to discuss the above three themes will be held in our parish on Sunday 30 August from 2pm to 5pm. All are welcome to attend. If you are interested, please register in this TryBooking link or use the QR code so that we know how many will be attending.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DORYR>



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 first meeting for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will be on Saturday 5 September.** For more details, please call the parish during office hours and speak to Fr Richard.

FIRST AID TEAM

The First Aid Team will meet again on **Tuesday 25 August at 7.40pm.** We still need nurses, doctors and other medical professional volunteers 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.

SAVE THE DATE

RETREAT ON SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN THE HOME

EQUIP YOUR FAMILY WITH ESSENTIAL
SPIRITUAL TOOLS FOR DEFENSE AND VICTORY!

WHEN:
FRI 28TH AUG (7:00 PM) &
SAT 29TH AUG (10:30 AM TO 4:00 PM)

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**DON'T MISS THIS TIME OF POWERFUL WORSHIP,
TALKS, PRAYER, AND FELLOWSHIP!**

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Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:17

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TO BUILDING A CHILD-SAFE ENVIRONMENT**



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.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK: 2-9 AUGUST

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

ABLAZE MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

The Ablaze Men's Group will meet on **Friday 14 Aug.** Owing to the Assumption Mass at 7pm, the group will meet at the presbytery for a light meal and fellowship immediately after Mass.



THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2026

'Courage!....do not be afraid.'
(Matthew 14:27)

In these words, Jesus invites us to move forward with confidence, knowing that He walks with us. By supporting this campaign, you help sustain ministries that accompany those in need, strengthen our parish communities, and bring Christ's love to others. Thank you for answering this call with courage and generosity.....Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne

The Archbishop's Campaign helps to bring the mission of the Church alive in our community. It does this by supporting the works of the Priest Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, the University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College and grants to Catholic agencies and community service organisations.

The main collection weekend for this year's campaign will be the weekend of 15-16 August.



LEGION OF MARY - HALF DAY RETREAT

Spend time with Mary, our mother, on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Date: **Saturday 15 August 2026**

Time: **9am to 12.30pm**

Venue: **Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church, 92 Monash Street, Sunshine**

Retreat begins with Mass. Talks given by priests. And concludes with Benediction. Morning tea at 10.30am. All are welcome!

Enquiries: Althea — 0411 489 374

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



This day is a holy day of obligation. Holy days of obligation are days on which the faithful are expected to attend Mass, and engage in rest from work and recreation, according to the Third Commandment.

Parish Masses:
Friday 14 Aug (Vigil): **7:00pm** | Saturday 15 Aug: **9:30am**



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St George Preca Catholic Primary School

We congratulate and pray for our young people who are receiving First Holy Communion this weekend.

SATURDAY, 6PM: Joner Attallah, Philip Buttigieg, Anthony Attard, Emilia Garcia, Yara Habash, Scarlet Millen, Talia Nave, Alessia Pignataro, Ashvik Pradhan Roy, Aaliyah Tedesco, Noah Lo Ting Lan, Jack Wilkinson

SUNDAY, 8:30AM: Diana Bol, William Brown, Mason Cini, Eve Doce, James Garcia, Darius Rince, Raphael Gargan, Blake Manger, Brennic Ncube, Jake Watts

SUNDAY, 10:30AM: Jacob Attard, Sebastian Bibaj, Marcela Grace Caballes, Alix Da Silva, Klaudija Juric, Ella Pace, Kyah Petrovski, Matloob Hozi, Hudson Stafrace, Anabella Tamas, Miriam Babawy

SUNDAY, 12:30PM: Rose Kdade, Evie Attard, Alexis Bathan, Alessia Bibaj, Aria Grech, Emily Zahra, Channele Jozwik, Esperanza Hurmez, Raymond Mukupe, Vivienne Nguyen, Liam Mulders, Jace Alibadbad

HEALING MASS

The healing Mass will be this **Sunday 9 Aug, celebrated by Fr John Vespa.** There will be prayers and laying on of hands. The Prayer Ministry will be available before Mass for individuals and families seeking personal prayers.

Evening Schedule:
4:00pm - Holy Rosary
4:30pm - Praise & Worship
5:00pm - Mass
4:00 - 5:00pm - Personal prayers for individuals and families by Prayer Ministry members.

SHAPE THE FUTURE:

Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's national Census will be held on **11 August 2026.** **Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion.** In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.



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