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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."

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 16 August 2026



*"Woman, you have great faith.
Let your wish be granted." (Gospel)*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 22:19-23; Ps 137; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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 Rodrigues, 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: Mario Vella, Kristina Neilak, Abraham Thomas, Alton David, Baby Billie Jazz Rosaldo | **8:30am:** Lorenza Mifsud, Saviour Gauci, Kristina Gauci, Juliana P Pacania, Nelson S Pacania, Ignatius (Ian) Caruana
10:30am: Mary Savona | **12:30pm:** Maria Tarquinio |

Church Finances for the Month of May 2026

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

Nett Surplus: \$ 10,621.00

CAROLINE SPRINGS PARISH

Parish Priest: REV. FR RICHARD ROSSE

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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

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22-48 Lancefield Drive | Phone: 7378 5500

(PRINCIPAL: Mr Michael Ozbun)

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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)

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ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
CAROLINE SPRINGS

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

Friday 14th August 2026

My dear people,

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Melissa De Sieno as our Youth Ministry Coordinator. After a long and arduous process of recruitment, Melissa has been the successful applicant. She has had the opportunity to talk to the current leaders of our Youth Ministry. Melissa will come and talk to us in the next few weeks about her vision and hopes for the Youth Ministry in our parish. Many of you would remember Melissa as a member of the Evangelisation Team and she was also involved in other ministries in the parish. I invite you to join me in praying for Melissa that the Lord will inspire her and guide her as she assumes responsibility for Youth Ministry in our parish.

I take this opportunity to remind you of the visit of the pericardium of Saint Carlo Acutis. May I ask you to start thinking about the possibility of coming to spend one hour with the relic overnight from 10th October to 11th October this year. The relic will arrive at 8 AM on Saturday 10th October and will leave the parish at 5 PM on 11th October. We are very close to publishing the timetable for the time the relic of Saint Carlo will be with us.

This weekend we continue to accompany and pray for our younger parishioners who will receive Holy Communion for the first time. This week, students from St George Precia Catholic primary school will receive Holy Communion for the first time. Let us pray that as they, and those who received Holy Communion for the first time last week, go through this next step in their Christian initiation, their relationship with our Lord will be deepened, and their friendship with him awakened.

Tomorrow, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of our Lady, which is a holy day of obligation in Australia. This means that Catholics must go to Mass. To make fulfilling the obligation easier, there will be a Vigil Mass at 7 PM this evening and the usual Saturday morning Mass tomorrow will be the Mass of the Assumption of our Lady. In case I am not able to wish you personally, I take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy Solemnity of the Assumption.

To finish my fortnightly message this week, I share with you the sad news that Margaret Bartolo has decided to resign from being the coordinator of the Sacristan, the Altar Linen and Counting ministries. Margaret has mentioned declining health as the reason why she is resigning from coordinating these ministries. Margaret also said that she has been helping in the church in different ways for 45 years and it is with a very heavy heart, she has come to this decision. We thank Margaret from the bottom of our heart for the past 20 or so years that she has served in various ministries in our parish. There will be various opportunities to thank Margaret as she will conclude her ministries at the end of September. I certainly will miss her and I thank her very warmly for her tireless dedication to everything that she has done for us.

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



THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2026

'Courage!...do not be afraid.'

(Matthew 14:27)

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 collection will be taken up after the Homily this weekend.



MELBOURNE SYNOD PAPERS

Preparations for a Synod to be held in the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 2026 are now underway.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has invited the community to focus on three key themes for the Synod. 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>

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>



FUNERAL - VICTOR ZAHRA

Victor Zahra, a parishioner of ours passed away recently. Victor was a regular attendee at the weekend Masses, together with his wife, Janette. **The Requiem Mass will be held here on Wednesday 19 August at 12 noon. The rosary will be prayed at 11.30am.** Parishioners are invited to pray for the repose of the soul of Victor and please join us for the Requiem Mass.

ABLAZE YOUNG ADULTS

Ablaze Young Adults (18-35 years) meet **this Sunday, 16th August, at 5:00pm** for "Would Jesus Really Say That?" We'll explore popular sayings and whether they align with the Bible and our faith. Join us for good discussion and fellowship in the Church meeting rooms. Everyone aged 18-35 is welcome!



SACRAMENT OF INITIATION IN THE PARISH



Next **Sunday 23 August**, we will have the **Sacrament of Initiation of Baptism for Lasath Koralagama during the 12:30pm Mass.** Please pray for him and his family.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St George Preca Catholic Primary School

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

SUNDAY, 8:30AM: Achel Aler, Charlotte Blanco, Charlotte Simpson, Alina Despotovska, Jaylen John Flores, Ross Theodore Chaudhary, Emily Lai Ram Par, Justin Lung Baw

SUNDAY, 10:30AM: Gianluca Aliano, Natalie Mallia, Amelia Antonopoulos, Marthena Dionisio, Hudson Korenich, Oscar Korenich, Charlee Fromme, Mateo Muscat, Axel Nason, Isaac Pulis, Ivy Santiago, Melisa Robinson

SUNDAY, 12:30PM: Valentina Arici, Samantha Young, Zayn Cremona, Sienna Movsessian, Nicola Fraietta, Scarlett Galea, Amelia Kerovic, Zahra Lopez, Gianna Marinelli, Arielle Muir, Rose Al Ton, Matilda Tu

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WITH Fr Richard Rosse

18th SEP - 2nd OCT 2026

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

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

In partnership with Bakers Delight, Taylors Hill, the parish is taking orders for apple/walnut log, custard/almond log, and the ever popular - scones. Orders forms will be available next weekend with more details.



'BINGO' - MONDAY 17 AUG

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**

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