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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."

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 23 August 2026



"Jesus said, 'You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.'" (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my
Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 62; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

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

For the Dead

8:30am: Frank Kirasic |
12:30pm: Vittoria Frangiosa |

Church Finances for the Month of June 2026

Total Income: \$ 36,520.00 | Expenditure: \$ 55,395.00
Nett Deficit: \$ (18,875.00)

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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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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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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ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CAROLINE SPRINGS

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

Friday 21st August 2026

PLT UPDATE – JUNE / JULY 2026

Youth Ministry Leader Position

Melissa de Sieno has accepted the role of **Youth Ministry Coordinator**.

Synod Consultation Forum – Saturday, 25 July

Tina, Tony, Stephen, Ryan and Ann attended the Synod Consultation Forum. All PLT attendees agreed that it was a positive experience, with the structure and format of the forum being well received.

Alpha Fundraising – After Alpha

A total of **\$1,350** was raised through the Alpha fundraising initiative.

2026 Carols

Tash has agreed to coordinate the performances. Karolina did a great job coordinating the carols last year and will continue in this role for 2026. The plan is to meet more regularly as we get closer to the event.

Proclaim26

Fourteen parishioners attended Proclaim26 over two days.

Key areas of focus included:

- Evangelisation and intentional discipleship in the 21st century
- Being a "bridge of trust"
- The path to discipleship

Drawing out people's lived relationship with Christ

The workshops were also very informative and provided an opportunity to learn from and share in the experiences of other parishes.

Alpha

The next Alpha program will run from **7 October to 2 December**.

TryBooking, the QR code and CRC booking for MacKillop have all been completed.

VIA

VIA is going very well, with a great format, positive atmosphere and a strong sense of connection.

Ablaze Women

Ablaze Women is going well. Taryn has joined the team and will assist with leading sessions.

St Carlo Acutis Relic Visit

The parish will host a major pilgrim relic of **Saint Carlo Acutis** (pericardium/heart tissue relic).

This will be a unique opportunity, as our parish will be the only location hosting this relic during its visit.

- **Arrival:** 10 October at 8:00am
- **Departure:** 11 October at 5:00pm
- An all-night vigil will be held with the relic of St Carlo Acutis.
- A roster of venerators will be organised, with supervision provided throughout the vigil.

The church will remain open for anyone wishing to come and pray during the vigil.

Visit by John Lam – CAM Proclaim Office

John Lam visited the parish to discuss **parish formation offerings** and the opportunities available through Proclaim.

Key points discussed:

- An overview of the formation opportunities offered by Proclaim.
- Our parish is progressing well on its journey, while recognising that there are still challenges.
- The **Vibrant, Vital & Viable** parish audit assessment tools were discussed.
- New initiatives were explored, including the possibility of **clustering parishes** for activities such as youth formation, Alpha and Bible studies.
- John Lam felt that our parish could potentially act as a **hub** for these initiatives and noted that we are currently an example of mission in action.

John also commented that things are moving forward and that cultures are shifting.

Next Steps

The PLT will take away the ideas and programs suggested by John Lam, review the content and consider how these opportunities may apply to our parish.

The PLT will **reconvene on 27 August** to discuss the opportunities and determine potential next steps.

St Catherine of Siena, pray for us.

Russel Fernandes (on behalf of the PLT)

NO 8:00AM MASS ON FRIDAY 28 AUG 26

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.

SACRAMENT OF INITIATION IN THE PARISH



This **Sunday 23 August**, there will be the **Sacrament of Initiation of Baptism for Lasath Koralagam** during the **12:30pm Mass**. Please pray for him and his family.



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>



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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

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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. We thank Bakers Delight, Taylors Hill, for providing sweets and savouries.

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

VIGILS OF REPARATION

There will an evening of prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday 28 Aug** 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
100th Anniversary of Our Lady's Appeal
in Pontevedra, Spain



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please take note that **next weekend** we will have students from the government and private schools receiving Holy Communion for the first time at all Masses. We ask you to be patient, welcoming and accommodating to all families.



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

Bakers Delight

In partnership with Bakers Delight, Taylors Hill, the parish is taking orders for apple & walnut log, custard & almond log, fruit or choc chip buns, and the ever popular - scones.



Early bird discounts are available until Sunday 30 August. To order, please fill out a form and pay (cash/ credit card/EFTPOS) in the gathering space.



Items will be sold on Father's Day at normal price.



ORDER NOW!

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