



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."*

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 6 September 2026



*"For where two or three meet in my name,
I shall be there with them." (Gospel)*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and
the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 94; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 102; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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, Anna

For the Dead

6:00pm: Peter McLoughlin, Sammy Buttigieg | **8:30am:** Rita Croning |
10:30am: Anna Cassar, Sam Brincat, Sam Zammit, Michael Englezakis,
Michael Imbroll | **12:30pm:** John Sebastian |

Church Finances for the Quarter of April-June 2026

Total Income: \$ 116,589.00 | Expenditure: \$ 119,636.00

Net Deficit: \$ (3,049.00)

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 4th September 2026

My dear people,

I am writing to seek your support for a special appeal to raise funds for two important and extraordinary needs within our parish.

We need to raise \$20,000 for these two expenses in our parish.

The first is the amount of \$12,000 to fund the position of Youth Group Coordinator in the parish. Ministry to our younger parishioners is of the utmost importance. For the sake of stability and consistency, it was discerned that we need to employ someone for that position. Our younger parishioners are the future of our parish and of the church and we need to support them in every way we can, especially with them growing to be disciples of Our Lord. Furthermore, for our youth, with World Youth Day (WYD) next year, there will be ongoing fundraising activities in the parish.

The other expense we have is for a shed which will be used for storage, at the cost of \$8,000. This will cover transporting the shed here, putting it together, and the concrete slabs on which it will go. It will be placed in the area between the church and the carpark. As our ministries are growing, there is an increasing need for storage for the children's liturgy, Ablaze Playgroup, Ablaze Youth Group, Ablaze Young adults and the flower ministry.

This appeal will be ongoing until we reach the \$20,000 that we need. The donation box fixed to the pillar in the gathering space will be where we will gratefully accept your donations. There will also be one of the tap and go machines affixed to that pillar for you to make your donations electronically, should you choose to do so. I will be eternally grateful to you for every contribution you can make.

Please rest assured that I totally understand the difficulties with the cost-of-living pressures at the moment. However, we are also struggling with our income at the moment. Our general financial situation for the first half of the year has shown a deficit of \$15,000 owing, as always, to the huge debt repayment for the church.

To help with that, there will be a halfway Offertory Giving Campaign in October. Campaigns are meant to run every three years, and the last campaign was conducted in March last year. This year's campaign will seek to identify people who were not parishioners in March last year but now are, and whether they can sign up. There is also the possibility that some parishioners were not working last year in March and now are, and may be in a position to help. There may be other situations where people might be able to increase their thanksgiving also.

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



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Fr Richard, Fr Vespa, Dcn Dominic, PLT & Parish Staff wish all fathers and Grandfathers a Happy Father's Day.

Blessings
CELEBRATING THE JOY OF FAITH

Heavenly Father, bless every father in our world today, and bless them with confidence through the many obstacles they overcome as they attempt to provide for their families. Give them courage to gather their families close, even through clamour and social pressures of our world today, that each of their children might know they are loved, that they are of great worth to you, and that they have a special mission to perform while here on earth. Bless all fathers to feel your love and fill them with confidence that you are with them and will guide them as they seek your will, that they might be examples of faith and trust in you to their families. Lead them through every storm, Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

FUNERAL - RITA CRONING

Rita Croning, Kevin's mum, passed away recently. Kevin, Michele and the family are regular attendees at the Sunday 8:30am Mass. **The Requiem Mass will be held here on Wednesday 9 September at 11:30am. The rosary will be prayed at 11am.** Parishioners are invited to pray for the repose of the soul of Rita and please join us for the Requiem Mass.

A CALL TO PRAYER SERVICE OF LAMENT

The annual Service of Lament for survivors of abuse will be held on **Tuesday 15 September 2026 at 4.00pm in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral.** Archbishop Peter Comensoli has invited all to join him in prayer as he said that this memorial service is an occasion to humbly stand alongside those who have suffered abuse, and all who continue to carry its lasting effects. It is for us, as the Body of Christ, to acknowledge and lament sincerely and with humility the failures that have caused such profound harm, and to place before the Lord our prayer for healing, justice and the ongoing conversion of His Church.



CELEBRATION: DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH, INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY & FR RICHARD'S 9TH ANNIVERSARY OF APPOINTMENT TO THE PARISH

The Parish will be celebrating Intl Food Day/Church Dedication Anniversary/Fr Richard's 9 Years as Parish Priest on 4 Oct 2026 at CRC Hall from 1:30pm. Parishioners are requested to bring a plate of savoury/sweet to represent their culture/nationality to share. Please ensure to **register your attendance on the sign up sheet** in the gathering space, so arrangements can be made to accommodate everyone. If anyone would like to host a stall to represent their country, please contact the social committee.



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

Bakers Delight

The orders have been delivered this weekend for collection after Mass. Those who placed orders on the last two weekends can collect them on the way out. In addition to the orders, we brought in **more scones and buns for sale** this weekend. Please buy them after Mass. You can pay by cash/credit card or EFTPOS.



We take this opportunity to thank Bakers Delight, Taylors Hill, for partnering with us in this World Youth Day fundraiser. And we thank you too for supporting this project.



ABLAZE MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

The Ablaze Men's Group will meet on **Friday 11 Sept.** 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.

ABLAZE YOUNG ADULTS - CANCELLED

Ablaze Young Adults (18-35 years) will **NOT** meet this **Sunday 6 September** due to Father's Day weekend.

NO 8:00AM MASS

Please note that there will be NO 8:00am Mass until school resumes in the next term.

ST CARLO ACUTIS MAJOR RELIC PILGRIMAGE

The pericardium of Saint Carlo Acutis will be in the parish from **8am on Saturday 10th October until 5pm on 11th October.** The



timetable of activities and the times of the Solemn Blessing with the relics are on the notice board in the gathering space.

Parishioners are encouraged to spend some time in prayer before the relic. **We need at least 2 people to be in the presence of the relic at any one time.**

There are sign-up sheets in the gathering space if you can commit to an hour or more during the visit.



ALPHA PROGRAM

The new Alpha Program is starting on Wednesday 7 October, and it runs for 9 weeks. The Alpha program is for those who have faith to deepen their faith and for those who do not yet know God to come to know God.

Registration is now open via TryBooking. Use the following link or QR code to register. <https://www.trybooking.com/DNFWF>



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