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."

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 11 October 2026



'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding.' (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Is 25:6-10; Ps 22; Phil 4:12-14,19-20; Mt 22:1-14

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Is 45:1,4-6; Ps 95; 1 Thes 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

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, Normida Morrissy

For the Dead

6:00pm: Leanne Difesa, Donald Quintal |
10:30am: Anthony Ong Wee Lee |
12:30pm: Ivan Jayasuriya, Leanne Difesa |

Church Finances for Half-Year of Jan-June 2026
Total Income: **$ 205,967.00** | Expenditure: **$ 220,680.00**
***Net Deficit:* $ (14,713.00)**

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**

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
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"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze"

Friday 9th October 2026.

My dear people,

The moment we have all been waiting for has finally arrived. Tomorrow, the First Class relic of Saint Carlo Acutis, his pericardium, will be with us. This is an unbelievable opportunity for us to come and venerate the First Class relic of this wonderful saint. At a very young age, his relationship with our Lord came to shine through his life. His cataloguing of Eucharistic miracles is going to be one that will be remembered for a long time to come. We were blessed with these being available to the parish last year for a week in November. Most importantly, he was inspired to use modern means of communication to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, specially building a website for the Eucharistic miracles. This itself is something that can inspire all of us. Most importantly, his youth reminds us that young people can also have a profound relationship with Our Lord and help to inspire us to be better disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that the presence of the First Class relic with us over the weekend will bring about an encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ for all of us and inspire us to deepen our relationship with him. May abundant blessings come upon us through the intercession of Saint Carlos Acutis.

The Parish Pilgrimage for 2026 was a wonderful experience for all the pilgrims. The opportunity to visit the four major Papal Basilicas in Rome, the Holy Stairs and being present at the Angelus and the Papal Audience are events that will stay with us forever. Visiting the places where St Catherine of Siena, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Clare of Assisi and Saint Padre Pio lived and ministered reminded us that holiness is within the reach of everyone who decide to make Jesus the first priority. Our time in Medjugorje reminded us of the importance of Our Lady and her role in salvation history. Most importantly, that she is our mother in heaven is also a great comfort. I trust that you were all able to travel along with us through the photos I posted on the parish Facebook page.

This coming week, the celebration of the Sacrament of Confession for the first time for our younger parishioners is hopefully an event that they remember for the rest of their lives. Let us continue to pray that the first celebration of the Sacrament of Confession will confirm for them the knowledge that God loves them unconditionally and that his mercy and forgiveness is always available for them.

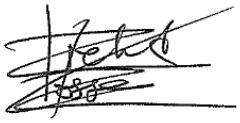
This evening, we will hold our monthly Men's Group gathering of the year. It will start at 7pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Sacrament of Confession will be available from 7pm until 7:40pm when Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament will be given. Then, we will proceed to the presbytery for some fellowship to conclude this evening. This evening, Suan Teo, the Coordinator of our Grief and Bereavement Ministry, will give us a talk on this topic.

The fourteenth season of Alpha in our parish began last Wednesday 7th October, and it is still possible to join this season. I strongly urge you to think about attending Alpha. We all have gone through times in our lives when we have questioned the very meaning of life. Perhaps you are going through this right now. Perhaps your daughter or son, brother or sister, or colleague is going through this. Alpha is the best way to come to reflect on the deeper meaning of life, over dinner, a short film and conversation. May I ask you to consider attending as well as warmly inviting others to attend Alpha? The transformation in people's lives, their healing and closeness to Christ is testament to the fruits this wonderful program has to offer!

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

DEACON DOMINIC's ORDINATION

It is confirmed that Deacon Dominic Lawes will be ordained to the priesthood on **Saturday, 14 November 2026**. **Mass will be at St Patrick's Cathedral at 10:00am**. The parish will be chartering buses for parishioners to attend the ordination. More details will be made known soon.

His First Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 5pm at St Mary Star of the Sea, West Melbourne on 15 November 2026.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR SHED & YOUTH GROUP COORDINATOR

Amount received so far: $ 8,327.20

We need a total sum of $20,000. A donation box is fixed to the pillar on the right-hand side in the gathering space as you leave the church . Donations in cash or via EFTPOS are most welcome. We thank you for your generosity.

PIETY: WORD OF GOD & CALENDAR 2027

DON'T WAIT AND MISS OUT

GOD'S WORD 2027 & COLOMBAN CALENDAR

BOTH AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND

From our Piety Stall and avoid $9-$12 on postage/ shipping or petrol/time.

Price: God's Word 2027 - **$26**

Columban Calendar - **$12**

Both are extremely popular items and have sold out each year by Christmas and we can't get more then, so don't be disappointed - **BUY YOURS NOW!!!**

JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

A Junior Presidium of the Legion of Mary has started in our parish. The presidium meets every Saturday from 2pm to 3pm in the church meeting room. They



- **Pray the Rosary**
- **Learn about Jesus, Our Blessed Mother Mary and the Saints**
- **Are helpful and obedient at home**
- **Do works of service**

Those between the ages of 10 and 17 are welcome to join the group. For more details, please contact **Mary Rose Peeters on 0412 797 005**.

2026 KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE

Catholic Theological College

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Thursday 22 October at 7:00pm

"Synodality: Global and Local"

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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, and our website and Facebook too.

Parishioners are encouraged to spend some time in prayer before the relic.

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There will also be a screening of St Carlo's life, "Carlo Acutis: Roadmap To Reality" on Saturday 10 October at 8pm in CRC Cafeteria.

FRIDAY 8:00AM MASS

Please note that 8:00am Mass resumes on **Friday 16 October**.



ALPHA PROGRAM

The new Alpha Program **started on Wednesday 7 October**, and it runs for 10 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

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



'BINGO'

MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

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.

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