Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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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."

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) – 25 October 2026



" Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? " (Gospel)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them. Alleluia!

Today's Scripture Readings

Ex 22:20-26; Ps 17; 1 Thes 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 23; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

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, , Ana Fernandes, Laila Bunoan, Normida Morrissy

For the Dead

6:00pm: Abraham Thomas, John Felix, Tim Gomez, deceased members of the Sammut, Gatt, Apap & Vella families I

Church Finances for July 2026

Total Income: **$44,491.00** | Expenditure : **$ 10,654.00**

Net Surplust: **$ 33,837.00**

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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

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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
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CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE CS (Year 7-10)
10 College Street, Caroline Springs | Phone: 9217 8000
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"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze"

Friday 23rd October 2026.

My dear people,

I would like to start my message this week by bringing to your attention again, the matter of punctuality when it comes to attending Mass. Several months ago, you will recall I preached about different items of etiquette for Mass and punctuality was one of them. I think it is timely to give a gentle reminder of the importance of being in church before the Mass starts.

As I said in my homilies that weekend, it would be good to be seated in the pew five minutes before Mass starts. This will enable the recollection of our thoughts and focus our attention to what we are about to do. When we are seated in the pew, the only person we should be talking to is Jesus Christ. It is important to remember that the sacrifice of the Mass starts with the sign of the cross, and when we are not there for the sign of the cross, we miss the opportunity to recall to mind the mystery of our salvation through the mystery of the cross, and bringing to mind the Holy Trinity, the God in whom we believe.

From that moment starts the Liturgy of the Word, which is integral to the proper celebration of the Mass. I must reiterate something very important: that Mass is composed of both the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If we do not hear the Gospel at Mass, then we have not been to Mass that weekend and will need to find another time to attend Mass to fulfill our obligation.

As you no doubt realise, this is a matter of the highest importance and significance for faithfulness to what Holy Mother Church asks. I know that getting small children ready for Mass on a Sunday morning or a Saturday afternoon can be nothing short of a battle and I acknowledge that. If I may offer some advice, it is to work out the amount of time it takes to get everyone ready for Mass, then, start the process a bit earlier to ensure that there is plenty of time for the car to be parked and for everyone to be in the church seated five minutes before Mass starts.

You may remember the analogy I gave about going for an appointment with a specialist or having to fly. We know what time check-in closes and would never get there five minutes late, but certainly before. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is much more important than any specialist appointment or any flight we take. At the other end of the Mass, it is of vital importance to keep in mind that Mass does not finish with the reception of Holy Communion or with the Prayer after Communion, but when the Dismissal has been given so we should not leave before then. I bring this matter to our attention with a great note of urgency.

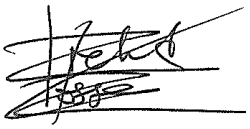
This evening, we will continue the Vigil of Prayers for the reparation of all the harms caused by sin. As we know, the Church has had this custom for many years and it is indeed important to pray that the damage caused by sin be repaired. This year, we pray particularly in response to the appeal made by Our Lady when she appeared in 1925 in Pontevedra to St Lucia who had previously witnessed the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima. We will start with the rosary at 6:30pm, followed by Mass at 7pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 7:30pm until Benediction at 11:50pm. The Sacrament of Confession will be available during the time of Exposition. There will also be prayers from 7:30pm until Benediction.

On Monday evening, 26th October, we will hold our monthly Ablaze Women Group. It will start at 7pm and end at 9pm. Ablaze Women group is a place for prayer, scriptural reflection, adoration, guest speakers, small group sharing and fellowship will be the focus of the ministry. All women are cordially invited to attend.

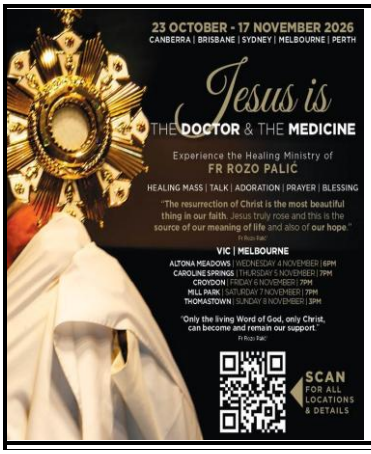
We continue turning to our patron saint and we ask for her intercession.

St Catherine of Siena, Pray for us.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



Fr Richard Rosse PP



HEALING MASS BY FR ROZO

There will be a healing Mass, talk, Adoration, prayer and blessing by Fr Rozo in our parish on **Thursday 5 Nov**
7pm: Mass
8pm: Adoration
9pm: Laying on of hands. Come and experience the Healing Ministry of Fr Rozo Palic.



BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

During November, we Catholics remember in prayer our deceased relatives and friends, and all who have died. Our special "Book of the Names of the Dead" is in the gathering space. **We invite you to write the names of your loved ones who have died during the past 12 months (*Nov 2025 - Oct 2026*)**. This book will be placed before the altar during all Masses in November as we remember our loved ones before the Lord.

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES FOR THE DEAD

Envelopes for the November Masses for the dead are available in the foyer. Please write their names on the envelope and *place them in the basket at either collection or submit them to the parish office*.

Please note: The names of the dead will neither be in the bulletin nor announced during Masses, *except for recent death*.

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

Monday 2 Nov: Masses- 9:30am & 7:00pm

Register for the Introductory Retreat

'At the feet of Jesus: on retreat with Mary, Martha and Lazarus'

Saturday 31 Oct 2026, 12pm-4pm (11.30am Mass)
Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne
Experience a 'taster' of the Archdiocese's flagship formation initiative with a special afternoon introductory retreat.
https://www.trybooking.com/DPOGD

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATIONS IN THE PARISH

We welcome into the Catholic faith, Viktor Ganzei, Holley & Brodie McGuire who will be baptised and receive their First Holy Communion during the 12:30pm Mass this Sunday 25 October. Pease pray for them and their families!

OFFERTORY RENEWAL/HALFWAY PROGRAM

This weekend, we will commence our Offertory Renewal (or Halfway) Program in our parish community, which will run over the next two weeks. Please pray for our community as we enter into this time of discernment. Our offering is a powerful witness and a personal prayer. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

ABLAZE WOMEN MINISTRY

The Ablaze Women Ministry will be meeting on Monday 26 October in the meeting room from 7pm to 9pm.
This week, they have **Maria Alberto** as the guest speaker. Maria will share a reflection on the Holy Rosary, the prayer traditionally dedicated to the month of October, helping the women deepen their understanding, appreciation, and devotion to this beautiful prayer. She will also share her personal experience, and the wonderful work God is doing through The Rosary Project. For more information, please email tina_matana@hotmail.com

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

CHARTERING BUSES TO THE ORDINATION & FIRST MASS OF THANKSGIVING

The parish will be hiring buses for parishioners to attend the ordination & Dcn Dominic's Fist Mass of Thanksgiving. Sign-up sheets are available in the gathering space. We will be collecting $15 per person to defray the costs of hiring the buses. Cash will be collected on the day just before the buses leave the church. Children under 12 years old are free.

BINGO'
MONDAY 26 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.
NO CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OLD. CASH ONLY

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