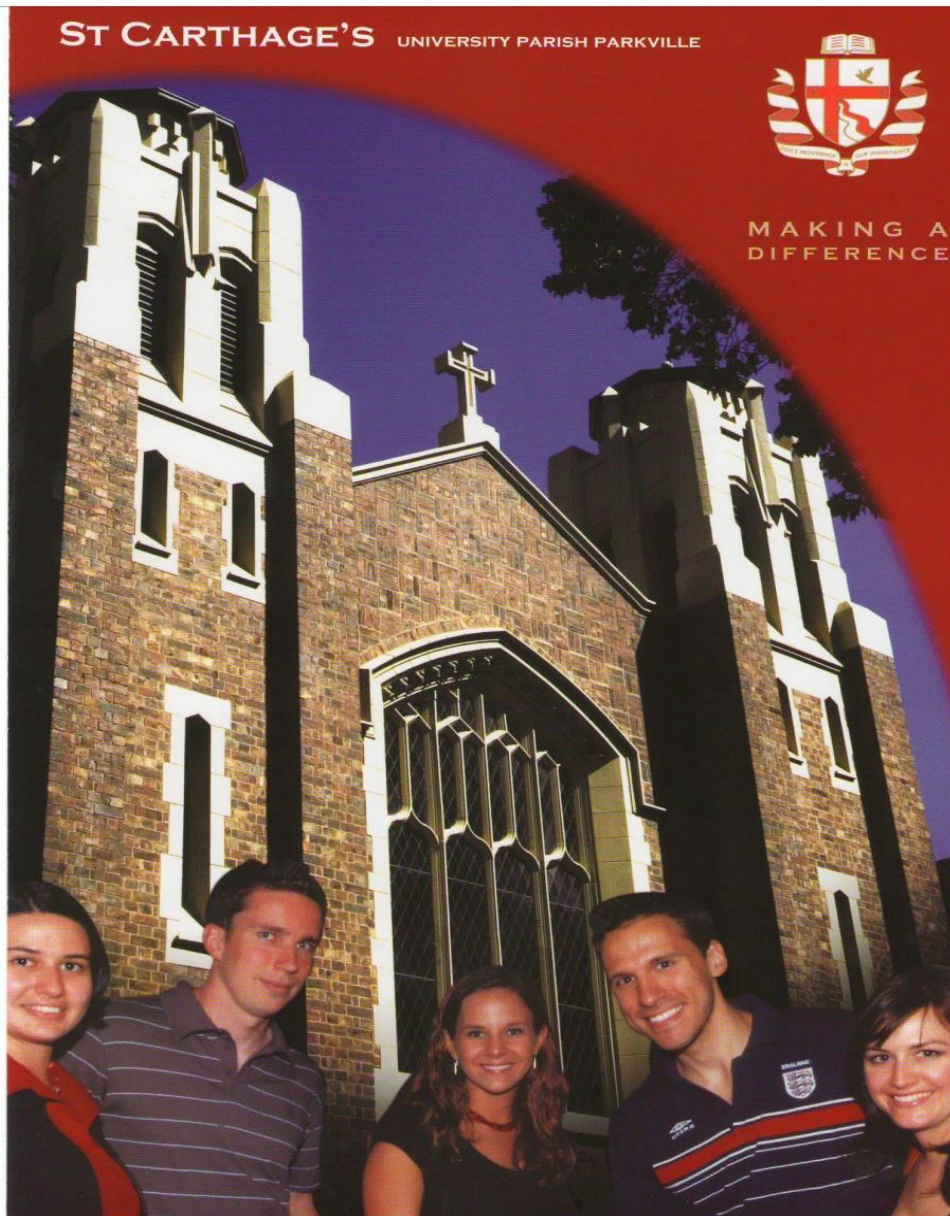




**MASS TIMES**  
**Saturday, Vigil Mass 6:00 pm**  
**Sunday, Family Mass 10:00 am**  
**Student's Mass 5:00 pm**  
**03<sup>rd</sup> December 2017**

## ***ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER***



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# Music at St Carthage's



*This Sunday Evening 03<sup>rd</sup> December:*

→ The Melbourne Women's choir under the direction of Faye Dumont, will sing at the 5pm Student Mass.



*Next Sunday Evening 10<sup>th</sup> December:*

→ The St Carthage's Music Group will lead the singing at the 5pm Student Mass.



*On Sunday Evening 17<sup>th</sup> December:*

→ The Choir of Scots Church will sing at our Annual Carol Eucharist.



**Communal Services of Penance and Reconciliation in  
preparation for Christmas.**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 8pm**





# ST VINCENT DE PAUL PARKVILLE CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2017

The St Vincent de Paul Parkville Conference Christmas Appeal will be conducted over the weekends of the **9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

Cash/cheque donations will assist with the purchase of Christmas grocery vouchers for the large number of families and individuals we assist living on the Ministry of Housing high-rise estates in the Carlton, Parkville and Fitzroy and surrounding areas as well as the increasing number of asylum seekers. For most of the people we assist, this will be the only Christmas cheer they will receive.

Donations will also enable us to continue our educational assistance for financially disadvantaged families and disabled tertiary students as well as our outreach educational and nutritional programs for remote indigenous primary school students.

A tax-deductible receipt will be forwarded if a name and address is provided. Envelopes will be available from our members at Masses and from the porch of the Church. These can be placed in the normal collection basket or mailed to our Conference at PO Box 175 Parkville 3052. Also letting you know that unfortunately, the Conference does not have the facility to process direct debit or credit card donations.

We thank you in anticipation of your generous support as we as we continue our programs in 2018.

# Christmas Cakes

## This Weekend

For many years a group of volunteers have made delicious Christmas Cakes and the sale of these cakes have supported the work of the F.C.J. Sisters in Romania. The funds have provided scholarships for young people to study at University. Also, funds go to the Philippines to support families, who live near the rubbish dumps, to educate primary, secondary and tertiary students.

Upon her retirement in 1994 Sister Margaret Mary Kennedy F.J.C. was requested to go to Eastern Europe to establish a mission there. Sister Margaret Mary worked in Bucharest for 10 years and was supported by funds from "Friends of Romania" (See Obituary AGE 8/11/17).

To continue the support of this project CHRISTMAS CAKES will be sold on SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December after Mass.

Large square cake 2kg - **\$40.00**

Medium round cake 1kg - **\$25.00**

Baby round cake 500g - **\$15.00**

### PAYMENT

**Cash or Cheque made payable to "Friends of Romania"**

**Contacts:**

**Maureen Hoare 0433 768 281 or Bev. Noonan 0401 697 262**

# Parish Survey is closing soon

A big thanks to the many respondents to the parish survey. Replies have been thoughtful and insightful, showing strong support and affection for Father Michael, as well as for the parish and its future. The survey provides useful guidance for the interim Parish Pastoral Council, which has the job of preparing a draft parish plan. More detailed feedback will be provided in due course, but we can say that the survey showed great appreciation of Father Michael's liturgies, his preaching and inclusive ways. There is strong support for lay administration, pastoral associate resources, more women to the fore and a return of the childrens' liturgy. Social justice is regarded as important, as well as outreach, stronger communication (eg email) and more lay involvement in the liturgy and the parish. The weekly electronic bulletin with its articles and newsletter is widely appreciated (*join the list by emailing [scparkville@gmail.com](mailto:scparkville@gmail.com)*). Puzzlement (but some good ideas too) about engaging young people, and a number who find contact by fellow parishioners slow or non-existent. So, do say hello outside church! Social events are popular, provided there is inclusion for singles and newbies. Many appreciate a prayerful, quiet liturgy, others like more music. A difficult one, but across our masses there is room for a variety and a mix. People don't want much ushering or the seats moved (except for access and safe exits).

Many are and will be disappointed at the thought of Father Michael's retirement. We cannot directly appoint his successor but we can help reshape a more lay-led, task-sharing parish community that will better place us to continue and grow his legacy. The more the community drives and sustains the parish the more likely that Father Michael's replacement will cater to the needs of the parish community.

If you've not yet completed the survey, have your say. Please fill it in online (send a request for the link to [scparkville@gmail.com](mailto:scparkville@gmail.com)), or use the paper form (at the back of the church).

# Notes for the Diary

## **Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

First Sunday of Advent.

Season of four weeks in preparation for Christmas.



## **Anointing of the sick at Mass**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 6pm - Vigil Mass.

## **Annual Carol Eucharist**

Scots Church Choir will sing at our Annual Carol Service  
5pm - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

## **Christmas Weekend Masses**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

Vigil Mass - 6pm

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Morning Mass - 10am



## **Christmas Eve Masses**

6pm - Childrens Mass

Children are invited to dress as someone from the  
Christmas Stories.

7:15pm - Candlelight Mass with Carols

8:30pm - Candlelight Mass with Carols

10pm - Candlelight Mass with Carols

## **Christmas Day Mass**

10am - Mass with Carols





# Computer Needed

We are trying to source a laptop for a refugee man. His work, both as a tradesman, and as a community support person would be greatly facilitated with a computer. It may be a laptop or a larger computer.



If you have a spare unit at home, please contact Fr. Elligate at the parish office 9347 293

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## Accomodation Required

A member of our parish and Profesor in the School of Engineering at The University of melbourne requires almost immediate accomodation on the area. Sole tenant. Something simple and self contained.

[anne.steinemann@gmail.com](mailto:anne.steinemann@gmail.com)



# Christian Meditation

## Tuesday or Wednesday nights, 5:30-6:15 pm

Our St Carthage's Christian Meditation Group has got off to a good start and we have just completed our second four-week session. We did the first four weeks on Tuesday 5:30-6:15 and second on Wednesday at the same time. Next week we will go back to Tuesday. We've had as many as 12 participants, and have never dropped below six.

Each session begins with the opportunity for participants to briefly share something from their week. We imagine that we are dropping our experience into the silence, the ear of God and each other, for it to be taken up in our prayers.

We then listen to a spoken audio excerpt - at this stage from John Main - then proceed to a 20-minute Christian meditation based on the mantra Maranatha - 'come Lord Jesus.'

We finish with specially composed chants which I learned as part of a series of retreats I did with Cynthia Bourgeault.

We then briefly share, if necessary, and finish at 6:15.

I always e-mail the group a couple of days in advance, sending them both the John Main audio and the chant, and reminding them of the day and date.

It is a delightful opportunity to share the experience together. Participants say it is most nourishing and sustaining!

If you would like to join us, either email [sfrykberg@gmail.com](mailto:sfrykberg@gmail.com) or just turn up - the next four-week session starts on Tuesday 5th December at 5:30. Let me know if you would like to be on the mailing list.