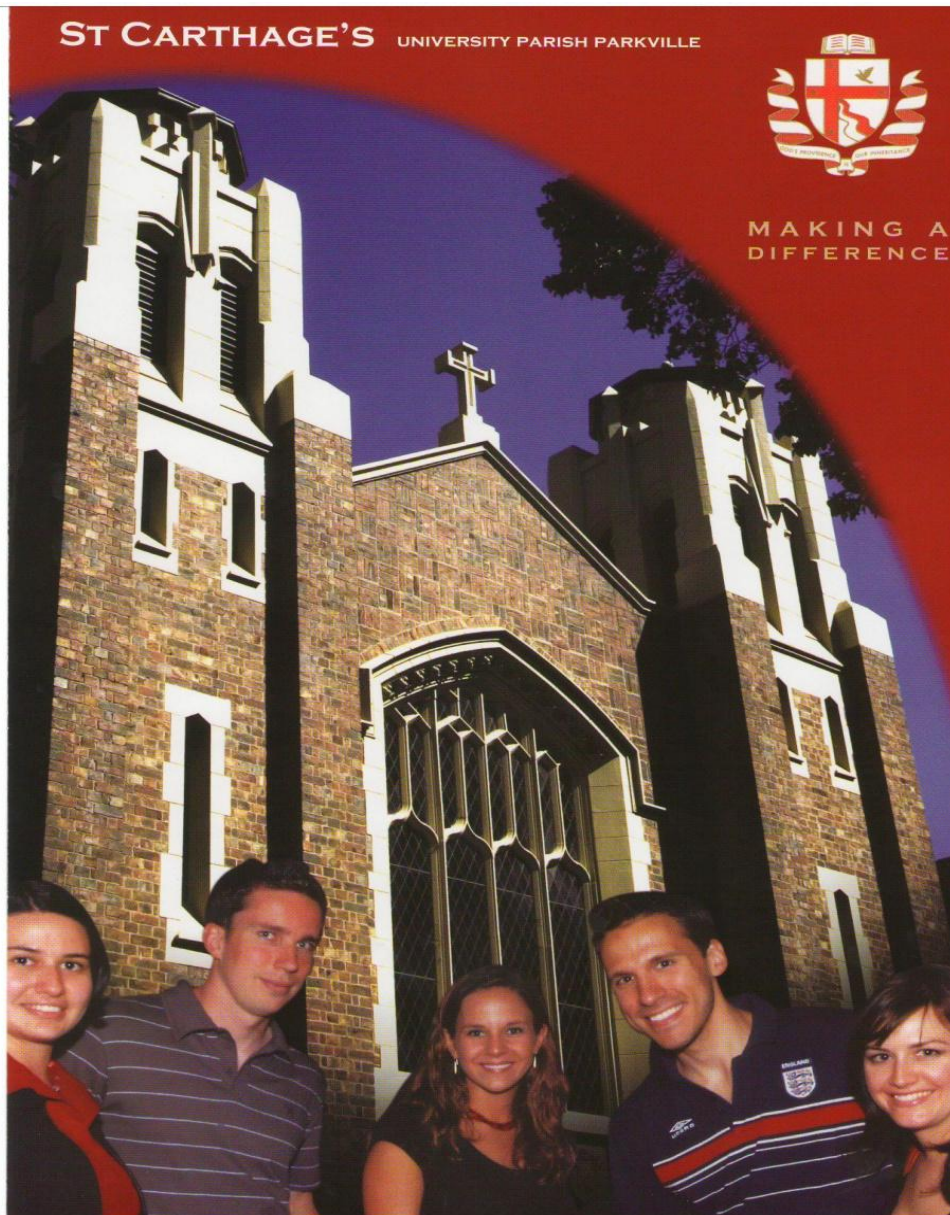




MASS TIMES
Saturday, Vigil Mass 6:00 pm
Sunday, Family Mass 10:00 am
Student's Mass 5:00 pm
27th November 2016

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER



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Music at St Carthage's

This Sunday Evening 27th November:

** We welcome the Legends of Brass for their final appearance at St Carthage's for this year.*



Next Sunday Evening 04th December:

** The St Carthage's Music Group will launch our newly arrived hymnals with music for Advent.*



On Sunday the 11th December:

** The Choir from Scots Church, Melbourne will sing at our Annual Carol Eucharist.*



Years of Lament and Healing

The grounds of St James Gardenvale

Sunday 4th December 7pm

73 North Road, Gardenvale

From **Parish Priest Fr Martin Dixon**

“As we move to the beginning of rebuilding St James Church, we are holding a service to acknowledge, to lament, for healing, for reconciliation, for hope.

Bring along a chair, rug or cushion as we gather to lament for the past and pray for our future”.



You are invited to join **Fr. Martin and Francis Sullivan**, CEO of the Truth Justice and Healing Council of the Australian Bishops Conference.

The Mass will be conducted in St James Church grounds in front of the presbytery.

Parish Steering Group activities



(Meeting held last, 16 Nov)



1. It's likely that eventually we will need to save and budget for a pastoral care parish worker, full or part time, by the time there is a change of parish priest arrangements at St Carthages.
2. A decision was made not to proceed with re-establishing a Children's' Liturgy program, due to a low response to a call for volunteers.
3. Responsibilities for the various parish functions have largely been accepted, and will assist the transfer of work from Michael's shoulders. However, it is proving difficult to enlist practical support across as many numbers of Mass-attenders and parishioners as we'd hoped.
4. A social "thank-you" gathering for parish workers and supporters is planned for the first quarter in 2017 (Christmas is too busy for most).
5. A roster for looking after the flowers in the church is taking shape.
6. New hymn books have been received and paid for.
7. Renewed invitations to join a roster for reading, speaking prayers of the faithful to be sent out by parish email (we do have some names for these ministries, but need more).
8. Noted – considerable expenditure has been completed on church maintenance (porch, tower, etc). Our debt is now quite low.
9. Thanks to Diane Rendle for taking up coordination of the visiting artists' program.
10. Thanks to Heather Weedon for joining the Steering group, and for her contributions.
11. People wishing to have a short obituary or notification of a significant milestone published in this newsletter are very welcome to email them to mark@ergonomics.com.au.

St Carthage's Steering Committee



One of the tasks the Steering Committee has spent 2016 actively working on is the re-invigoration of the children's liturgy, as this was expressed by many in the Parish as a priority. Several avenues have been intently explored including advertising the role of children's liturgy coordinator as a paid position, establishing an internship through ACU, and inviting parishioners to form a roster to lead the liturgy approximately once a month. Unfortunately little interest has been generated through any of the options we have explored and we don't currently have sufficient personnel to run this program in the parish. The Steering Committee strongly believes that this is a program which needs to be led capably and without the personnel to do so, we have decided we cannot responsibly proceed at this stage. This will remain an item for discussion and exploration in 2017 and we would welcome any parishioner suggestions or input.

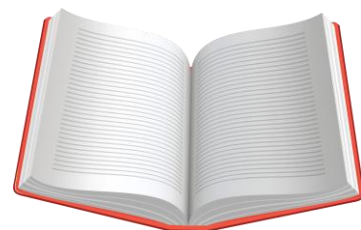
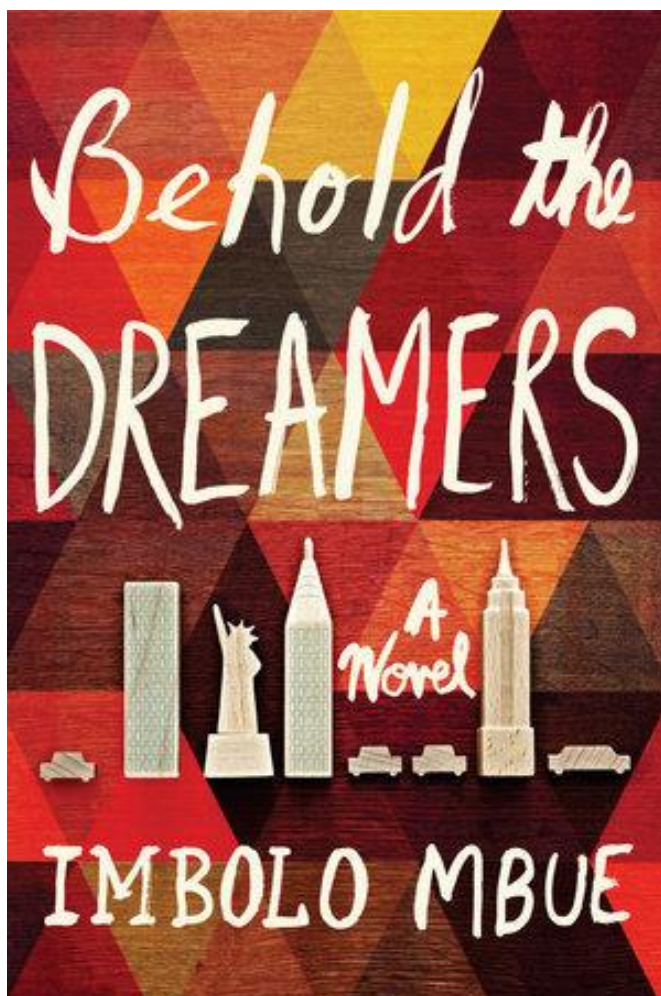
St Carthage's Men's Book Group

When: Thursday 8th December

Where: 30 bayles Street, Parkville

"Behold the Dreamers" by Imbolo Mbue

Last meeting of 2016



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New Readers Welcome!

Recommended Reading

“Crimes of the Father” by Tom Keneally

The Catholic Church has lost great credibility over the long awaited honest appraisal of sexual abuse by the clergy and religious. We await a devastating report from The Royal Commission in the coming year.

Tom Keneally names the Sordid affairs very well in his latest novel. **“The Crimes of the Father”**. Set in Sydney, all the characters and circumstances can be found in Melbourne. The book provides many case studies that would be helpful in training candidates for the priesthood. Beyond piety and male camaraderie how can people be formed to embrace a life of celibacy?

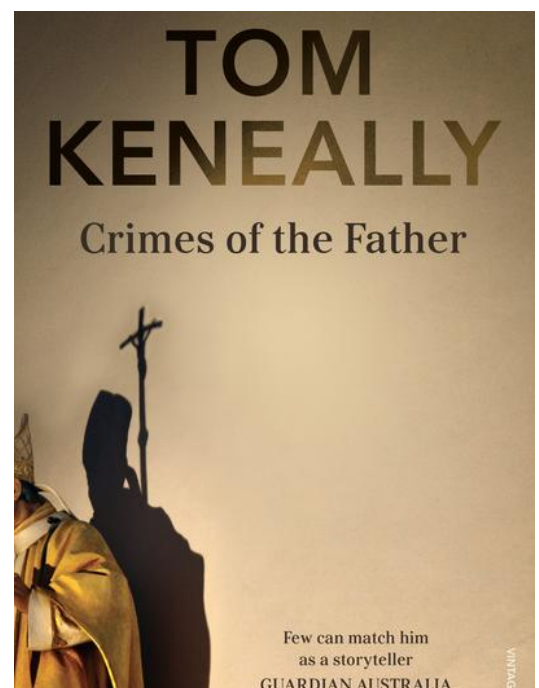
The first step would be to make it optional!

The diverse group of Australians found in the novel are all real. There are no cardboard cut outs. The inadequacy of our Church to understand sexuality is at the core of the novel. Strategies of repression are fairly named.

Much of the destructive experience explained in the novel has its origins in an institution that has managed rather than addressed bad behaviour.

The challenge now is to see that positive measures are taken so that statements of apology are seen to be authentic. There is no way out of not complying to new State supervised codes of conduct. However the test of authenticity will really come when real compassion bites into financial compensation matters.

Beyond the sordid exposition of these real experiences Tom Keneally provides an engaging novel that may help an open honest appraisal of the many faces of sexuality.



The novel is published in paperback. Priced around \$28



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

PARKVILLE CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2016

The St Vincent de Paul Parkville **Conference Christmas Appeal** will be conducted over the weekends of the **19th/20th and 26th/27th November.**

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. 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. Please collect an envelope from the porch of the Church and place it in the normal collection basket. 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 to assist disadvantaged and marginalized individuals and families in our surrounding areas.