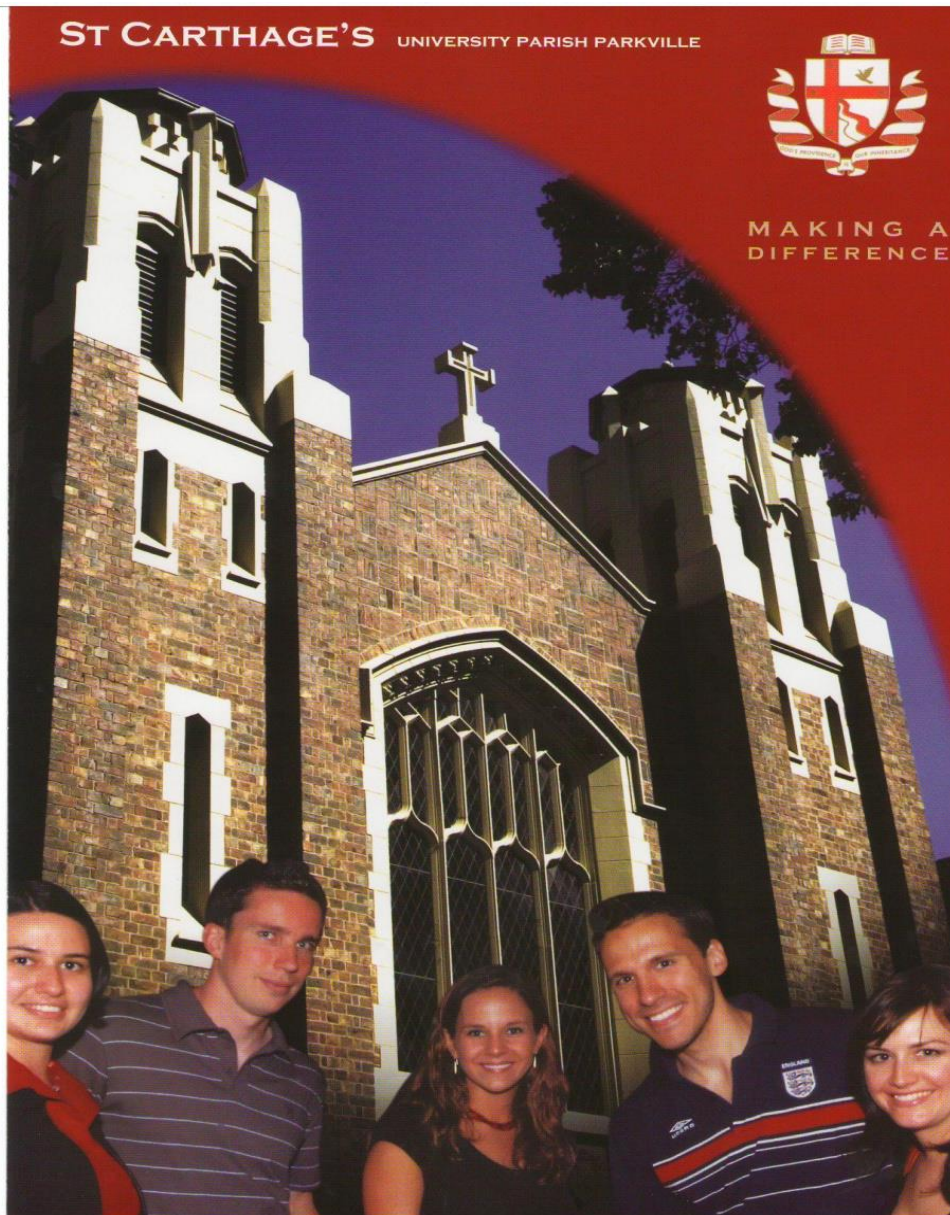




**MASS TIMES**  
Saturday, Vigil Mass 6:00 pm  
Sunday, Family Mass 10:00 am  
Student's Mass 5:00 pm  
02<sup>nd</sup> September 2018

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



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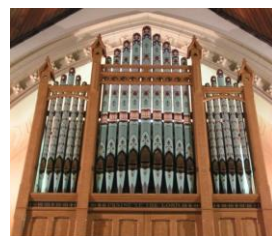
# Music at St. Carthage's

THE VISITING ARTISTS PROGRAMME CONTINUES  
EACH SUNDAY EVENING AT THE 5PM MASS



**This Sunday Evening 02<sup>nd</sup> September:**

*\* Patrick Lawrence - Heritage Pipe Organ*  
*Bruno Siketa - Trumpet*



**Next Sunday Evening 09<sup>th</sup> September:**

*\* An ensemble from The Australian Chamber Choir under the direction of Douglas Lawrence will play at the 5pm Student Mass.*





# Confirmation at St Carthage's 2018

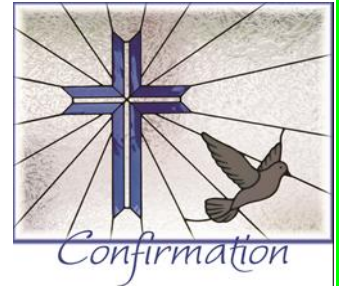
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October.



The Celebrant of the Mass will be  
**The Very Rev. Joseph Caddy Episcopal Vicar  
for Social Services**

**The Enrolment Mass and  
The Formation Session** will be on  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm

**The Preparation Mass and  
Practical Arrangements** will be  
on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm



**Confirmation Day**  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
Mass at 2:15pm

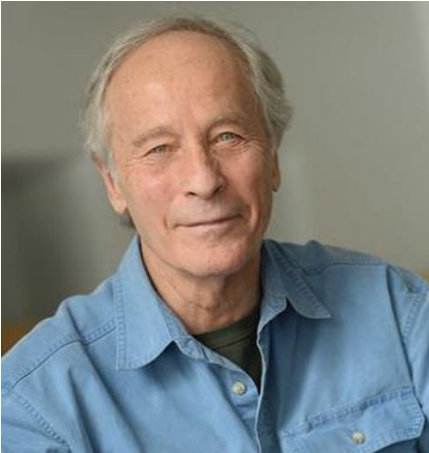
**All those wishing to be confirmed must attend the two previous  
preparation sessions and Confirmation Day.**

## Notes for 2018 Father's Day Appeal

- ✚ Priests generally retire at 75 years according to Canon (Church) Law.
- ✚ 80 Melbourne priests are currently retired.
- ✚ They have ministered in most Melbourne Parishes.
- ✚ 6 retired priests are aged in their 90s.
- ✚ 46 retired priests are aged in their 80s.
- ✚ 28 retired priests are aged between 75 - 80.
- ✚ The Retirement Foundation meets their needs. Retired priests have served us well. Most have served 50 years in parish ministry before retiring (at age 75).
- ✚ They are grateful for your support now and in the future.
- ✚ There will be an average of 6 retirements per year for the next six years.
- ✚ Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible.
- ✚ Receipts are issued early July on wards for donations of \$5.00 or more.

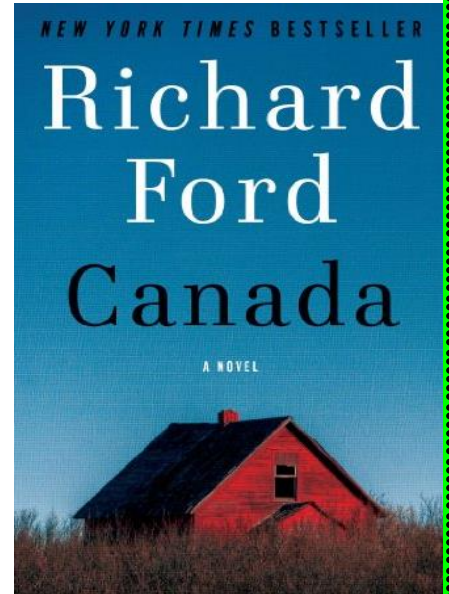
# St Carthage's Men's Reading Group

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm  
30 Bayles Street, Parkville



**Book:** Canada

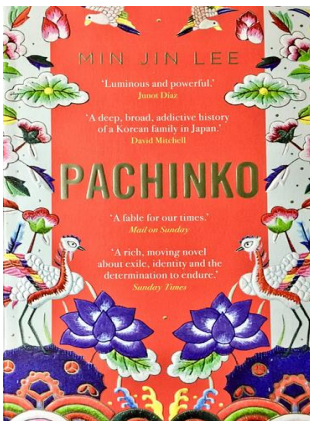
**Author:**  
Richard Ford



**Enquiries:** Evan John 0407 545 413  
New Readers welcome!

# St Carthage's Women's Reading Group

TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 10AM  
30 BAYLES STREET, PARKVILLE



**Book:** Pachinko  
**Author:** Min Jin Lee

**Convenor:** Carolyn  
Stapleton 0401 723 415



New readers warm, happy welcome awaits you.





**Spirituality in the Pub**  
**8 pm Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018**

**THE PUMPHOUSE HOTEL**  
**128 NICHOLSON STREET FITZROY**

(opp. Carlton Gardens)

Street parking available      Please Note Changed Date



## Is the central Power of the Papacy today with us to stay?

It is widely held that John Paul II was the most influential pope in church history, and a papal superstar. Today we are likely to assume that the Pope "owns" the church, lock, stock & barrel. But without a grip on history, we forget that in 1799 the papacy almost went right out of business with the death of Pius VI. This presentation will focus on what happened between these two Popes, how unbalanced the church has become in the next 218 years, and how we might recover some local autonomy.

**Paul Collins**, historian, broadcaster and writer, was a priest for 33 years, until he resigned his ministry in 2001 after a dispute with the Vatican over his 1997 book "Papal Power". In his latest book *Absolute Power- how the Pope became the most influential man in the world*, released earlier this year, he adds further reflection after the experience of two more Popes. A former head of the religion and ethics department of the ABC and author of fifteen books, he is a well-known commentator on Catholicism and the papacy, with a strong interest also in ethics, the environment and population issues.

The PUMPHOUSE HOTEL provides a spacious and comfortable atmosphere. Meals available from 6.00pm - 7.30pm. Remember: Support the Pub that supports SIP - Dine at the Pumphouse!

Paul's book will be on sale at the discount price of \$35

## [To the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Melbourne](#)



Dear Friends,

In his letter, Pope Francis says: *'The extent and the gravity of all that has happened requires coming to grips with this reality in a comprehensive and communal way.'* To this end, one part of the task ahead is being transparent about the extent of the abuse that has occurred in Melbourne. To date, 469 people have come forward with substantiated allegations against a priest or religious or lay person who has been under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese - 90 priests, 22 religious and 19 lay workers have had findings made against them. A total of \$34,419,767 has been offered in redress. There are currently 754 people for whom ongoing counselling, and allied health and spiritual support has been facilitated.

To this end, I want to let you know that I am committed to exercising my responsibilities according to the framework offered by the Child Safe Standards articulated by the Royal Commission. I am also committed to working closely with the Commission for Children and Young People here in Victoria to implement policies and processes within the Archdiocese that comply with best practice. The Archdiocese has signed up to the National Redress Scheme, and we will join with national Church actions in response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission. In the two weeks since taking office as Archbishop, I have initiated a process of appraisal into our current policies, processes and structures to identify what further action can be taken to improve our transparency, compassion and accountability.

I am strongly committed to reporting to the appropriate authorities, and have already exercised that duty here in Melbourne. I am also strongly committed to upholding the seal of confession. I have begun conversations with our public authorities about finding a way in which these two principles can be upheld, for the sake of the safety of all.

Tomorrow I will be meeting with the Clergy of the Archdiocese, where I will reiterate my commitments and priorities, and seek their full cooperation in our common task ahead. If you have your own experience of sexual abuse by Church personnel, I strongly encourage you to report to Victoria Police by attending your local police station or calling (03) 9247 6666 in the first instance. You may also wish to contact the Independent Commissioner of the Melbourne Response, (03) 9225 7979. If you know of anyone who has been abused – as a child or adult – please let them know of Carelink (1300 810 957), an independent facility that assists clients in receiving the care needed for their recovery and wellbeing. There are also a number of support groups available.

Might I conclude by encouraging you to hear and take to heart these words of Pope Francis: *'The only way that we have to respond to this evil that has darkened so many lives is to experience it as a task regarding all of us as the People of God.'*

May Our Lady, Untier of Knots, intercede for us in our task ahead.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

**Most Rev Peter A Comensoli**  
**Archbishop of Melbourne**



## An invitation to help frame submissions for the 2020 Plenary Council

**First meeting on Thursday 20 September at the Parish Centre at 30 Bayles Street - 7.30 pm.**

The Bishops are organising a Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia in 2020. It is the first National Council in over 80 years. They have invited Catholics to make one or more submissions as individuals or as a group. Jan and Richard Curtain are keen to set up a group at St Carthage's to work out submissions as a parish. Jan is an active national consumer health advocate. Richard has been a public policy consultant and is now a researcher at ANU. Here is their outline of how they propose to organise a parish response to the call of Plenary Council organisers to 'have your say'.

Frank Brennan SJ, in his talk at St Carthage's recently, challenged us to start the change process at the parish level. We noticed on a recent stay in Canberra that the Canberra Archdiocese was well advanced with its completed and planned listening and dialogue sessions. The response in Melbourne has been notably slower to get off the ground. The first preparatory stage for the Plenary Council continues until Ash Wednesday 2019.

We want to work with others to identify major issues of concern to the future of the Catholic Church in Australia and to formulate carefully considered responses. The idea is to work together with a group of anywhere between 6 and up to 30 people. If more than 30 are interested, we can form a separate group.

Once a draft has been prepared and agreed within the group, it can then be circulated by email to a wider group who are interested in commenting on and endorsing the submission. The final step is to lodge the submissions no later than before Christmas.

If you are interested, please send an email to: [richard@curtain-consulting.net.au](mailto:richard@curtain-consulting.net.au). Please say how you would like to be involved, eg as part of (1) a formulating group or (2) to read, comment and endorse a submission by email.



# Listening to Turning Earth

BY TIM MOLONEY CFC

21 March: - from 1.30 to 3.00pm

13 June: - from 1.30 to 3.00pm

19 Sept: - from 1.30 to 3.00pm

12 Dec: - from 1.30 to 3.00pm

Venue: Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality

Cost: \$25 per session

Tim will offer four sessions of 90 minutes each to sit and contemplate the seasons of our Earth. Using images and reflections from writers in the field, we will sit prayerfully to honour the Earth and its evolving changes in our template climate.



**To make a booking, contact:**

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99 Studley Park Road, Kew VIC 3101

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