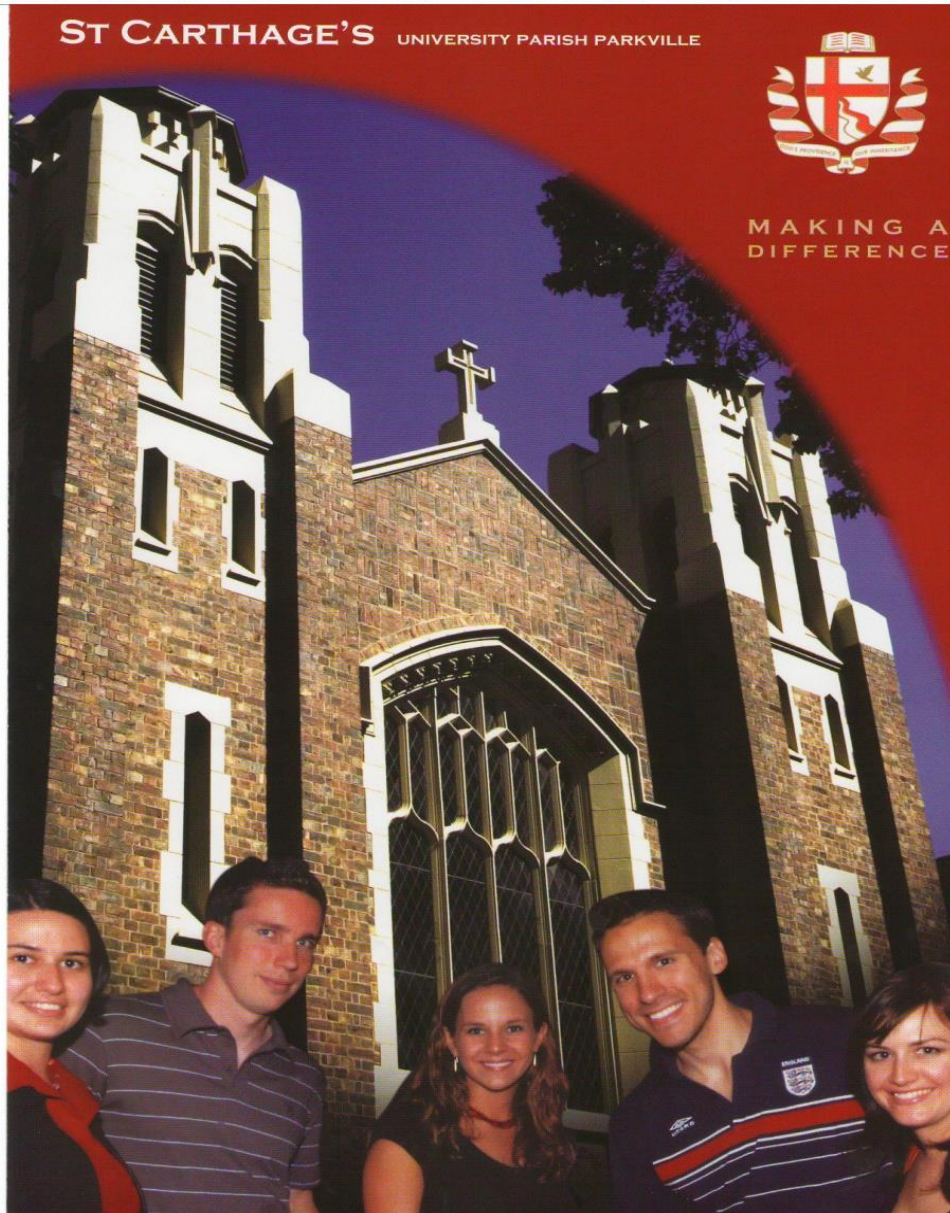




**MASS TIMES**  
Saturday, Vigil Mass 6:00 pm  
Sunday, Family Mass 10:00 am  
Student's Mass 5:00 pm  
30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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



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# Music at St Carthage's



**This Sunday Evening 30<sup>th</sup> September:**

*\* Elizabeth Anderson returns with her harpsichord to present fine classical music at the 5pm Student Mass.*



**Next Saturday Evening 06<sup>th</sup> October:**

*\* Patrick Lawrence will play our heritage organ at the 6pm Vigil Mass.*



**On Sunday Evening 07<sup>th</sup> October:**

*\* Mary Anderson will play her Classical Harp at the 5pm Student Mass.*



# Towards our Plenary Council

The first meeting of the St Carthage's Parish Group to draft responses to the Plenary Council took place at the Parish Centre on Thursday 20 September, with 12 taking part in the discussions. The purpose of the meeting was to start a process to prepare drafts of submissions to the Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia in 2020. Three groups discussed the issues that could be suitable topics for submissions.

The broad headings for the issues identified were: the need for an updated theology of the Church in the world; greater participation of lay women and men in the decision-making in the Church in Australia; need to improve existing and create new governance structures in the Australian Church; need for a greater focus on social justice issues as a practical way of renewing ecumenism (ie working with other churches and faith-based organisations); and new approaches needed to the formation and professional standing of priests.

Twenty one people who have expressed an interest in being involved in drafting or commenting by email on the submissions. If you are interested in taking part in either roles, please contact Richard and Jan at [richard@curtain-consulting.net.au](mailto:richard@curtain-consulting.net.au) so we can send the details of the topics discussed at the meeting.



**Spirituality in the Pub**  
**8pm, Wed 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

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

*(opp. Carlton Gardens)*  
*Street parking available*



## **Any hope for Palestine – now, or ever?**

What is really happening in Palestine? Mainstream media report only clashes and violence between the Muslim and Jewish populations. While politicians (but not all) declare support for a “two-state” solution in Israel recent events seem headed in the opposite direction, the prevailing situation in Palestine is dire.

In fact, there are also Christians and other religions in Israel, and their interests are not aired at all. Meanwhile the tourist can visit holy places and be totally unaware of what is happening there – restriction of access of all Palestinians to healthcare, education, water, freedom of movement, etc. by the occupying military.

**Areej Masoud** is a Palestinian Christian woman born in Bethlehem – a town surrounded by an 8m high concrete wall. She is currently Co-ordinator for the Department of Development and Communications at Bethlehem Bible College, on speaking tour in Australia through the Palestine-Israel Ecumenical Network (PIEN). A chance to open ourselves to compassion by hearing her testimony to what lies behind the media stories.

**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!**

# 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.**



# Catholic Leadership Must Apologise

The following statement is the collaborative work of about twenty women initially part of the long-established Feminist Theology Study Group, but acting independently as a consultative body under the title of Women's Wisdom In The Church (WWITCh). Reclaiming the meaning distorted for centuries both in the Church and in society generally, we believe that this gesture has meaning both for the members of the action group and for others.

Having completed this first project, we intend to consult further and to pursue the issues that are inherent in the Statement. Subsequent and similar actions will be advertised in the newsletter as appropriate.

We, the undersigned, members of WWITCh (Women's Wisdom in the Church), submit our response to the Synodal call of the Church in relation to the Australian Catholic Church's role in, and response to, the Royal Commission into Institutional Sexual Abuse.

We call for a complete apology from the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference and the National Council for Catholic Religious Australia wherein they take full responsibility for the continuing and systematic concealment of the crimes and sins of the sexual abuse of children and vulnerable others.

This apology must build upon the Commitment Statement made to the Royal Commission in September 2013 and must be in the active not passive voice. The whole Australian Catholic Church is sorry that these things happened; however, only a full disclosure with a clear intention to repent can pave the way to healing and lead to renewal.

We call also for the immediate release of the final Statement of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council to all Australian Catholics.

Finally, the initiatives, taken and to be taken, by the Bishops' Conference, in response to the sexual abuse crisis, must be governed by completely *independent* structures and protocols. The current practices expressed in the Catholic Professional Standards Ltd and the Implementation Advisory Group remain subject to final decision-making by the bishops which must be seen as a conflict of interest.

Signed: WWITCh

We are the Domestic Church, cradle Catholics, educated women, mothers and teachers of the current and future generations, responsible for their education in the faith. We are committed to the Church and passionate that it retains its gospel integrity.

July 22, 2018. The feast of Mary Magdalene, the Apostle to the Apostles.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**St Michael's School Hall,  
Brougham St, North Melbourne**

**\$20 per head BYO Food & Drink**

**Bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/XNJX>**

Get your teams together for the

# **Parish Trivia Night**

Proceeds will be given to Emergency Fund in meeting immediate needs with St Vincent de Paul.



## **Trivia Night Raffle:**

### **○ First Prize:**

**An amazing Bike estimated value at \$700+.**

### **○ Second Prize:**

**Photography Session valued at \$750.**

### **○ Third Prize:**

**\$300 Dinner at  
Matteo's Restaurant, Fitzroy North.**

### **○ Fourth Prize:**

**\$85 Bottle of fine Red Wine from  
The Cellars of Seven Hill Wines  
Clare Valley South Australia.**

# A celebration of freedom of speech

11.00 am, Sunday 14 October 2018

Celtic Club at The Metropolitan,  
36 Courtney Street, North Melbourne

11.00 Arrival – tea and coffee

11.30 MC Val Noone: Introduction –

**'The fiftieth anniversary of Humanae Vitae,  
the papal encyclical banning contraception'**

11.40 Robert Crotty: **'In Memoriam: Nicholas (Michael) Crotty,  
Peter Phelan and Free Speech in 1968'**

12.10 Open forum

12.30 Lunch

**Cost: \$40**, payable on entry. Two-course meal, including  
vegetarian option.

Drinks at bar prices. Please notify any dietary requirements.  
Bookings essential.

- **RSVP** by Monday 8 October to Mary Doyle,  
[marydoyle@iinet.net.au](mailto:marydoyle@iinet.net.au) or  
**mobile: 0466 312 794**.

If you think of other people who might be interested,  
please pass on this invitation and remind them that  
RSVP is needed.

Or, send us their email address and we will send an invitation.

To some of you who are interstate or overseas, or otherwise  
unlikely to be able to come,  
we thought you would like to know that this is happening.  
We would welcome your message.