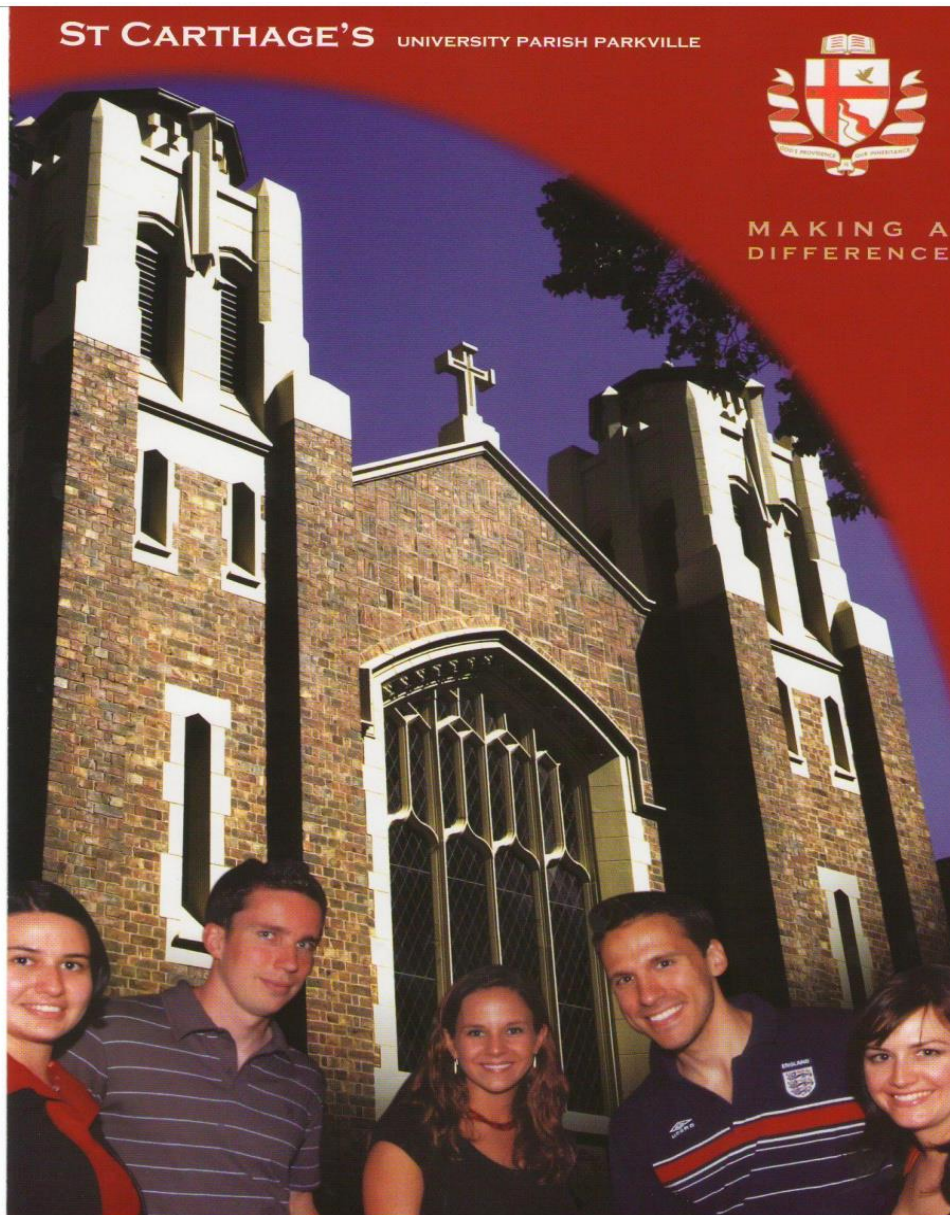




MASS TIMES
Saturday, Vigil Mass 6:00 pm
Sunday, Family Mass 10:00 am
Student's Mass 5:00 pm
09th December 2018

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER



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Music at St Carthage's

This Sunday Evening 09th December:

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



Next Sunday Evening 16th December:

*** *The Australian Chamber Choir will bring an ensemble to the 5pm Student Mass.***

Director of Music & Organist. Douglas Laurence.



On Sunday Evening 23rd December:

*** *The Scots Church Choir Melbourne will sing at The Annual Carol Eucharist at 5pm.***





St Vincent de Paul Society

Parkville Conference *good works*

The continued support of Fr Michael and the parishioners of St Carthage's Church enable the Parkville Conference of St Vincent de Paul to work with the many disadvantaged people of the inner city suburbs, tertiary students with disabilities, and primary school students in our region and in remote Indigenous communities.

We are most appreciative of your contribution over the Winter Appeal and the support we received from the recent Parish Trivia Night. We now call on you to continue to support our work through the Christmas Appeal (running over the weekends of 8/9 December and 15/16 December) as one hundred percent of all donations go towards the programs of the Parkville Conference.

Christmas Cake Sale

Delicious Christmas Cakes will once again be on sale at St Carthage's. The profit from this sale will be used to educate young people who live in the poorest areas of the Philippines also children in Romania. The Cakes are made by a very generous group and this is the 20th year that the project has been undertaken.

SALE DATES - Saturday 8th Dec. after 6pm Mass
Sunday 9th Dec. after 10am and 5pm Mass

Sizes - 2kg square cake cost \$50.
1kg round cake \$30.
500mg round cake \$15.



Payment -
Cash or Cheque made payable to Friends of Romania.

Enquiries - Maureen Hoare 0433 768 281.
Bev Noonan 0401 697 262.

Call for Volunteer Sunday Collection Counters for the coming year.

We wish to draw up a new roster of counters for the coming year. We aim to have this in place before the Christmas – new year break.

The roster will commence on the first Sunday of February 2019.

- We need 3 counters to count the collection money after the 5pm Sunday Mass.
- We hope to have enough volunteers that means a roster turn every two months.
- Counting usually takes between forty minutes and one hour.
- We plan to have a thank you drinks in early february that will bring our volunteers together. We will also give a practical demonstration of the counting procedure.
- Old and new counters please let Fr. Elligate know that you wish to help out.

St Carthage's Men's Reading Group

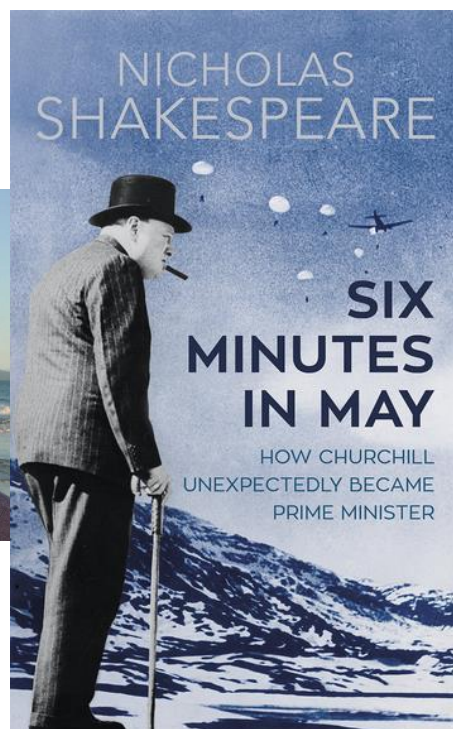
Thursday 13th December 7:30pm

30 Bayles Street, Parkville

Nicholas

Shakespeare

Six Minutes in May



Enquiries:

Evan John 0407 545 413

New readers always welcome!



St Carthage's Women's Morning Reading Group

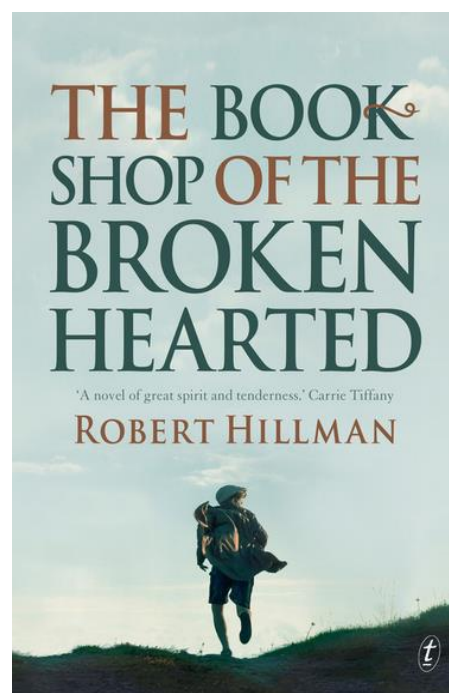
Tuesday 18th December 10:00am

30 Bayles Street, Parkville

Robert Hillman

The Book shop of

The Broken Hearted



Enquiries:

Carolyn 0401 732 415

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Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your very generous support of our efforts against Human Trafficking.

Your donations of \$850.05 is a tremendous help.

Please continue to raise awareness about these issues in your work and home lives.

Heather Weedon on behalf of ACRATH



www.acrath.org.au

People are NOT for sale



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

**Will they listen,
will anything change?**

A couple of months ago I was invited to give a presentation on the Plenary Council at a Spirituality in the Pub session.

I prepared what I thought was a good talk, but a couple of minutes into my presentation something, perhaps the Spirit, moved me to stop and ask my audience “what did they think?” One man started with a question, “Will the bishops listen?” It was quickly obvious that he was not alone. There was a great deal of scepticism in the room. So my “beautiful talk” remained on the lectern and we had 90 minutes of sharing.

Criticising bishops is a Catholic sport. It doesn't require entrance fees of any special equipment. We have been enjoying it for decades. But unfortunately, because of the Royal Commission, clericalism, the laity's sense of being excluded from ministry and governance and a growing feeling of distrust in institutions across society we have now reached a serious level of distrust in the Church. In a few decades we have moved from uncritical respect to deep criticism. I believe a central function of the Plenary Council 2020 is to help us learn to trust one another.

That is why the process for the first year of preparing for the Plenary Council is devoted to Listening and Dialogue Encounters. Some of my friends suggested that we need social analysis and professional theological reflection etc. These may be needed before the Council is over but at the moment we need to share our stories, our questions, our doubts, our concerns and our spiritualities. Many people want to speak and to be listened to. If we don't learn to respect and trust one another all the other changes will be in vain.

Fr. Noel Connolly