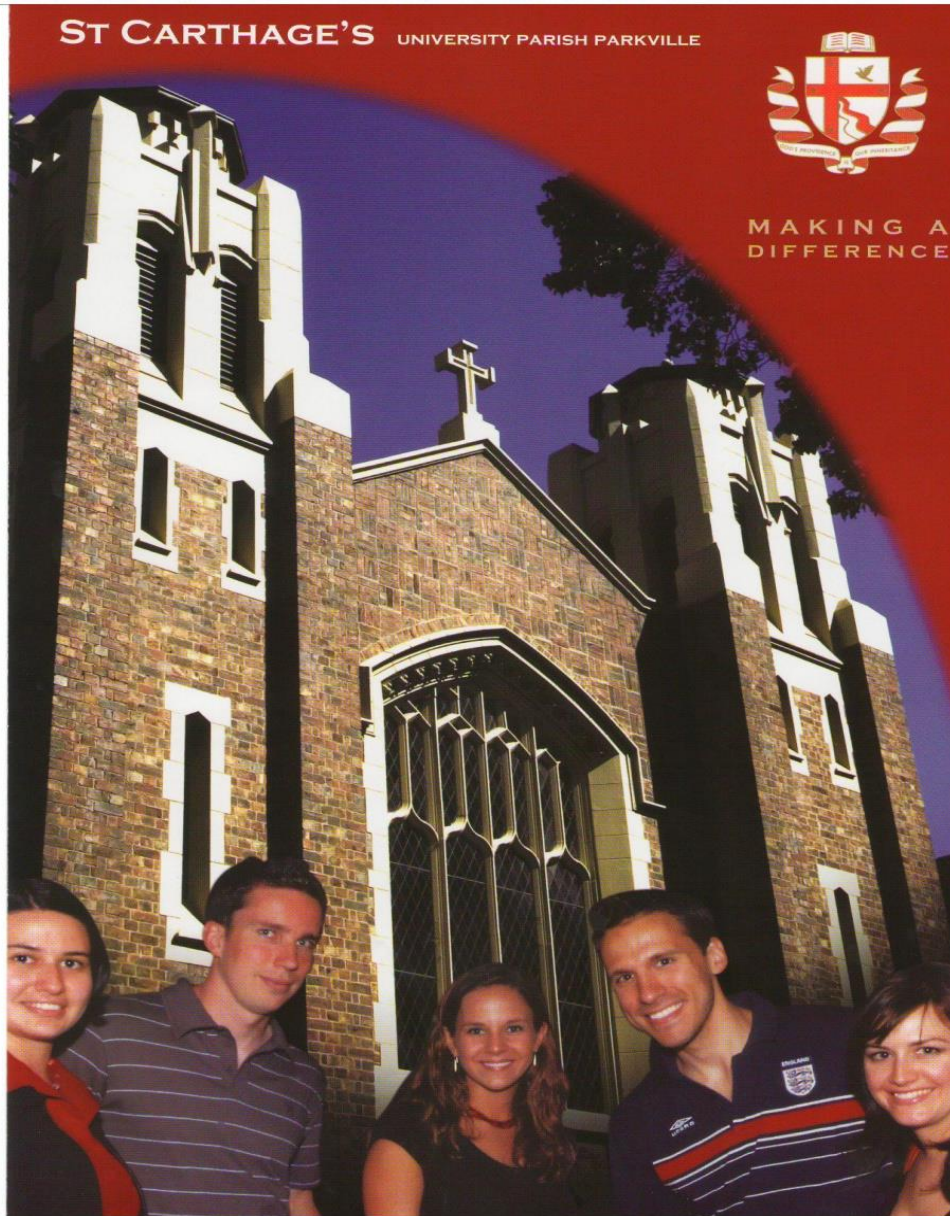




**MASS TIMES**  
Saturday, Vigil Mass 6:00 pm  
Sunday, Family Mass 10:00 am  
Student's Mass 5:00 pm  
17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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



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# Music at St Carthage's

**This Sunday Evening 17<sup>th</sup> March:**

*\* The thirty voice catholic choir  
In Excelsis return to sing at  
the 5pm Student Mass.*



**Next Sunday Evening 24<sup>th</sup> March:**

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



**On Sunday Evening 31<sup>st</sup> March:**

*\* The Vaughan McAlley will play flute  
at the 5pm Student Mass.*





# **Lifeboat Geelong**

## **F O U N D A T I O N**



Fr. Kevin Dillon has founded this victims/survivors of church-related sexual abuse Program. Already the foundation has done remarkable work offering hope and practical support.

Tom and Mary Williams,  
parishioners at  
St Carthage's will be selling  
raffle tickets at Mass this weekend,  
to support Lifeboat Projects.

**Enquiries 0439 199 400**

# St Mary's Commencement Dinner



Roger & Anne co-ordinate  
The St Carthage's Music Group

Recently Roger was the guest speaker at the  
St Mary's College Commencement Dinner.

## Associate Professor Roger Rassool

Roger Rassool is Professor of Physics at The University of Melbourne, and a founding director of the FREQ2 foundation whose primary mission is to leverage expertise and inexpensively solve problems in the developing world. Roger and his wife, Anne, were both Residential Tutors at St Mary's College during 1984-88.

Roger was born in Uganda, and emigrated with his parents to Australia. He has a PhD in Nuclear and Particle Physics, and is passionate about industry engagement. His research team are recognised experts in x-ray detection, medical technology, and electronics. He is the inventor of several technologies including an antipersonnel landmine detector.

Roger has a strong personal commitment to equitable access to education and has worked in many remote communities from Australia to Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. Roger is closely involved with, and contributes to, the education programs in several African schools.

**We are delighted to welcome Roger and Anne back to St Mary's.**

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# I just can't bring myself to attend Sunday Mass

**The Pell conviction has deadened my Catholic heart, writes Anne O'Donovan.**

As a cradle Catholic, and as a mother and a grandmother, my response to the Cardinal Pell conviction is, as for others like me, deeply complex. For weeks I have been unable to bring myself to attend Sunday Mass. I wake to a deadening of the heart as yet another story of abuse of children by Catholic clergy emerges. Catholics like me are in grief.

Cardinal Pell is an unsympathetic character, described as having a pathological lack of empathy and emblematic of a church that is out of touch with its people. And yet he is a prince of the church: the only ranking higher is that of the Pope. How unthinkable that he has been convicted of abusing children. I see myself as a liberal Catholic-loosely connected to St Carthage's parish at Melbourne University, where the much-loved Father Michael Elligate ministers to a flock from every corner of Melbourne. When I go to Michael's Mass, I come away with a thought about how to live my life – an opportunity for meditation on the deeper things. I abhor the arrogant male exclusivity of elements of the church and long ago relinquished any regard for the dogmatic pronouncements from the Control Tower.

And yet, and yet... something keeps me connected. For me, it is a love of the ritual, something deep in my racial memory, and it's the goodness of so many clergy and religious, the 93 percent who are not abusers. Perhaps it's also the debt we owe to generations of nuns, priests and brothers who gave us a start on what became fulfilling lives as successful professionals. Many in public life operate from principles of social Catholic schools today are flourishing. Lapsed or former Catholics may

not have much faith in the church, but many still want their children educated in a system which at its best operates from a values philosophy, living out principles of fairness and, ironically, pastoral care.

Then there is the health system. The nuns were outstanding in their efficient and inspired running of their hospitals, like St Vincent's, the Mercy, Cabrini, which were for everyone, not just for Catholics. In all of this, there are the unacknowledged good people. And there is so much quiet goodness. For instance the Sacred Heart Mission, which feeds 500 people a day and provides a refuge for sex workers. Or Father Bob Maguire, whose car carries the slogan "In Bob we Trust": affable, loveable, doing much good. Or St Joseph's Parish in Prahran which has turned a disused primary school into comfortable units as shelter for the homeless.

I was brought up deep within the Irish Catholic culture, on slogans like "the family that prays together, stays together" and also "Mix with your own and you'll marry your own". In my childhood the priest was a respected, often wise family counsellor, someone we were honoured to have visit our home. Yet under the trusting protection of a respected institution, this very reverence was what protected and allowed these predators to move freely.

My friend the Jesuit priest Michael Kelly thinks it will take the Catholic Church three generations to recover. This may be optimistic. We are, as Father Frank Brennan said, a wounded nation. As well as the children and families whose lives are destroyed, we who are left – we too – are betrayed and grieving.

**"Sunday Age" 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Anne O'Donovan, AO,**

**is a book publisher and former director of Jesuit Publications.**

# St Carthage's Womens Morning Book Club

The next meeting will be on  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am  
30 Bayles Street Parkville

**Author:**

**Markus  
Zusak**



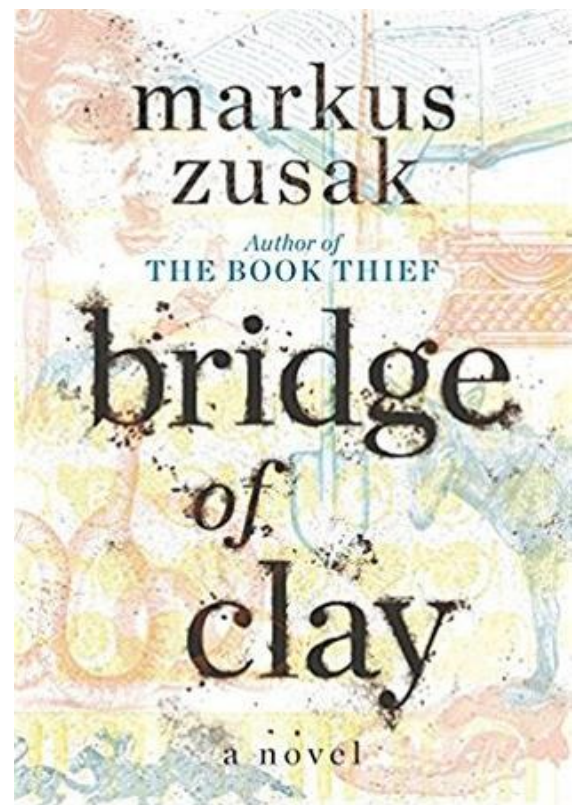
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