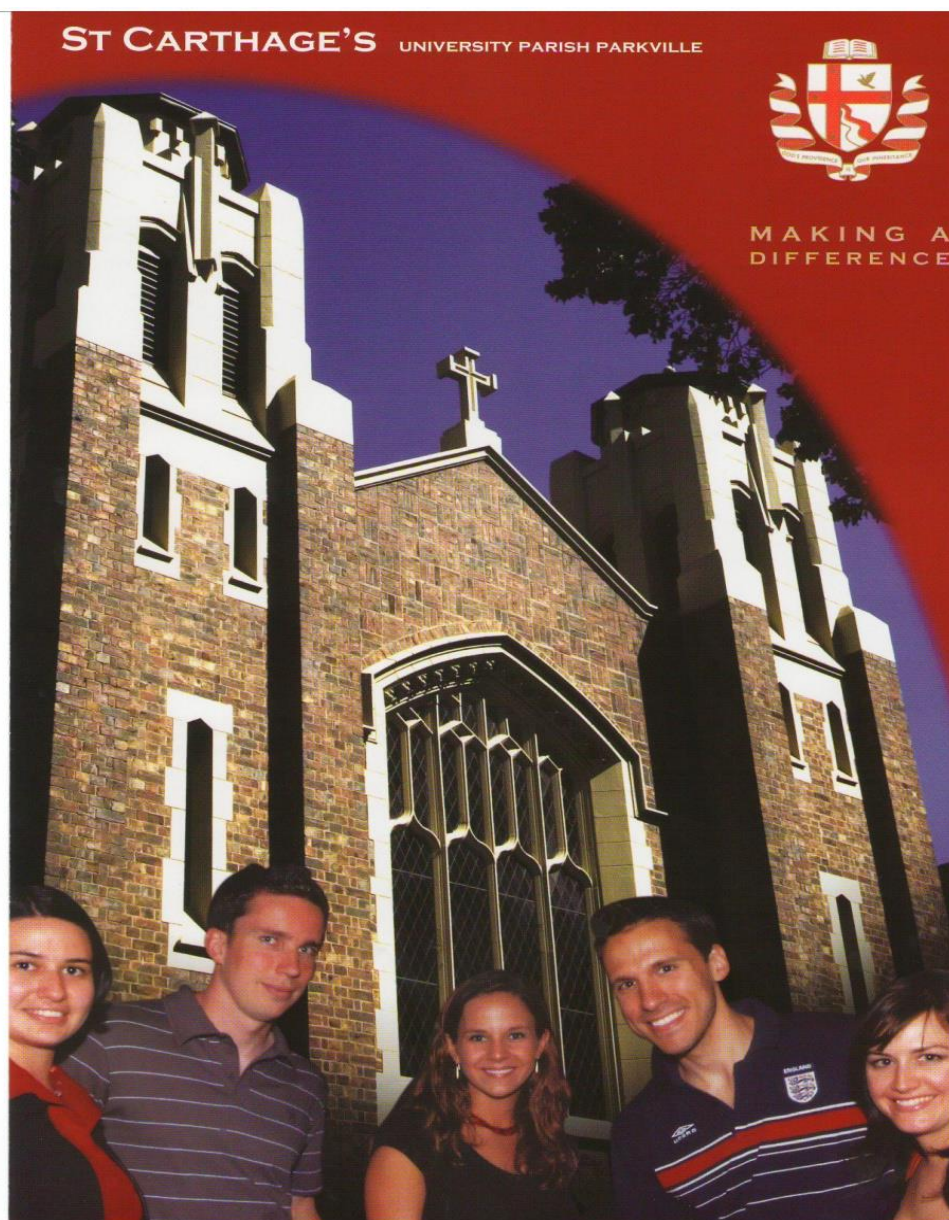




MASS TIMES
Saturday, Vigil Mass 6:00 pm
Sunday, Family Mass 10:00 am
Student's Mass 5:00 pm
22nd December 2019

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER



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Music

At St Carthage's

This Saturday Evening 21st December:

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



This Sunday Evening 22nd December:

** The Choir of Scots Church, Melbourne will sing at our annual Carol Eucharist.*

Organist: Ria Angelija Polo
Conductor: Douglas Lawrence

PRELUDE

Come to us now, Holy Saviour
Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT

A babe is born I wys. Frederick Bainton French traditional

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 150 to a chant by C V Stanford

COMMUNION MUSIC

1 We all sing Away in a manger
2 The choir sings Alleluia, Rejoice for the Lord will come
Andreas Hammerschmidt

FINAL

Ding dong merrily on high
Old French arranged by David Willcocks



Christmas Masses at St Carthage's

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December



6:00pm

Family Mass

Children may wish to dress as someone from the Christmas story.

Music

Juliette Hughes --- Soprano

Rick Norwood --- Guitar



7:00pm

In recent years this is a quiet Mass with some carols.

Anne Rassool & Roger Rassool



8:00pm

Candlelight Mass

With St Carthage's Music Group.



9:30pm

Candlelight Mass in reflective style

Julian Peters will lead the carols, and sing some Christmas songs.

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December



10:00am

Christmas Day Mass

Rick Norwood & Juliette Hughes



Words of Appreciation

At the end of another year together at St Carthages!

As Christmas and the New Year are close by, it is important to thank many people who make St Carthages a special parish.

- To all the contributors who offer regular financial support through our planned giving program, sincere thanks for the way your giving enables our parish to meet the needs of so many!
- To our Parish Council and the Parish Finance Committee are a vital support in giving voice and structure to our parish community.
- To musicians, singers, Counters and Keepers of the altar linen, thank you!
- To our office administration staff who keep the office and beyond in order, many thanks!
- Many parish groups share the house in Bayles Street, and they share parish life with their mutual interests. Thank you!
- To the small group that have supported the monthly revival of the Children's Liturgy, a special word of thanks!
- Our St Vincent de Paul Conference have a well deserved legendary status across Melbourne. Congratulations!

With every best wish and prayers!

Thank you!

Michael Elligate





Last Weekend

St Vincent de Paul Society

Parkville Conference *good works*

Christmas Appeal 2019

The Parkville Conference of St Vincent de Paul is appreciative of the ongoing support of Fr Michael and the parishioners of St Carthage's Church. This support enables us 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 thankful for 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 assist our work through the Christmas Appeal (running over the weekends of 7/8 December and 14/15 December) as one hundred percent of all donations go towards the programs of the Parkville Conference. Our members will be distributing envelopes and our end of year report after mass over these weekends.

For more information please contact

Our President **David** 0412 553 720 or **Peter** 0413 754 523.



DONATION BOX FOR



ROTARY BOOK FAIR

Collection Box to Return In February 2020

The Rotary Club of Carlton is conducting a

**ROTARY BOOK FAIR ON
SATURDAY 21 MARCH & SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2020**

The Book Fair will be held at Kathleen Syme Library & Community Centre, 251 Faraday Street Carlton with, the proceeds to continue to assist funding of Mental Health Research, and a Young Children's Literacy Project.

Please drop your books, vinyls, CDs, DVDs you no longer read, look at /listen to....etc, into the Donation Box located in the church porch.

An opportunity to help these great Rotary Community Projects.

Thank you again for your support to the Rotary Club of Carlton- we are there for humanity and our community.

Mass and Anointing of the sick



On **Saturday 21st December**
the Sacrament of the Sick will be
celebrated at the



6:00pm Vigil Mass

Anyone who faces the fragility of life is most welcome to receive
the holy oil and blessing!

Patrick Lawrence will play our heritage pipe organ at this
ceremony.

“One Hundred Years of Dirt” Rick Morton.

Sacramental Statistics for St Carthages 2019

BAPTISMS: 141

FIRST COMMUNION: 112

CONFIRMATIONS: 54

WEDDINGS: 18

FUNERALS: 34



Parish Submission for Plenary Council

NATIONAL FOCUS

The root cause of the perfidious paedophilia committed by some clerics and religious which resulted in huge damage to the Church is the glaring lack of leadership and governance exercised by our bishops before, during and since exposure of the child abuse scandal. The Church from the Vatican down is overwhelmingly administered and controlled by all-male clergy with no significant role for women. We demand a national program of change which embraces a servant model of leadership to create greater transparency and collaborative decision-making at all levels, based on a greatly expanded role for the laity, and women in particular. Major reforms should include priest formation to meet the demands of contemporary pastoral care. Evidence of these changes, especially on the role of women in the Church at all levels, needs to be made public with an annual report card in every diocese. We need to show ourselves and the wider community that the Church is changing and is the better for it. (997 characters)

LOCAL FOCUS

At the parish level, we need to apply a synodal model of Church. This requires parish members making decisions collaboratively with Church leadership on issues that affect the parish at its core, such as appointment of a new parish priest. Each parish facing a change of parish priest should assess its strengths and weaknesses, formulate an agreed statement of pastoral objectives, develop selection criteria for a new pastor and jointly decide who is selected. At the diocesan level, a Diocesan Pastoral Council is needed as a consultative body with regular meetings and reporting. Laity should hold a majority of positions, with women members at least half the Council. All parish councils should be invited regularly to submit matters for discussion and action. The Council should also take part in the selection process for a new bishop. A diocesan council secretariat and website should be set up to report on the discussions, recommendations and actions taken by diocesan Church leaders. (995 characters)