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ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS YEAR C

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First Reading: [Is 9-1-7](#). A Son is born for us.

Response: Today is born our saviour, Christ the Lord.

Second Reading: [Titus 2: 11-14](#). God's Grace has been revealed.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!



CHRISTMAS 2021

Mass Times:

Vigil masses Family 6pm and 8.00pm

Carols 11.30 pm Mass at Midnight

Christmas Morning 10.00am



Gospel: [Luke 2: 1-141:1-18](#). In the town of David a saviour has been born to you.

Parish Support. Thanks to all of those who have continued to support St Carthage's Parish financially. Especially during the long periods of lockdown. If you would like to support us through an EFT our banking details are: BSB 083 347 Account: 480176362

A Christmas message from the Parish Priest

According to songwriter Paul Kelly, Joe wrote to his brother Dan on 21 December from his prison cell. In his letter, he tells Dan his secret to making the gravy for the Christmas roast, *Just add flour, salt, a little red wine and don't forget a dollop of tomato sauce for sweetness and that extra tang.* Joe goes on to tell Dan just how much he will miss his children and the whole wonderful family gathering at Christmas.

On 17 December 1943 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a prisoner of the Nazis in Germany wrote to his parents Karl and Paula. He is going to miss them too but he says he will feast on his memories and in knowing that they are feasting. He then goes on to say that:

Viewed from a Christian perspective, Christmas in a prison cell can, of course, hardly be considered particularly problematic.

That misery, sorrow, poverty, loneliness, helplessness, and guilt mean something quite different in the eyes of God than according to human judgment; that God turns toward the very places from which humans turn away; that Christ was born in a stable because there was no room for him in the inn — a prisoner grasps this better than others, and for him this is truly good news.

The Good news of Christmas is just that - Jesus Christ, the word made flesh and dwelling amongst us - wherever we are. May he be born again into your hearts and your lives this Christmas!
Joe Caddy



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Christmas Appeal 2021

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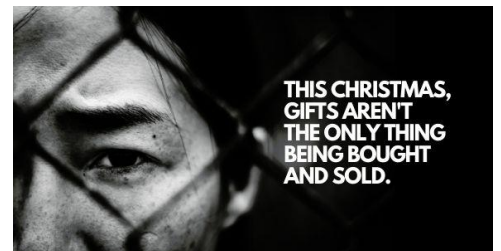
Members of the Parkville Conference will be at the masses over the next weekends with envelopes. **Thank you to all those who provide us with the means to continue to do this valuable work.**



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As part of St Carthage's commitment to the safety and well-being of all vulnerable people, just a friendly reminder to observe the signs around the Church grounds. All Children