



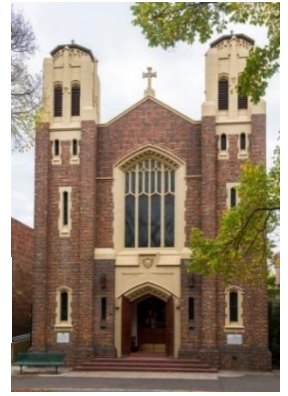
ST. CARTHAGE'S UNIVERSITY PARISH
PARKVILLE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

25 & 26 February 2023

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

Mass times: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 10am & 5pm

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

[Full readings can be accessed via Our Website or HERE](#)

1st Reading: [Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7](#). The Lord creates man and the garden of Eden.



Responsorial Psalm:
**Be merciful, O Lord,
for we have sinned.**

2nd Reading: [Rom 5:12-19](#). Jesus has atoned for Adam's sin.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: [Mt 4:1-11](#). Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert.

5.00pm Mass at St Carthage's

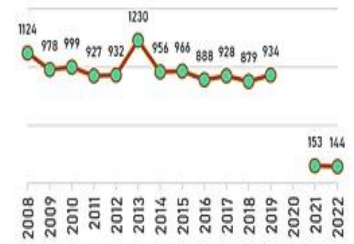
Over recent years Mass attendances at St Carthage have fallen drastically. There are many possible reasons for this including the COVID lockdowns, the departure of a long serving and much loved pastor and the general decline of religious observation in our society. The 5.00pm Mass on Sunday in particular has very low attendances. The parish council considered this matter and has suggested that unless numbers increase significantly to an average of sixty or more then we should cease offering the service at Easter. We would then



For the information of Parishioners **LENT 2023**
[2023-Lenten-Regulations.pdf \(stcarthagesparkville.org.au\)](#)

AGM 26 March 11am. If you have any issues that you would like to raise at the forthcoming parish AGM (relating to parish social activities, liturgy, or pastoral outreach and development), please send a message to Constant.Mews@monash.edu

Annual Average Mass Count (2008-2022)



*Please note there was no mass count in 2020 due to COVID

Next Wednesday 1st March ST CARTHAGE'S SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub will resume at last. Presentation at 7.30pm

LOCATION: St Andrews Hotel, 124 Nicholson St Fitzroy (meals available from 6 – 7pm).

TOPIC: The Plenary Council – was all that effort worth it?

Presenter: Emeritus Prof John Warhurst (lay member of the council, and author of the book *Wrestling with the Hierarchy- engaging with the Plenary Council & beyond*).

More details on our Parish website or click [CLICK HERE](#)



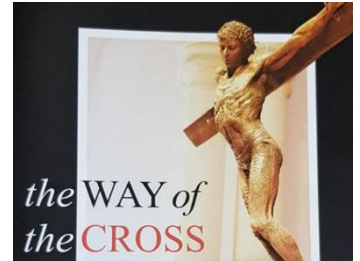
Bluestone refurbishment – back entrance to Presbytery Office

Amongst other road works currently in the area, our request submitted early last year to Melbourne city council to remedy the dangerous pathway presented by the bluestone has been answered. Maintaining the heritage lane way, they were able to smooth over some of the eroded gaps between the bluestones, making it a much safer access to the parish office at the back of the presbytery. If it's been an issue in the past for you, we now invite you to try it out!



Jesuit Social Services' Annual Dinner is back Saturday 25th March 2023 7pm. Jesuit Social Services serves young people, families and communities locally and nationally. Their major fundraiser, the Annual Dinner is returning after 4 years - on March 25th. It's a gala evening of fine food and wine and catching up with old and new friends. Please support if you can. For details and tickets see: [Jesuit Social Services 2023 Annual Dinner, Melbourne, Sat 25th Mar 2023, 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm AEDT | Humanitix](#)

Liturgy Brisbane has now on sale **"the WAY of the CROSS"** \$6.50 each (+ GST if applicable) With full-page illustrations of each station, this booklet gives a scriptural Way of the Cross from the Last Supper to the Resurrection. Ideal for use in the parish or schoolroom during Lent, the simple format includes a scriptural text, people's responses and verses of the hymn Stabat Mater. [Way of the Cross – Liturgy Brisbane](#) or go to <https://shop.liturgybrisbane.net.au/products/way-of-the-cross>



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Lenten reflections. There are a number of Lenten reflection series available. One that we can recommend is a series of talks by distinguished biblical scholars from YTU being delivered on Tuesdays in Lent at 7pm by Zoom or available as a recording. Free registration.

Details at [VIRTUAL LENT SERIES 2022 | Garratt Publishing](#)



ASRC is in a fight for its survival.

Please support ASRC

: [Save the ASRC | Emergency Appeal](#)

Last week we were humbled when Nades and Priya Murrugapan from Biloela gave \$10,000 to help save the ASRC. They gave because for them the ASRC is not just a Centre, it's a movement of people who believe Australia can be kind, compassionate and a second home for people denied basic rights.



St Carthage's University Parish respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Wurundjeri People. We offer our gratitude to the First Nations for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we honour those teachings. To find out more please visit [Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation](#). As part of our 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 must always be accompanied by an adult. For a full overview please visit our website or click here: [PP-signed-safeguarding-statement.pdf](#) (stcarthagesparkville.org.au)