



Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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Feast of Christ the King Year A

25/26 November 2023



Full readings can be viewed each week on our website or visit

www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/our-lord-jesus-christ-king-of-the-universe-year-a/

First Reading: [Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17](#). The Lord will rescue his sheep

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want*

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28](#). When all has been subjected to Christ, all will be one in Him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 25:31-46](#). Whenever you serve the least of people, you serve Christ.



Christmas celebrations for 2023:

Christmas Eve 6:30pm Carols prior to 7Pm mass

10am mass Christmas morning

This Sunday 26th November marks the last Sunday of the liturgical year with the Church celebrating the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King**. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

Pope Francis on the solemnity of Christ the King: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/nurture-hope-pope-francis-tells-young-people-for-solemnity-of-christ-the-king>

St. Carthage's Choir - where Voices Unite in Celebration!

We are excited to extend a warm invitation to all of you to join St. Carthage's Music Group for our special Christmas Eve Mass!

At St. Carthage's, we believe in the power of music to uplift spirits and create a sense of community. This Christmas, we are coming together to spread the joy of the season. Whether you're an experienced singer, musician or just passionate about music, we welcome you to be a part of our group.

Rehearsals will be held throughout December to prepare for the Carol Service and Christmas Eve Mass. This is not just an opportunity to sing; it's a chance to connect with fellow parishioners, support the liturgy and be a vital part of our church community. So do consider joining in, lend your voice to the songs of the season, and help make this Christmas Eve at St. Carthage's a special occasion.

To join the choir or for more information, please click [here](http://www.sites.google.com/view/stcmg23). (www.sites.google.com/view/stcmg23)

We look forward to singing with you and creating beautiful memories together!

Anne and Roger Rassool



We congratulate the four newly ordained priests on 25th November 2023. We pray for their priestly vocation and the continued courage to preach the Good News of Christ in our secular world.
www.melbournecatholic.org/news/be-courageous-seminarians-prepare-for-ordination-this-saturday

A note from the Finance Council

St Carthage's Finance Council (FC) is in need of new membership. David Menzies, after 5 years of committed membership will step down at the end of this year. We thank David for his time on the FC and in particular his time as Secretary.

The FC plays an import role in the parish. It reports into the Pastoral Council with financial updates and recommendations for financial matters, it overseas general financial governance and planning and ensures the books of accounts are in good order and available for the annual audit. In addition, it manages the accounting support and audit process.

Members are welcome with or without accounting or financial experience. An inquiring mind and a desire to support St Carthage's is welcome! Please contact Leanne at Parkville@cam.org.au or speak to me after mass.

Michael Pirotta

Chair Finance Council

The St Carthage's 2023 Givings Renewal Program has stalled, we still need your help!

Thank you to all who have contributed to date, we have made great progress.

To reach our targets we still need more assistance.

If you are a regular parishioner and not yet a donor, or a regular donor but can help a little more please contact Leanne at Parkville@cam.org.au, your contributions are always appreciated.

Regular contributions expressed as annual amounts:

Update Since 22 nd October	Year to Date	Weeks to Go	Target	Shortfall	% of Target
\$ -	\$ 16,130	37	\$ 20,000	\$ 3,870	80.7%

Maintenance Sinking Fund

Update Since 22 nd October	Year to Date	Weeks to Go	Target	Shortfall	% of Target
\$ -	\$ 6,630	37	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,370	33.2%

Church Development Fund

Update Since 22 nd October	Year to Date	Weeks to Go	Target	Shortfall	% of Target
\$ -	\$ 7,120	37	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,880	71.2%



St Carthage's University Parish is committed to the safety and well-being of all vulnerable people, just a friendly reminder to observe the signs on Church grounds; all Children must always be accompanied by an adult. We 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. Please visit Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation. For a full overview please visit our website or [HERE](#).

Please visit St Carthage's Website for news and events: www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au