



Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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Advent Week 1 of Year B

2/3 December 2023



Full readings can be viewed each week on our website or click [HERE](#)



First Reading: [Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8](#). May the Lord come when we are doing good.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 1:3-9](#). The Lord will strengthen us to the end.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mark 13:33-37](#). We know not the hour the Lord will come.



Christmas celebrations for 2023:

Christmas Eve 6:30pm Carols prior to 7pm mass
10am mass Christmas morning

Advent Reconciliation: There will be a Penitential celebration offered by Fr Joe on Tuesday 19th December, 7 pm at St Carthage's. All are Welcome.



Parishioners are warmly invited to a Christmas gathering at the parish house after the 10.00am mass on Sunday 10 December for drinks and some finger food. Please provide your RSVP to the parish office for catering purposes. All Parishioners welcome!



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



A note from the Finance Council

The Finance Committee are seeking new members. Financial experience is not necessary. 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.



St Vincent de Paul Society
Parkville Conference *good works*

Christmas Appeal 2023

The Parkville Conference is most appreciative of the support provided by the parish. These times remain seriously tough time for everyone. The Conference continues to assist the people by

paying utility bills, mobile phone accounts, distributing Grocery Cards and purchasing household items as required. If you are in a position to donate you can: Call **13 18 12** and confirm the name of the conference [Parkville] over the phone. Receipts will be issued by the Fundraising Team OR Donate online at vinnies.org.au and enter the conference name [Parkville] in the "Comments/Conference Name" section OR Post a cheque to St Vincent de Paul – Parkville Conference, PO Box 175, Parkville 3052 and we will arrange a receipt. Receipts will be automatically emailed to donors. Donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. Envelopes will be available in the church over the next weekends.

Thank you to all those who provide us with the means to continue to do this valuable work.



Baroque Christmas

Australian Chamber Choir (ACC8)

Directed by Douglas Lawrence

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 210 Richardson St, Middle Park,

Sunday 10 December at 3PM

In this entertaining hour of music for the Christmas season, the ACC8 treats you to a historical 'pick of the pops', from the late 1400s to the end of the Baroque period and beyond, including works from their Baroque Christmas CD. The possibilities are endless, so the program is strikingly different from previous concerts on the same theme. Barney Schwartz, writing in the Sydney Morning Herald stated "Most of the works are little known, but they are full of beauty, serenity and elegance."

St Carthage's parishioners can get a 10% discount when booking online with the discount code CARTHAGES.

Book at www.auschoir.org



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