



## Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10am

# ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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LENT WEEK 1 YEAR B

17 & 18 February 2024



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

[www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/first-sunday-lent-year-b-18-february-2024/](http://www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/first-sunday-lent-year-b-18-february-2024/)

This weekend we welcome Fr Dan Madigan who will preside for Saturday vigil mass, and Fr Cameron Forbes for the Sunday Mass. Thank you both kindly for your service.

**First Reading:** [Genesis 9:8-15](#). God establishes a covenant with Noah and his descendants.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

**Second Reading:** [1 Peter 3:18-22](#) As life was saved by the ark, so are our lives saved in Baptism.

**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:** [Mark 1:12-15](#). After forty days in the desert, Jesus proclaims the reign of God.

## A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,  
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.  
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.  
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.  
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.  
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.  
Amen.



Take the opportunity this Lent to give a little extra.  
Please help yourself to the project compassion boxes in the Church foyer.

Or go to their website to find out more and donate:  
[Caritas Australia](#) | [Donate to Caritas Australia](#)

## St Carthage's 2023/24 Giving Renewal Program Update

We are pleased and grateful as we start 2024 that parishioners are still supporting the parish with our renewal program.

If you are new to the parish or well established, please consider how you can support the parish financially. There are four ways to support St Carthage's:

1. The Presbytery Account: Support Fr Joe in his mission and other parish priests through the plate collection at mass. 25% of the tap & go machine is allocated to this account with the balance to the Church Account.
2. The Church Account: This is the day to day running of the church and presbytery and includes our administration assist Leanne, insurance, fees etc.
3. The Maintenance Sinking Fund: This fund will enable the parish to respond to major maintenance issues such as major roof repairs.
4. Church Development Fund: This fund is to upgrade or modify the church where needed. Ideas include audio visual screen to assist in the mass services.

Please contact Leanne at [Parkville@cam.org.au](mailto:Parkville@cam.org.au) if you can assist the St Carthage's.

**Regular contributions expressed as annual amounts and includes one off donations:**

Fortnight Update	Year to Date	Weeks to Go	Target	Shortfall	% of Target
\$ 3,000	\$ 19,130	20	\$ 20,000	\$ 870	95.7%

### Maintenance Sinking Fund

Fortnight Update	Year to Date	Weeks to Go	Target	Shortfall	% of Target
\$ -	\$ 6,630	20	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,370	33.2%

### Church Development Fund

Fortnight Update	Year to Date	Weeks to Go	Target	Shortfall	% of Target
\$ -	\$ 7,120	20	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,880	71.2%

## INVITING READERS FOR 2024 HOLY WEEK

An invitation is extended for Holy Week readers. There are over 20 reading parts, so please do consider assisting.

A summary of Holy Week and readings can be found on St Carthage's website under the post titled **"Holy Week Readings"** or access [HERE](#)

If interested, please email Mary at [mary.udovicic@gmail.com](mailto:mary.udovicic@gmail.com) with the mass and reading/speaking part you would like to read. Feel free to select more than one reading/speaking part. No experience needed!

To help with organisation please could you send your preference by Monday 25 March.

Look forward to receiving your emails. Mary.

## Prayer for Peace with the Community of Sant'Egidio

**All Saints Church, King William Street, Fitzroy, Monday 19 February 2024, 8 pm**

All are welcome at All Saints Fitzroy to join with Sant'Egidio communities around the world in praying for peace on 19 February, and to gather for coffee in Brunswick Street afterwards. For more information or to get involved, contact [seinaustralia@gmail.com](mailto:seinaustralia@gmail.com)

For more information about the global community, visit the [website](#) or watch this short [video](#).



**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](http://www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au)