



Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday of Advent Year C

14/15 December 2024

For full readings click [HERE](#) or visit or visit www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/third-sunday-of-advent-year-c/



First Reading: [Zephaniah:3:14-18](#). Shout for joy, sing joyfully.

Responsorial Psalm: *Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

Second Reading: [Philippians 4:4-7](#). Rejoice, the Lord is near.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!*

Gospel: [Luke 3:10-18](#). John announces the coming of the Messiah.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2024

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th Dec, 6pm Family Mass followed by **Carols** at 7.30pm and then 8pm Mass

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th 10am Mass.



Next parish forum is planned for Sunday 16 February 2025 11.00am-12.00noon. All Welcome.

St Paul's, Coburg presents the Live Nativity of Our Lord.



CAROLS, KINGS, ANGELS, LIVE CAMELS, A DONKEY, ETC. 562 Sydney Rd, Coburg.
Children are invited to present their letter to the three kings.

Sat 21st Dec 2024

Immediately after 6:30pm mass
Hospitality in the hall afterwards



St Paul's Coburg invites all to the Live reenactment of the birth of our Lord. This is a free event. Allow this extraordinary live crib help bring the true spirit of Christmas into your hearts.



Advent Twilight Market and Holy Hour by Candlelight. Sunday 15 December 2024, 6.00pm–9.00pm. St Peter's Church, 581 Toorak Road, Toorak.

The Truth Goodness Beauty Project is hosting a special twilight craft market outside St Peter's Church, Toorak. Explore unique stalls by local Catholic shops and makers.

More information can be found [HERE](#)



Christmas Masses at St Patrick's Cathedral. Tuesday 24 December 2024, 5.30pm – Wednesday 25 December 2024, 12.00pm

The Cathedral parish invites you to celebrate the birth of Christ at St Patrick's Cathedral this Christmas with three Masses, preceded by half-hour carol services, on Christmas Eve, and three on Christmas Day. Full info can be [HERE](#).



In recognition of the "silly" season, and time being limited, **The Australian Chamber Choir** can also be accessed online. Please visit their website and see for yourself what ACC has to offer this Christmas:

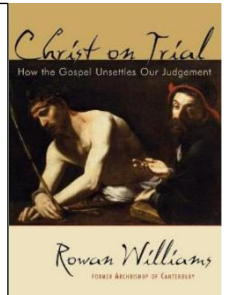
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As we prepare for the joyous celebration of Christmas, we are delighted to invite you to join us in providing music for the Christmas Vigil at St. Carthage's. The vigil mass will be celebrated at 8:00pm, preceded by a carol service from 7:30. In preparation for this special occasion, we will be holding rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the church, beginning the 27th of November. If you would like to join in, please message Anne on 0409 353 129.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS 2025

A proposal has been received from St Mark's Uniting Church Parkville that we join them for a series of Lenten reflections by zoom around Rowan Williams' *Christ on Trial: How the Gospel Unsettles our Judgement* (Eerdmans 2003), available through Amazon at \$30. Two online (Zoom) groups are planned from Wednesday 5 March (7.45pm) and Friday March 7 (1.30PM), for six weeks (one week per chapter). Interested parishioners are encouraged to obtain this book in advance and to register online at [here](#).



Latest Pastoral Council minutes. Please take the time to read. It is a short proposal and keeping all parishioners up-to-date: www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/From-the-Pastoral-Council-Dec-

From your Pastoral Council: If you are interested in helping them out our volunteers with just a little time or expertise to the parish in any of a number of areas, contact the parish office (parkville@cam.org.au) or the Pastoral Council chair (Constant.Mews@monash.edu). These areas include: preparing the church for services; reading; hospitality; pastoral outreach; music; IT/media; maintenance and upkeep; post-communion reflection, sacramental preparation, etc. If you don't know many people in the parish community, this is a wonderful way to make new friends.

Are you new parishioner or just visiting St Carthage's? If so, please forward your email address to Leanne at Parkville@cam.org.au, so we can say in touch and provide you our newsletter and special notices via email. New parishioners are always welcome at St Carthage's.

Another way you can support St Carthage's: Just use the camera on your phone, click on the code, follow the prompt and make your donation. Your ongoing support to sustain St Carthage's parish is recognised and very much appreciated.



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