



Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

21/22 December 2024

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



First Reading: [Micah 5:1-4](#). The Lord foretells the coming of the Messiah from Bethlehem.

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

Second Reading: [Hebrews 10:5-10](#). Paul reveals Jesus as the new sacrificial offering.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Luke 1:39-45](#).

Mary visits Elizabeth.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2024

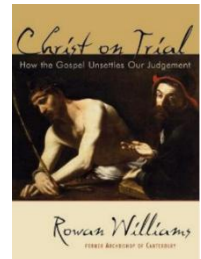
Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th Dec, 6pm Family Mass followed by **Carols** at 7.30pm and then 8pm Mass

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th 10am Mass.



From the Pastoral Council

- * The Parish is seeking to update its website and social media presence in 2025., through Facebook. All suggestions welcome, to be sent in first instance to Constant.Mews@monash.edu
- * We are improving capacity to use a second (portable) tap and go machine for those who do not have cash ready to hand, and are not yet signed up for a regular offering to the parish.
- * A second Parish Forum will be held in the church on Sun 16 Feb 11.00am-noon, after the 10 am mass. The focus will be on sharing with and listening to each other in smaller groups.
- * During Lent, parishioners are invited to join with our neighbours, the Uniting Church Congregation of St Mark for a Lenten program conducting weekly on zoom during Lent, either Wednesdays 7.45pm or Fridays 1.30pm starting 5/7 March 2025. Discussions will be based on chapters of Rowan Williams' *Christ on Trial: How the Gospel Unsettles our Judgement*. This excellent, easy to read book can be ordered from Amazon (\$30) Those interested are encouraged to register their interest at [Christ on Trial – Lenten Studies 2025 - Congregation of Mark the Evangelist](#) **Every best wish for the Christmas season.**



St Carthage's now has a tap & go machine to compliment the traditional collection baskets for donations during mass. It's easy to do.

1. Select your desired amount or custom amount,
2. Tap your card or phone payment screen,
3. The confirmation screen will appear...

Tap "New Donation" for the next donor to start their donation.



Working Bee Buzz: Thanks to the 15 or so parishioners who participated in a Working Bee at St Carthage's Church on Saturday 7th December. The Church, and its walls, chairs, porch, music store, sacristy, workroom, cupboards, liturgical vessels, carpets and garden were de-cobwebbed, dusted, cleaned, de-cluttered, sorted, polished, weeded as needed and rubbish removed. The photo captures a brief moment when the activity paused. A sincere thanks to all for their hard work!



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:

<https://access.auschoir.org/#/home>

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.

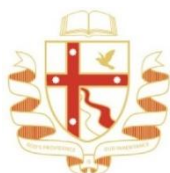
Are you new parishioner or just visiting St Carthage's? If so, please forward your email address to Leanne at Parkville@cam.org.au, so we can say in touch and provide you our newsletter and special notices via email. New parishioners are always welcome at St Carthage's.

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.



This parish newsletter will be the final for 2024, and will resume first week of February.
On behalf of Fr Tony, thank you to all volunteers for another year of dedicated service in the many facets of the parish life. Your behind-the-scenes work is truly noted and always appreciated.

WE WISH ALL A BLESSED CHRISTMAS, AND A VERY SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



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