



General

Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C 15/16 November 2025



Full readings [HERE](#)

or visit www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/thirty-third-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/

Masses this weekend will be celebrated by Fr Christopher Maher for Saturday 6pm, and Fr Trevor Tibbertsma for Sunday 10am.



First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Evildoers will be destroyed; those who fear God will be saved.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12. Work hard and earn your keep.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19. Patiently endure the trials you are sure to face for Jesus.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2025

Advent confessions: Tuesday 16th December, 7pm

Christmas Eve: Wednesday 24th Dec, 6pm. Family Mass followed by

Carols at 7.30pm and then 8pm Mass. 9:15 Parish Supper at the Presbytery.

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th 10am Mass.

Finance Council: Michael Pirotta, Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee, is stepping down after six years of great service to the parish in that role. Thank you, Michael, for your careful and competent work over that period. This now opens an opportunity for a parishioner to serve on an important, business-oriented parish committee. It is well served by independent accountant Bernard Negline in tracking and managing the accounts, and is not overly time consuming. Please contact the parish office for further information or to express an interest.

Pastoral Council: Following a decision by Anthony Cavanagh to step down from the Pastoral Council at the beginning of 2026, a vacancy has arisen on the Pastoral Council, which generally meets every two months. We thank Tony for his service. If you are interested in serving either on the PC or FC, or simply want further information, contact the PC Chair, ConstantMews54@gmail.com or the Parish Office for more details.

Parish Choir: The St Carthage's music group, which assists the liturgy for the 10am mass, invites parishioners willing to join in singing 🎵 with the group, to contact Helen Scorgie (helenmscorgie@gmail.com). Also, Helen would love to hear from anyone with keyboard 🎹 skills available to accompany the singing perhaps once a month or by arrangement. The group practices in the church on Sunday mornings at 9.30am. It will be singing on Christmas Eve for a 30-minute Carol service prior to the Vigil Mass.

St Carthage's Working Bee

Parishioners and friends are warmly invited to a Working Bee on Friday, 28 November, from 11:00am–1:00pm, followed by an informal "bring a plate" lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity for those involved in Mercy Nights, as well as the wider parish community, to work together in freshening up both the interior and exterior of our church.

Volunteers Needed: If you are able to assist with the 10am mass by occasionally providing the welcoming introduction at the beginning of the mass, please contact the office.



Our welcoming Reading Group will meet on Tuesday November 18 from 10.00 until 12.00. We will be discussing 'Dusk' by Robbie Arnott. For more information please email Mary at mjrob2@hotmail.com



A letter of thanks from Archbishop Comensoli for this year's Archbishop Campaign result: [HERE](#)

OPPORTUNITY TO SING WITH EXCELSIS!

Rehearsals: 13 Nov / 20 Nov / 27 Nov / 4 Dec at 7.30pm in Ashburton **Weekend rehearsal:** 16 Nov at 1.30pm in Seaford
Service: 7 Dec, 4.00pm arrival at Wesley Church, 130 Lonsdale St, Melbourne. You can be part of the EXCELSIS choir for Carols this Christmas. If interested, send us an email info@excelsis.org.au. Let us know your name, any choir/singing experience (if applicable) and your voice part (if you know). Otherwise, please save the date (5.30pm, 7 Dec 2024, Wesley Church Melbourne) and come along to this free Christmas event, the final Excelsis performance for 2025.



During the month of November, we invite you and your parish to join with **Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)** to remember and pray for Christians who suffer persecution for their faith. This invitation is founded upon Red Wednesday, an international ACN initiative, where dioceses around the world unite to draw attention to and pray for persecuted Christians: www.rednovember.org



Women's Breakfast: Coffee & Croissants with Katie, Thursday 4th December from 7:30am. More details [HERE](#). Bookings taken via the QR code. Flyers also available in church foyer.

Supporting St Carthage's: complementing the traditional collection baskets we also have a tap & go machine for donations. The terminal is located in the church foyer. It's easy to do. Alternatively, click on scan code and follow the prompts. Your ongoing support to sustain St Carthage's parish is recognised and very much appreciated.



From your Pastoral Council: If you are interested in helping out our volunteers with just a little time or expertise to the parish in any number of areas (preparing the church for services; reading; hospitality; pastoral outreach; music; IT/media; maintenance and upkeep; post-communion reflection, sacramental preparation, etc), please contact the parish office: parkville@cam.org.au, or the Pastoral Council chair: ConstantNews54@gmail.com. This can be a wonderful way to get to know others or meet new people.

Are you a 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 stay in touch and provide you our newsletter and special notices via email. New parishioners are always welcome at St Carthage's.



Please join our Parish Facebook Page. It is a private group so your posts and comments are only visible to approved group members. It is not open to the public and your privacy is protected. INSERT LIVE LINK TO PAGE: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/230978134292907/?ref=share&mibextid=KtfrwRi>
 Search for St Carthage's Parkville on Facebook.com and get posting

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Below are the personal items of safeguarding that active parishioners (even irregular helpers) are required to have:

- Certificate in [Safeguarding training for volunteer, clergy and staff](#)
 - A current [Working with Children Check | vic.gov.au](#)
- A current [Criminal History Record Check \(Police Record Check\)](#) (Parish Committee members, Counters & Catechists.
 - Read then sign the Code of Conduct: <https://camorgau.Safeguarding/ProceduresCodeConduct>



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 click [HERE](#).

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