



General

Mass Times

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A

20/21 December 2025

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

We welcome and thank Fr Noel Brady this weekend for celebrating both Vigil and Sunday morning masses.



First Reading: [Isaiah 7:10-14](#). Prediction of Immanuel, born of a virgin.

Responsorial Psalm: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Second Reading: [Romans 1:1-7](#). Paul spreads the news of the Son of God.



Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 1:18-24](#). An angel visits Joseph, who takes Mary as his wife.



Advent Wreath. Third week: Purple, Love (Angel's Candle)

Represents love and reminds us of the angels' message of peace and goodwill to all. It emphasizes the love that God has for humanity through the gift of His Son.

Thanks to Ana Amorim, who will be sharing her Week 4 Advent

Please note this will be the final Parish Bulletin for 2025. The next edition will appear on the final weekend of January 2026.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2025

Christmas Eve: Wednesday 24th Dec; - 6pm family Mass
- 7.30pm Carols, - 8pm Mass.



- 9:15pm Parish Supper at the Presbytery.



Christmas Day Thursday 25th 10am Mass.



Update on Fr Tony: Recovery from surgery continues at a steady pace, ensuring that full health is in his favour on his return to his services at St Carthage's. All going well, he hopes to provide the 10am Christmas mass on the 25th and will resume recovery mode for a few days more. Fr Tony speculates his return to services on the weekend of 10 and 11 January.

Pictured: Fr Tony, in recovery, and in good spirits.



Archbishop Comensoli has released a statement on the Bondi tragedy which took place last week. The mentioned mass of reconciliation took place last Wednesday. Please read his letter [HERE](#)

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.



Tour of Islamic Museum

Date: Wednesday 28th January 2026 **Venue:** 15A Anderson Rd Thornbury West
Time: 10.30 am One and a half hour guided tour **Cost:** \$12 or \$10 concession
There is limited parking on site and free two hour parking in the street. There is a café on site which also serves food. *Contact person: Robert.* Please text 0432511699 if you wish to attend.



Advent Carol Service at St Patrick's Cathedral Sunday 21 December 2025

3.00pm–6.00pm. St Pat's 51st Advent Carol Service (music, readings and prayers) in the spectacular setting of the Cathedral: Full details [HERE](#)



The Seven 'O' Antiphons of Advent—Twilight Market and Holy Hour

Sunday 21 December 2025, 7.00pm–8.00pm. Full details [HERE](#)

Safeguarding: Code of Conduct forms. Please note that extra prints of the Code of Conduct forms have been printed for your convenience and are now available in the Church foyer. These forms are just the signatory page required for office records, however, the full document can be accessed [HERE](#). Please familiarise yourself with what you are signing.

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: ConstantMews54@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=KtfwRi>
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