

St Carthage's Christmas 2025



Dear Parishioners, and visiting Friends,

On behalf of Fr Tony and the Parish Pastoral Council we warmly welcome you to St Carthage's Christmas mass. We are so pleased you could share this special celebration with us.

St Carthage's, Parkville, is a University Parish, committed to supporting:

- a welcoming and caring community
- an inclusive and inspiring liturgy
- social justice and Gospel values.

The Administrator of the Parish is Fr Tony Kerin, Vicar-General of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Through its Pastoral and Finance Councils, the Parish provides a variety of groups through which both parishioners and visitors to the Parish can be involved. These include liturgy and music, pastoral care and social outreach, and opportunities for meditation, sacramental instruction, and feminist theology. If you are interested in participating in or benefitting from any of these areas, contact Leanne, the Parish Secretary at Parkville@cam.org.au.

Saint Carthage was a charismatic figure in seventh-century Ireland, committed to caring for lepers and outsiders in his society. Our Parish continues that tradition. If you wish to be involved financially in the parish, contact the Parish Office.



As tradition serves, each week of Advent a new candle on the advent wreath has been lit, each representing a gift of Christmas; **Hope**, **Peace**, **Joy** and **Love**. This is a part of Christian tradition that serves as a reminder that Jesus came as Light into our dark world, providing us opportunities to reflect on each gift that Christ's light brings. The symbolism of the wreath is the tangible experience of the mystery of Christ Jesus. The final candle to be lit today is the white Christmas candle, known as the 'Christ Candle,' symbolising the purity and holiness of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, marking the fulfillment of the Advent journey.

We pray that each of us receive the gifts of Christ's light this Christmas.



Supporting St Carthage's Parish

Tap & Go Machine: Complementing the traditional collection baskets, we also have a tap & go machine for donations. The terminal is located in the church foyer.



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

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 note the parish office will remain operational over the holiday period, though with a lighter schedule. We'll do our best to respond promptly.
Thank you for your patience during this festive season.

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**Wishing all a
Blessed Christmas and 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](http://WurundjeriWoiWurrungCulturalHeritageAboriginalCorporation).

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