



General  
Mass Times  
Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 10am

## ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

25 January 2026

For full readings click [HERE](#) or visit [www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/third-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/](https://www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/third-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/)

First Reading: [Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3](#).

The Lord brings light to the darkness.

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17](#).

Paul begs for unity.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.*

*Alleluia!*

Gospel: [Matthew 4:12-23](#). Jesus begins his public ministry, calling the Apostles.



### Year A 2026

Greetings! As we venture into the year 2026, already proving to be quite eventful here, with Fr Tony's emergency surgery and steady recovery - and indeed,

repairs at the presbytery for a gas leak, and a hot water system that finally gave way after 26 years, resulting in flooding the garage. In all this, it is clear that God continues to watch over St Carthage's, ensuring that the timing of all events couldn't have been better. Whilst the Jubilee Year is now over, we are always encouraged through the word of God to remain pilgrims; seeking Christ in everything and embarking on new journeys with the courage that faith provides. Thank you in advance to all our wonderful volunteers who assist in every facet of the church community. As always, new volunteers are welcome, (even the smallest of jobs performed help in a big way), so if you are interested, please don't hesitate to enquire through the parish office. \*\*\* Blessings to all for 2026 😊

### Vale Paul Lightfoot

Members of the St Carthage's community will be sorry to learn on the recent passing of their fellow congregant, Paul Lightfoot, after his long battle with lymphoma. He was 85 years old.

Paul had served for over 20 years as the parish accountant and was a stalwart of the Finance Committee. Paul grew up in the small Mallee town of Torrita, and boarded at Assumption College, Kilmore.

As well as serving St Carthage's, Paul provided accounting services to many Catholic parishes in Victoria, and even as far afield as Tonga.

He was a devoted and life-long Collingwood supporter.

He leaves behind Pat, his wife of 57 years, and their four children, Anna, Greg, Chris and Robert.

**Requiem Mass for Paul will be celebrated at St Carthage's at 11:00am on Tuesday 27 January**



## Tour of Islamic Museum

**Date:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 are 9 parking spaces on site and there is more parking available at 19 Anderson Rd (2 doors further on).

Try and arrive at about 10.15 am so we can start on time.

There is a café on site which also serves coffee and food.



## Lourdes Day Mass

The Order of Malta has a Lourdes Day Mass at the Cathedral each year. This is a Mass for the sick, in line with the Order's annual pilgrimage to Lourdes.

This year it will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am. Please see full flyer [HERE](#)

### Brief update on Fr Michael Elligate.

Tim Elligate, Michael's nephew, was kind enough to get in touch with the parish office and satisfy the many enquiries that come through regarding Michael. Tim reports that Michael is very happy in his new residence (no longer in Brunswick). He is in a stable condition, and remains his vivacious self. Michael is still happy to assist in services where he is able, and will be present at Paul Lightfoot's funeral next Tuesday. He thanks all for their dear sentiments.



### Australia Day 2026 – January 2026.

We thank God for our beautiful country and the diversity we share. We pray for peace and unity across Australia. Lead our leaders, heal divisions within communities, bring understanding where there is conflict and teach us to respect one

another and live together in harmony.



With this year's celebration of our great Southern land, Australia, promising to be "bigger and better than ever," wishing all a wonderful **AUSTRALIA DAY**.

**Please Note:** Ongoing parish bulletin items, which were once presented on each newsletter edition, will now appear on a separate print out, which can be found in the church foyer. Please help yourself to a copy.



*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](#).*

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