



General
Mass Times
 Saturday 6pm
 Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

31 Jan/1 February 2026

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



First Reading: [Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13](#)

The remnant of Israel will take refuge in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 1:26-31](#)

The Lord chooses the lowly.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad;*

Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 5:1-12](#)

The Beatitudes.

ISLAMIC MUSEUM VISIT

24 Parishioners attended the Islamic Museum, including a couple of friends. We learnt about the Islamic Faith, the Five Pillars, beliefs and practices of Muslims.



Islamic contributions to civilisation included engineering, astronomy, mathematics, coffee, soap and cameras, to name a few.



Islamic Art highlighted some Australian Artists. Highlights of architecture included mosques and palaces from around the world.

Finally we discovered Muslim connections with Australia throughout the ages dating back to the 1600s.

Most were able to stay for lunch and a coffee at the end.

The Museum is having a free open day on Saturday 7th February.

15A Anderson Rd Thornbury

St Carthage's Parish Reading Group will resume for 2026 on the 3rd Tuesday, 10am, of next month. Further confirmation of this will be confirmed as the day draws nearer.

All are warmly welcome to join them at the presbytery office.

For more information contact Mary Roberts – mjrob2@hotmail.com





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 14th February at 10.30am. Please see full flyer [HERE](#)

Illuminating Minds—Professor Margaret Manion and the **Making of Art History** at the University of Melbourne.

Monday 23 February 2026, 10.00am – Friday 27 February 2026, 5.00pm

Reopening 23–27 February 2026 for O-Week at the University of Melbourne. *Illuminating Minds* celebrates the legacy of Prof Emerita Margaret Manion IBVM, AO, FAHA (1935–2024). More info [HERE](#)



Mary Magdalene: The Musical

Friday 13 March 2026, 7.00pm – Sunday 15 March 2026, 1.00pm

Bold new musical about rebellion, ruin and resurrection! This musical is offered by the Call of Guadalupe (COG), a Christian-based, not-for-profit community theatre based in Melbourne, Australia. Full details found [HERE](#)

A celebration of Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey Friday 13 March 2026. 5.00pm–7.30pm. The CWL of Victoria & Wagga Wagga, together with the Mary Glowrey Museum, invite you to a celebration of Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey, following Pope Leo XIV's recognition of her heroic virtues on 21 November 2025. More info [HERE](#)



As we move towards Lent 2026, Caritas Australia is encouraging individuals, schools, parishes and community groups across the country to sign up for ***The Long Walk for Water*** challenge to walk in solidarity with the 703 million people worldwide who still live without safe drinking water. Funds raised through The Long Walk for Water will support Caritas Australia's programs which include water security initiatives - such as constructing safe wells, installing solar-powered pumps, improving sanitation infrastructure, and supporting local communities to manage and maintain water systems. With Lent beginning on the 18th of February 2026, Caritas Australia encourages participants to register soon. More information can be obtained from the Caritas website or by clicking [HERE](#). ***Should you wish to partake and would be interested in joining a group from St Carthage's, please submit your interest at the parish office.***

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](#).

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