



General
Mass Times
 Saturday 6pm
 Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

7/8 February 2026

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



First Reading: [Isaiah 58:7-10](#)

Share with those in need and you will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm: *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 2:1-5](#)

Faith is a gift from God.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!*

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 5:13-16](#)

Salt of the earth, light of the world.



From the Pastoral Council: Lenten Reflections

Parishioners interested in pursuing a program of Lenten reflections, beginning on Sunday 22 February, at https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/26_faithcircles_1st-lent_YRA.pdf

Parishioners interested in creating small reflection groups, whether in person or in zoom, might like to explore this site from the Wollongong Diocese more fully . <https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/>



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES 2026

Fr Tony will be offering mass on Ash Wednesday, 18th February at 10am.

For those who require alternative times, below is a list of suggested nearby services:

- St Michael's North Melbourne at 6pm
- St Francis Melbourne: 7.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm, 5.30pm, 6.30pm and **RECONCILIATION** 3.30-4.30pm
- Newman College – TBA - <https://newman.unimelb.edu.au/events/mass-at-newman-college/>
- St Mary's West Melbourne -TBA - <https://www.stmaryswestmelbourne.org/>

Parish Sacraments 2026

Positions vacant: If you are interested in helping provide sacramental education for the parish, contact the Parish secretary at

Parkvile@cam.org.au.

Mass Set up

If you are willing to help set up the church for Saturday 6.00pm or Sunday 10am services, please contact **Maree Rabach** maree.rabach@bigpond.com

Parish Council

There is currently a vacancy on the Pastoral Council (term to end of June 2027). If you are interested in asking what this involves, please contact

ConstantMews54@gmail.com



Preserving Human Voices and Faces: a theological reflection on Artificial Intelligence.

Pope Leo has released a short reflection on artificial intelligence for the 60th World Day of Social Communications on May 17. You can find it at <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/communications/documents/20260124-messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html>

The HOLY SEE



A Revitalized PNG Dictionary of Biography: **Writing Women into Papua New Guinea History.**

Public Lecture Monday March 2, 2026. At Mercy Hub, 617 Nicholson St, Carlton Nth 3054.

Pizza/light refreshments at 6:30pm. Lecture begins 7pm.

Dr Theresa Meki is a Pacific Research Fellow with the Dept of Pacific affairs, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DJBLCPH> or email ctalpng@gmail.com. Enquiries 0407 684 445

A \$10 donation to CMS Ltd for PNG Women's development would be appreciated.

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



God and Beer Presents 'How Christians Can Succeed Today' with Greg Sheridan
Monday 16 February 2026, 6.30pm–9.00pm The first Christians confronted a cultural environment vastly more hostile than today's. They had no powerful backers, very little money and numbered no more than a few hundred. Yet they revolutionised the ancient world and spread their movement far and wide. [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