



General  
**Mass Times**  
 Saturday 6pm  
 Sunday 10am

## ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

**14/15 February 2026**

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



Parishioners enjoying time together on the Islamic Museum excursion

**First Reading:** [Sirach 15:15-20](#)

We may choose life or death.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

**Second Reading:** [1 Corinthians 2:6-10](#)

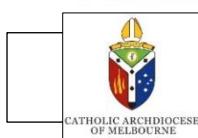
God reveals his wisdom through the Spirit.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** [Matthew 5:17-37](#)

Jesus comes to fulfil the law.



**The 2026 Lenten Regulations have been released by CAM, and can be accessed [HERE](#)**



This Sunday, **15<sup>th</sup> February**, is **Project Compassion Sunday** - a moment to pause and prepare ourselves for the upcoming Lenten season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and to ready our hearts for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2026. Please help yourself to the project compassion boxes provided in the church foyer.



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***. More info and to register can be obtained from the Caritas website or by clicking [HERE](#).



### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES 2026

**Fr Tony will be offering mass on Ash Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ConstantMews54@gmail.com)



## From the Pastoral Council: Lenten Reflections

Lenten reflections, beginning on Sunday 22 February, at [https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/26\\_faithcircles\\_1st-lent\\_YRA.pdf](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/>



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.**  
**Booking:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DJBLcph> Enquiries 0407 684 445/[ctalpng@gmail.com](mailto:ctalpng@gmail.com)  
A \$10 donation to CMS Ltd for PNG Women's development would be appreciated.



On March 1<sup>st</sup> 2026, all Churches are invited to celebrate a Holy Hour following the conclusion of mass. More information and prayer cards will be provided next week. In the meantime, more information can be accessed by clicking on the link: [54th International Eucharistic Congress](https://54thinternationaleucharisticcongress.com/)



## HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT

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As many of you are aware, for 800 years the Franciscan Friars have shared the difficult lives of Christians in the countries that make up the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land: Israel and Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Rhodes and Cyprus. The people of these countries face their own difficulties, but particularly Christians due to their minority status. Among them, the friars have never ceased offering their pastoral care. For more info and how to donate please visit <https://franciscans.org.au/holy-land-commissariat/>

St Carthage's Parish Reading Group will resume for 2026 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:mjrob2@hotmail.com)



God and Beer Presents 'How Christians Can Succeed Today' with Greg Sheridan **Monday 16 February 2026, 6.30pm–9.00pm** Further information can be accessed [HERE](#)

**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](http://www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au)