



General

Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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First Sunday Lent A

21/22 February 2026

For full readings click [HERE](#) or visit www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/first-sunday-of-lent-year-a/

First Reading: [Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7](#)

The Lord creates man and the garden of Eden.

Responsorial Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: [Romans 5:12-19](#)

Jesus has atoned for Adam's sin.

Gospel Acclamation:

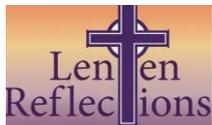
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

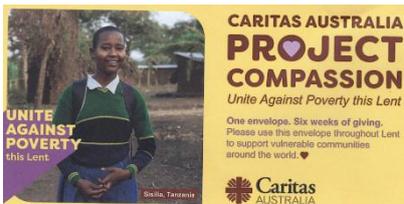
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The 2026 Lenten Regulations have been released by CAM, and can be accessed [HERE](#)



For Lent Week 1 Reflection, click on the following link: [Week-1-Faith-circles-Lent-reflection-No-Negotiations.pdf](#) (Faith Circles – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong)

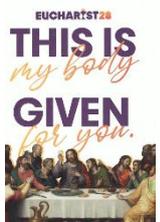


Aiding others in need serves to aid us in our own Lenten journey throughout this Lenten season. Caritas Giving envelopes (as pictured) or donation boxes remain available in the church foyer. Please help yourself.



The 54th International Eucharistic Congress will be hosted by Australia in 2028, at the Sydney International Convention Centre (ICC), Darling Harbour. This is an event that will inspire movement; “Eucharistic celebrations and moments of communal prayer, inspiring catechesis and keynote sessions, and exhibitions and opportunities for encounter. Eucharist28 is for the whole church! There will be youth and family activities, cultural performances and artistic expressions of faith, ensuring the event is a moving pilgrimage experience for all who join this journey.” The congress theme, **“This is My Body, Given for you,”** is one that we are encouraged reflect upon, that we might embrace this unique opportunity for renewal of Eucharistic Faith, Hearts and Minds. **On 1st March 2026, every parish in the country is invited to celebrate a HOLY HOUR following the conclusion of Mass.** Please join us. Flyers and Prayer cards, such as pictured, are available in the Church foyer.

For more information, please visit <https://eucharist28.org/>



Parish Sacraments 2026

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



Further Lenten Resource ideas for 2026 : The Summit The One Thing Necessary: A Lenten Journey - This Lent, *The Bethany Way* invites you to join them as we journey through the spiritual desert of Lent together. Register now and each week beginning 24 February, you will receive a podcast conversation and prayer resources to accompany you through the ups and downs of this graced season. Perfect for individuals and groups. Please access the link: [Register now](#), which also provides further information



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

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



Mary Magdalene: The Musical Friday 13 March 2026, 7.00pm – Sunday 15 March 2026, 1.00pm

A bold new musical about rebellion, ruin and resurrection! This production is presented by the Call of Guadalupe (COG), a Christian-based, not-for-profit community theatre based in Melbourne. Click [HERE](#) or visit melbournecatholic.org



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<https://franciscans.org.au/holy-land-commissariat/>



St Carthage's Parish Reading Group will resume for 2026 on the 3rd Tuesday, 10am, of every month. For more information contact Mary Roberts – mjrob2@hotmail.com

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.



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