General Mass Times
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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Fourth Sunday Lent A 14/15 March 2026

For full readings click HERE or visit www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/fourth-sunday-of-lent-year-a/

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13 Samuel anoints David king.

Responsorial Psalm: ***The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14. Live in the light.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 9:1-41.
On the Sabbath, Jesus cures a man who was blind from birth.

Thank you to **Brother Peter Flint** who will be delivering his Week 4 Lent Reflection this Sunday .
All reflections, past and present, can be located on our website, under "Reflections," or accessed *HERE*

2026 EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Palm Sunday: 28th March 6pm & 29th March 10am
Holy Thursday: 2nd April 7:30pm
Good Friday: 3rd April 3:00pm
Easter Vigil: 4th April 8pm
Easter Sunday: 5th April 10:00am

Access Week 4 reflection via the link below:
Week-4-Faith-Circles-Lent-reflection-Been-Blind.pdf
Faith Circles – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong

NEXT SUNDAY - St Carthage's Parish AGM 22 March 11.00am - Noon
This year's AGM of the parish, involving all those connected in some way to the parish, even if attending St Carthage's irregularly, is a vital and important way of both reviewing how far we have come as a parish and further stages in our growth. It is in opportunity not just for members of the finance and pastoral councils to report on their work, but to solicit thoughts and ideas from our community. If you have particular issues you want to see raised at the AGM, whether relating to practical, financial, or pastoral issues, contact the chair of the Pastoral Council, ConstantMews54@gmail.com **by Thurs 19 March.**

Harmony Week - Everyone Belongs. Monday 16 - Sunday 22 March 2026Harmony Week - Everyone belongs

Annual Palm Sunday event: This event is in the long tradition of calling for peace and social justice on Palm Sunday. More information HERE

Next Reading Group will be held this Tuesday 17th March at 10am. The book in discussion is ***Careless People*** *by Sarah Wynn Williams.* For more information contact Mary Roberts mjrob2@hotmail.com

As you know, **last Sunday the Archbishop formally signed the Decree of Convocation of the Melbourne Synod**. With this important step now taken, it is now up to all of us to make the most of this opportunity for our Archdiocese. Through our shared efforts at the parish level, we can help our communities understand the significance of this moment and encourage their participation in the synodal journey. For those wanting to know more about synodality, please visit our website or click here: Synod-Questions-Answers.pdf

The Patrick Oration 2026. Monday 17 March 2025, 7.15pm–8.30pm.
Join us on the feast day of St Patrick, the patron saint of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, for the annual Patrick Oration to be delivered by the Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne. More info HERE.

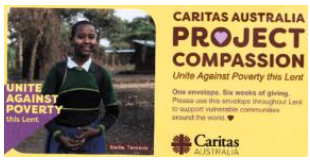
Lenten Concert 2026. **Friday 20 March 2026, 7.30pm–9.00pm**
Come along to a free Lenten concert at St Ambrose's Church, St Ambrose's Church, 287 Sydney Road, Brunswick. Full info HERE.

Presents **Patricia Long** presenting ***Ecological conversion: Transforming Touchstones***. March 25th Please access the full flyer via this link: 05/2026-MARCH-SIP.pdf

BACH B MINOR MASS. AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER CHOIR.
Melbourne Baroque Orchestra directed by Douglas Lawrence. The B Minor Mass represent Bach at his height, synthesising his life's musical experience into a timeless masterpiece that is a "greatest hits" of sacred choral writing. Sunday 22 March at 3PM The Scots' Church, Melbourne. Book at www.auschoir.org/buy-tickets Get 10% off regular tickets with the discount code ST CARTHAGES.

HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT

Envelopes now available in the church foyer. Please help the Christian minority in the Middle East. For more info and how to donate online, please visit https://franciscans.org.au/holy-land-commissariat/



Please continue to give. (Envelopes/boxes provided in the church foyer)

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**