



General

Mass Times

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A

Access readings [HERE](#) or visit www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/palm-sunday-of-the-passion-of-the-lord-year-a/



First Reading: [Isaiah 50:4-7](#). Despite rejection, Isaiah does not abandon his call.

Responsorial Psalm: *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

Second Reading: [Philippians 2:6-11](#). Jesus made himself lowly and was exalted.



Gospel Acclamation: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Gospel: [Matthew 26:14 –](#)



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



Palm Sunday reflection: access here:

[FaithCircles PALMSUNDAY YR A.pdf](#) (Faith Circles – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong)



DOLLAR MATCH DAY A SUCCESS!

Well done to St Carthage's Parish who aimed for \$500 but raised instead a whopping \$4,057 for Caritas Lenten **Dollar Match Day** last Wednesday 25th March. A generous sum for a humble parish!

Sincere appreciation for recent donations to the Parish



Thank you to the Mt Sion Christian Brothers for their generous gift to Fr Tony of the Rose-Coloured Chasuble, and stole - which we look forward to seeing worn in Advent, week three.

Thank you to Felix Behan, for his generous donation of the Birchwood Residential Chair that is now prompted on the sanctuary.



Easter Logistics: The church/chairs need to be rearranged for Thursday night. Liz is coming in on Thursday morning at 10.30am. She will need at least 3 or 4 people to help move the chairs, facing the sides. She will also need a few people after Mass on Thursday night to help put the chairs back ready or Friday. Please express your availability to assist, to Liz or Maree this weekend.



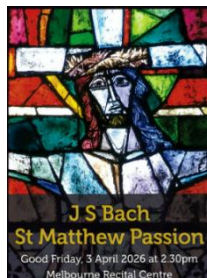
Melbourne Passion Play. **Sunday 29 March 2026. 1.30pm–3pm**, at Catholic Regional College, 380 Sydenham Road, Sydenham. Open to all and is completely free of charge. Access full details [HERE](#)



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



Mercy Night returns for 2026, with the next event taking place 30th March, here at St Carthage's. Please view full flyer [HERE](#). You may also like to take one of the few copies in the church foyer.



Melbourne Bach Choir presents St Matthew Passion

Good Friday, 3 April 2026, 2:30pm at the Melbourne Recital Centre. For info & bookings please visit www.melbournerecital.com.au



Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. Tuesday 31 March 2026, 10.00am–12.00pm

All are warmly invited to join us for the annual Chrism Mass, which will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 31 March. In this ancient and beautiful liturgy, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, together with all of Melbourne's priests, will bless the oils being used in the sacraments for the year ahead.



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Light into the City Patrick Oration 2026

The transformation of St Patrick's Cathedral and its surrounds on Melbourne's Eastern Hill has begun with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli launching Light Into the City as part of the annual Patrick Oration

The 5–10-year *Light into the City* initiative will renew St Patrick's Cathedral and reimagine its precinct as the spiritual heart of Melbourne. *"I warmly invite you to be part of this shared investment in our faith, our heritage, and the future of Melbourne."*(Archbishop Comensoli)

For more information please visit <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/patrick-oration-2026>

Thank you for all those who were able to participate in last week's AGM. The Agenda and Report can be found on the website. Minutes will be provided as soon as available.

Brother Peter Flint is interested to re-anime a men's reading group. If you are interested in taking part contact him at brpete@gmail.com



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 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