



General

Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday Lent A

7/8 March 2026

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

First Reading: [Exodus 17:3-7](#). The Israelites complain to Moses in the desert.

Responsorial Psalm: *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

Second Reading: [Romans 5:1-2. 5-8](#). Christ laid down his life for us.

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel: [John 4:5-42](#). Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well.



Thank you to Mary Roberts for delivering her Lent Reflection last 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 300pm

Easter Vigil: 4th April 7.30pm

Easter Sunday: 5th April 10.00am



Access Week 3 reflection via the link below:

[Week-3-Faith-Circles-Lent-reflection-If-Only-You-Knew.pdf](#) **Faith Circles**
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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**.

If you are interested in helping out with setting up for mass and/or doing readings during the Easter services, do contact Maree Rabach maree.rabach@bigpond.com

If you are interested in being involved in sacramental education, or in the vacancy on the Pastoral Council, contact ConstantMews54@gmail.com

On this third Sunday of Lent, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will formally convoke a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The synod calls the Melbourne Church to journey together in communion, participation and mission, echoing Pope Francis' vision of a 'listening Church' (*Evangelii Gaudium*, §31). Informed by Vatican II's teaching, the Church is 'a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit' (*Lumen Gentium*, §4). More info can be found at melbournecatholic.org/synod2026





A Celebration of Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey **Friday 13 March 2026, 5.00pm–7.30pm**. The Catholic Women’s League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga, together with the Mary Glowrey Museum, warmly invite you to a celebration of Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey, following Pope Leo XIV’s recognition of her heroic virtues on 21 November 2025. More info [HERE](#)



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



Walk with Mary 2026 - Sunday 15 March 2026, 2.00pm–5.00pm

Join the Combined Societies of Mary and Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ for a special Mass, street procession and entrustment to Our Lady. Come and honour Our Lady on this special Sunday in memory of her Annunciation. All welcome! [More info HERE](#)



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](#).



Aiding others in need serves to aid us in our own Lenten journey throughout this Lenten season. Project compassion love to share their stories, all accessed through their website, accessed here [Monoranjon's story](#). Caritas Giving envelopes (as pictured) or donation boxes remain available in the church foyer. Please help yourself.



Particularly, the minority Christians in Middle Eastern countries, amongst many other difficulties also face extraordinary persecution. 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/>

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