



General

Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

2/3 May 2026

Access readings [HERE](#) or visit www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/fifth-sunday-of-easter-year-a/

First Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7](#). Stephen is chosen as the first deacon.

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

Second Reading: [1 Peter 2:4-9](#)

Jesus, a living cornerstone.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!*

Gospel: [John 14:1-12](#). Jesus the way, truth, and life.



St Carthage's Sacramental Program 2026

We are excited to announce that the Parish Sacramental Program is well on it's way, with dates announced and enrolments sent out. Whilst we are awaiting the returned enrolments, we can confirm that the program will commence on Sunday 24th May, with a positive slight change to past programs: classes will begin prior to mass at 9am and finish with the teachers leading the students to 10am mass, where the parents will join them. The schedule and requirements of participation are now posted on our website, so if you are aware of any families who are ready for sacramental preparation, please direct them to this web page:

www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/sacraments-at-st-carthages/.

We thank parishioners Ana, Carolyn and Angie for offering their services, and pray that the Holy Spirit guides them as they prepare in this time for the program.



St Carthage's Working Bee

30th May 10am-12pm

Shared Lunch from 12 – 1pm. Please bring a plate to share.

Come along and share the fun, the connection and the food.



This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria works with those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health

challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma. This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives. Envelopes provided in the church foyer.



For the latest briefing from the Parish Finance Committee, please click [HERE](#).
You can visit St Carthage's Website anytime where you can also find the latest in all PPC and AGM Minutes and Reports.



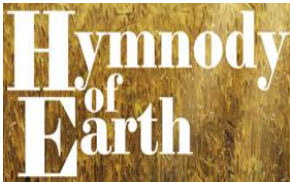
Can a Scientist Believe in God? with Rev Dr Chris Mulherin

Monday 4 May 2026, 7.00pm–8.30pm

This session is an introduction to the 'conflict myth' and will offer some clues about how to understand the science–faith relationship as a harmonious one. More info [HERE](#)



Democracy and Education with Prof Jānis Ozoliņš Wednesday 6 May 2026, 5.30pm–7.00pm Through the lens of a Catholic, Thomistic perspective, this session discusses the nature of democracy, what we might describe as a democratic state, and whether there is a crisis in democracy. More info [HERE](#).



Newman College is holding two upcoming events: The concert – **24th May** - details can be accessed here: [Concert-1-A4-Poster-1.pdf](#), and the Community Service Dinner – **8th May** - here: [newman-college-student-club-community-service-dinner](#)



Saturday 16 May 2026, 7.00pm

A night of spectacular music, from composers including Camille Saint-Saëns, Edward Elgar, Kim André Arnesen, Eric Whitacre, Iain Grandage, Christopher Tin and others. Full Flyer here: [An-Evening-with-Excelsis-2026.pdf](#)



Mercy Night, Candlelit Adoration, music and confessions.

St Carthage's Church, Parkville. All Welcome!

Please note the change in date for the next Mercy night, which will now be held 19th May, 7-8pm

Middle East Emergency Appeal – Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide vital emergency supplies. To learn more or give today, scan QR code/visit www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal



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