



General

Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

9/10 May 2026

Access readings [HERE](#) or visit www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/sixth-sunday-of-easter-year-a-the-ascension-of-our-lord/

First Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17.](#)

The Messiah is proclaimed and accepted in Samaria.

Responsorial Psalm: *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

Second Reading: [1 Peter 3:15-18.](#) Suffer for good deeds, not evil.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!*

Gospel: [John 14:15-21.](#) Jesus promises disciples the Paraclete.



FEAST OF ST CARTHAGE

St Carthage (Carthach in Irish, also called Mochuda) established a monastery at Rahan in central Ireland in the 590s as a place to welcome lepers from all over the country. In 636, he was forced with his community to find refuge in Lismore, where he became its first bishop. In 1814, the [Lismore Crozier](#) was discovered at Lismore Castle. Shaped like a horse's head and from c. 1100, it is now in Dublin's National Museum of Ireland. It contained a relic, possibly of Carthage himself, taken from the original crozier of the bishops of Lismore. His feast-day falls on 14 May, so we shall celebrate his memory on Sunday 17 May. An early Irish account of his Life is available online as [Life of Saint Mochuda of Lismore](#).



Lismore Crozier



St Carthage's Reading Group.

The next Tuesday morning book group will meet in the Presbytery: Tuesday 19th May at 10am.

We will be discussing "The Dream Count", by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche. All welcome. Any enquiries to mjrob2@hotmail.com



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.



Parish Columbarium

The parish is considering whether to establish a Columbarium behind the church on its northern side. This would be a sacred place of repose for ashes of parishioners connected to St Carthage's.

The architect, Robert Simeoni, has put forward details of the proposal, available at this link:

[Proposed-columbarium-at-st-carthages-parkville/](#)

Robert will be presenting his proposal to the Pastoral Council on Tues 12 May 7.30pm, being held at the Parish Office. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend that meeting.

Women's Christian Meditation Group. This group meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 5.30pm. We spend about 45 minutes together. We are currently using "Pray As You Go" as a reference. It is a worldwide App based on Jesuit Spirituality. It uses the Gospel or a reading from the Mass of the day to initiate a meditation. Liz Dohrmann organises the Zoom. No need to download the Zoom App, you just click on a link that is emailed to you. You are very welcome to join the Group. If you are interested, you can contact Carmel McCarthy on markncarmel@hotmail.com with your phone number to join our Whats App

Two formation programs are being offered by ACU Centre for Liturgy. You can find both advertised on our website also, or simply click on the inks below.

ACU CENTRE FOR LITURGY

Liturgical Ministry training program
Ministers of the Word

[ACU-Ministers-of-the-Word-flyer.pdf](#) Friday 15 May, 6 – 9pm AND
Saturday 16 May, 9am – 4pm

ACU CENTRE FOR LITURGY

Liturgical Ministry training program
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

[ACU-Extraordinary-Ministers-of-Holy-Communion.pdf](#) Friday 12 June,
6 – 9pm AND Saturday 13 June, 9am – 4pm OR Friday 26 June, 6 – 9pm
AND Saturday 27 June, 9am – 4pm

**Mercy
Night**

Mercy Night, Candlelit Adoration, music and confessions.

St Carthage's Church, Parkville. All Welcome! **Please note the change in date:**

Next Mercy night will now be held 19th May, 7-8pm



CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. The generosity of our parish community means that CatholicCare Victoria can continue their mission; to empower communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential. Your support ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives. Thank you for helping open the door to safety, dignity and hope. For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au

Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal. The situation in Lebanon remains extremely fragile, and civilians urgently need humanitarian support. Stand with the people of Lebanon today. Learn more or make a donation today via the scan code or by visiting [Donate to Lebanon Crisis - Emergency Relief Needed | Caritas Australia](#)



A PRAYER IN GRATITUDE OF OUR MOTHERS

Good and Gentle God, We pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the support of family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. (Author Unknown) ***Wishing all women a Happy Mother's Day!***

Please Note: Ongoing parish bulletin items can be found on a separate print out, located in the church foyer.



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