



General

Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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The Ascension of the Lord A

16/17 May 2026

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

First Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11](#). Jesus is taken up into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm: *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Second Reading: [Ephesians 1:17-23](#). Christ is head of the church.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!*

Gospel: [Matthew 28:16-20](#). Jesus sends forth the apostles with the promise to be with them always.



Mercy Night

Mercy Night, THIS TUESDAY. 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

Mother's Day Reflection: Thank you to Penny McCann for sharing some beautiful memories in honour of this month's Mother's Day. Her reflection can be accessed here: [2026-Penny-McCann-Mothers-Day-Reflection.pdf](#), together with all parishioner reflections past and present, posted on St Carthage's website.

FEAST OF ST CARTHAGE – 14th May – celebrated this Sunday 17th May.

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. 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.

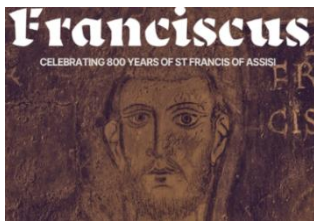


A reminder that our **Parish Sacramental Program begins next Sunday**, most appropriately on the feast of Pentecost. As we prepare to welcome back some past families and also new families, we pray that the spirit works through our Catechists, and the hearts of the candidates preparing to receive their sacraments.

Columbarium Update.

The parish is considering a proposal from the architect, Robert Simeoni, to build a Columbarium as a sacred space at the rear of the site of our church, containing the ashes of those connected in some way to St Carthage's, and as a place of quiet reflection. For images, see via this link: [Proposed-columbarium-at-st-carthages-parkville/](https://www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/proposed-columbarium-at-st-carthages-parkville/). We encourage expressions of interest from those wanting to learn more about the project. Contact the parish office parkville@cam.org.au by **Fri 8 July**.

The Pastoral Council is also establishing a group involved in Pastoral Visiting (bringing communion to parishioners unable to come to mass), alongside other groups working in areas of Liturgy. Hospitality and Sacramental Education. If you are interested in know more about these groups, contact the parish office.



FRANCISCUS: Celebrating 800 Years of St Francis of Assisi! The Capuchin Franciscan Friars are hosting a **2-day Conference** at St Anthony's, Hawthorn

on the weekend of **30th-31st May** to celebrate this **Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi**; to reflect upon and share about the amazing life and enduring legacy of this great saint. Please access all booking details via the QR code



St. Francis of Assisi ♪ SHOWCASE ♪

Calling all performers!

To celebrate the **Franciscan Jubilee Year**, COG Theatre is hosting a musical showcase highlighting the life of St Francis of Assisi.

Expressions of interest welcome!

If you are a performer, technician, administrant or are just eager to get involved, please contact cogtheatregroup@gmail.com OR 0413 398 528.



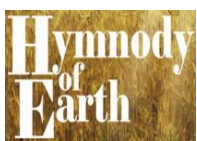
18-24 May National Volunteer Week. For full information and resources, please visit www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/nationalvolunteerweek/

Formation programs are being offered by ACU Centre for Liturgy. simply click on the inks below.

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



Newman College upcoming event: The concert – **24th May**. Details can be accessed here: [Concert-1-A4-Poster-1.pdf](#)



Synodality in Practice: The Ways we Walk Together as a Church.

Wednesday 27th May, 6-9pm.
Details [HERE](#)

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](#)



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