



General
Mass Times
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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16th Sunday Ordinary Time A

18/19 July 2026

Access readings [HERE](#) or visit www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/16th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-a/



First Reading: [Wisdom 12:13.16-19](#) God is mighty and gentle.

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

Second Reading: [Romans 8:26-27](#). The Spirit overcomes our weaknesses.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!*

Gospel: [Matthew 13:24-43](#). Parables of the weeds in the field and the mustard seed.

From the Pastoral Council

Columbarium: The PC has asked the Finance Committee to work with the architect, Robert Simeoni, in developing a business case, with costings, for establishing a Columbarium on the site of St Carthage's.

Pastoral Visiting: We are keen to help less mobile parishioners appreciating a home visit. If you are interested in visits or volunteering to help in this, contact the parish office.

Defibrillator: A defibrillator has been installed at the back of the Church. If you want to learn about how it should be used, or you have nursing/medical skills that might be helpful within the parish, contact Brigid Walker blwalker7@gmail.com.

Newsletter: If you do not receive this newsletter by email and would like to, please use the QR code to submit your details, or send a message to parkville@cam.org.au, or simply write your email and put it in the box for suggestions and requests in the porch at the church.



MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026: DISCERNING TOGETHER: THEME PAPER RELEASE



Melbourne synod 2026 –The Synod theme papers (which can all be accessed via the 'Synodality' post on our parish website here:

<https://www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/synodality/>) are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk

together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process is a 'Conversation in the Spirit' or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code which is at the end of each paper.

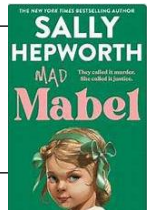
Answering to the invitation for parish representatives, Angie Lu will represent the parish at the forthcoming information meeting (25 July) in relation to the Melbourne synod and will be able to update the parish accordingly.

The Sacramental Program 2026

Please note: Next Sunday, 26th July, our Sacramental candidates will resume classes for the 3rd and final chapter of the program. Classes will continue for another 4 weeks at the presbytery and join us for 10am mass afterwards. Sacramental ceremonies will be as follows: First Holy Communion, 23rd August at 10am mass, and Confirmation, 30th August as part of 10am mass.



A warm welcome to all who wish to discuss this month's books; **What Happened to Nina?** by Dervla McTiernan and **Mad Mabel** by Sally Hepworth. For more information – Next meeting 21st July. Contact Mary at mjrob2@hotmail.com



"IS THERE DIVERSITY IN CHAPLAINCY?" DISCOVER MORE ... A

A webinar in two parts 23 July & 30 July 7.00-8.30pm. Registration details available at www.garrattpublishing.com.au/event/is-there-diversity-in-chaplaincy-webinar-series/



St Carlo Acutis, The First Millennial Saint: Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition Display ends Tuesday 28 July 2026, 3.00pm. The Legion of Mary is hosting the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition of St Carlo Acutis Exhibition this July. More information [HERE](#)



Our Parish has been supplied with 10 free passes (5 double passes) to see 'Holy Days,' a heart warming Catholic Australian comedy-drama arriving in cinemas on **6 August 2026**. The film tells the uplifting story of three elderly nuns and a grieving young boy on an unforgettable journey of faith, friendship, hope, and community. Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMHQS_LW8EA&t=1s If you are interested in organising or joining a group from the parish to enjoy an outing to the cinemas, please contact the parish office – I'd be happy to join myself if there are spares 😊. **FIRST IN, BEST DRESSED!**



Freedom Publishing Books in partnership with TMC and St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne, are pleased to launch an event, dedicated to Our Lady of the Assumption, focusing on relationships and marriage, featuring YOUCAT Love Forever. Date of event: Saturday 15th August. Try booking [HERE](#)



LITURGY UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS The Australian Academy of Liturgy will hold its National Conference, *Liturgy Under the Southern Cross*, from 28–30 September 2026 at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney. The conference will offer an opportunity to reflect on worship in Australia, exploring themes of place, time, culture, social relationships, faith and spirituality as they are experienced in the liturgy. Click [HERE](#) for full flyer. Bookings can be made via the QR Code



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