



General
Mass Times
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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17th Sunday Ordinary Time A

25/26 July 2026

Access readings [HERE](#) or visit www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/16th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-a-2/



First Reading: [1 Kings 3:5.7-12](#). Solomon is granted an understanding heart.

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, I love your commands.*

Second Reading: [Romans 8:28-30](#). God makes all things work for the good of those who love him.

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 13:44-52](#). Jesus describes the kingdom through images.

Sacramental program update:

We welcome back our catechism children as they complete the last four weeks of their Sacramental program.

During the last four weeks the children in our Sacramental program have been busy completing their home learning component of the program. As part of their home learning the children have written some letters to the parishioners of

St Carthage's. Next week these letters will be put in a basket at the entrance of the church. We encourage parishioners to take a letter and write back to one or more of the children sharing a bit about yourself and your own sacramental journey.

We will also be displaying their pray for me posters at the back of the church which they also recently completed. We invite parishioners to leave notes, prayer cards and other items in these pockets over the next three weeks as a concrete way of showing the children that we are thinking and praying for them in during their sacramental preparation.

We appreciate your support of the all the children in the program and look forward to celebrating with them as they take a further step in their faith journey.

Many thanks. Ana, Angie and Carolyn

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. You

are invited to read and stay informed as this journey unfolds. **Thank you to Angie Lu who has represented the parish at the information meeting (25 July). Angie will, in due course, be able to update the parish.**

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.



Robert and Angela send their Greetings from sunny Cairns, with an added bonus-visit to Bishop Joe. Wishing them a safe and happy journey



Solomon.

There's little that can match the musical splendour of Handel's **Solomon**. Set in a golden age of

peace, piety and prosperity, **Solomon** is celebrated for its lush orchestration, expansive double choruses, and vivid characterisation of the biblical king's reign...

Full Description can be viewed [HERE](#)

Full Flyer can be viewed [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!**



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