



General
Mass Times
 Saturday 6pm
 Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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18th Sunday Ordinary Time A

1st/2nd August 2026

Access readings [HERE](#) or visit www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/18th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-a/

First Reading: [Isaiah 55:1-3](#). Come to the water.

Responsorial Psalm: *The hand of the Lord feeds us:
 he answers all our needs.*

Second Reading: [Romans 8:35. 37-39](#). Nothing can separate us
 from the love of God.



Gospel Acclamation:
*Alleluia, alleluia! No one
 lives on bread alone, but
 on every word that
 comes from the mouth
 of God. Alleluia!*

Gospel:
[Matthew 14:13-21](#). Jesus
 feeds five thousand.



Representing St Carthage's parish, Angie attended the information session for the Melbourne Synod. Angie reports: *"I felt privileged to have represented our parish at the North Melbourne Regional Synod Consultation. I participated in a Formation and Participation spiritual conversation. As a group, we listened to individuals speak of a mutual desire to form faith and strengthen participation in their own communities. I look forward to bringing this experience and its idea to Council and our parish."*

Melbourne synod 2026 theme papers can still be accessed here:

<https://www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/synodality/>



Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's national Census will be held on **11 August 2026**. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

News from the Pastoral Council: Confirmation refresher session for young adults

6 August 7.00-8.00pm. Preparing for the Holy Spirit. Held in the St Carthage's Parish House, 30 Bayles Street, Parkville. This will be the first of three sessions prior to the Confirmation at St Carthage's on 30 August. Please RSVP constantmews54@gmail.com or ph 0447 094 673.

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.



Parishioners who are wanting to update their ministerial knowledge or wish to become a special Minister, are invited to join this online webinar: **Lay Ministers of Holy Communion** by Liturgy Brisbane. More information: [HERE](#). The parish office can cover the costs for all parishioners wishing to register. Please contact Leanne at the office.



Handel's **Solomon**, Heidelberg Choral Society & Orchestra **Sunday 16 August 2.30pm** Performing Arts Centre, Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School. 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,' arriving in cinemas on **6 August 2026**.

Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMHQS_LW8EA&t=1s

The parish group attending has so far only 3 members; Robert & Angela Mandile, and Leanne. 7 tickets still up for grabs. If you are interested, please contact the parish office. A suitable date for all to attend together can be established once all tickets are gone.



SIMPLICITY SEPTEMBER: DISCOVER WHAT MATTERS. Palms International Volunteers are launching their new incentive this September whereby participants are asked, for a time, to simplify some aspect of their busy lives and find a sense of solidarity with those less fortunate, but who have the wisdom of living sustainably. Click here to discover more about this new incentive: [Simply September](#). A video to spark imagination toward a simple gesture in your daily life: https://youtu.be/Z0o_Mzdlh9k



Sunday 16 August is University of Melbourne Open Day, so if you are coming to 10am mass, remember that parking will be more difficult.

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