



General
Mass Times
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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21st Sunday Ordinary Time A

22/23 August 2026

Access readings [HERE](#) or visit www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/21st-sunday-in-ordinary-time-a/



First Reading: [Isaiah 22:19-23](#).

The Lord appoints Eliakim over the house of Judah.

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.*

Second Reading: [Romans 11:33-36](#).

Who knows the mind of God?

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!*

Gospel: [Matthew 16:13-20](#).

Jesus asks, "Who do people say I am?"



Catechist Update:

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners who took the time to collect a letter, write back to a child, leave a prayer, note, or card, and let our children know that they are being remembered and supported in prayer.

It was truly wonderful to see the excitement on the children's faces as they checked their pouches, discovered your responses, and eagerly read them. Your words of encouragement brought such joy to the children and made their sacramental journey feel very personal and meaningful.

Your prayers, messages, and encouragement were a beautiful reminder to our children that they are not walking this sacramental journey alone. They are surrounded by a loving faith community that cares for them, celebrates with them, and prays for them.

A special thanks to St Carthage's choir for their liturgical music preparation, making every sacramental celebration both inviting and engaging.

Thank you all for helping our children experience what it truly means to belong to a parish family. Congratulations to **Maeve, Eve and Jackson**, and we look forward to celebrating their First Eucharist this weekend, and Confirmation the following weekend.

Ana, Angie and Carolyn

The Archbishop's Campaign invites us to proclaim the Good News by supporting ministries that serve those in need across our Archdiocese. Your generous gift helps bring this mission to life — not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



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The Archbishop's Campaign will continue through the month of August. Please be generous.



Mary Glowrey Museum and MacKillop Heritage Centre visit. 20 Brunswick St Fitzroy (\$10 entry). We are organising a visit to these two centres. The proposed date: **Thursday 24th September at 10 am** - a 10-minute walk to MacKillop Heritage Centre 362 Albert St East Melbourne (\$7 entry). If interested in attending send Robert at Text 0432511699



The Finance Committee invites parishioners who have not yet committed to Planned Giving, or who have the capacity to raise their contribution, to consider doing so, to improve the capacity of the Parish to meet its obligations and conduct necessary repairs and maintenance. To begin Planned Giving or raise current regular contributions parishioners can arrange for Donations to St Carthage's Church account through a **bank/CC Direct Debit: BSB: 083 347 ACC: 48017 6362 - CC donations, or by clicking on the following link [Credit Card donation](#) or scan the QR code**



News from the Pastoral Council

Columbarium: (a peaceful, reflective place of interment of cremated ashes within St Carthage's grounds): plans and costed proposals are being drawn up by architect Robert Simeoni - details will be announced shortly. If you are interested in being kept informed, please contact Parkville@cam.org.au

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 send a message to parkville@cam.org.au, or place your email in the box located in the church foyer.



Season of Creation Online Gathering 2026. Thursday 3 September 2026, 10.00am– Friday 4 September 2026, 4.30pm. Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering is a Caritas initiative, supported by the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, and partnered by Catholic Religious Australia. More information [HERE](#)



St Peter's Speaker Series: An Evening with Deacon Peter Pellican Thursday 10 September 2026. 7.00pm–9.00pm.

The next event in the St Peter's Speaker Series will feature Deacon Peter Pellican from Brisbane, who will speak on his book *The Secret Catholic*. More information [HERE](#)



LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Formation & Training. Liturgy Brisbane offer online training for a variety of online church ministries, **Ministry for Holy Communion** is one of them. Please use [this link](#) to register. The parish is happy to cover the cost Please contact the office if interested.

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