

General Mass Times
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 10am

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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32nd Sunday Ordinary Time A 7/8 Nov 2026

Access readings HERE or visit www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/32nd-sunday-ordinary-time-year-a/



Keeping the lamps lit

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Wisdom comes to those who are worthy.

Responsorial Psalm:
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
God will raise up those who have died in Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready: you know not
when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

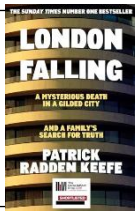
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13.
Parable of the ten bridesmaids.

Pre-synodal prayer and preparation: Mathi Vathanan of our parish has been chosen to be one of the twelve representatives from the northern region at the diocesan synod being held in Melbourne 4-6 Dec 2026. To this end, Mathi would love to meet with others in the parish to pray together and share thoughts about the synod in a meeting in the parish house to be held on **Tues 17 Nov. 6.30-7.30pm** (access through front door **30 Bayles St**), bringing a plate if you wish. While Fr Tony Kerin is away, he has given warm approval for the meeting. Send RSVP to parkville@cam.org.au by **Mon 16 Nov** indicating if you are able to stay for sharing a meal.



St Carthage's Reading Group

We are meeting at the Presbytery at 10.00 on Tuesday 17th of November. For discussion - **London Falling by Patrick Radden-Keefe (NF). All welcome.** Enquiries: Info-mjrob2@hotmail.com





Tap to Give: we have a new and convenient way for you to contribute to the parish – simply use your phone just like paying in a supermarket. Just some key things to note:

*Unlock your phone and place it flat against any "Tap to Give" sign. You will get a screen inviting you to give an amount of your choice.

*You can safely check the giving page without donating (you still have to tap your screen to donate).

*iPhones need no adjusting.

*If you have an Android phone, you may need to set "NFC" ON in *Settings* (under *Connections*).

*Thick phone cases can be an issue.

*Your privacy and anonymity (if desired) is assured.

*Your contribution goes safely to the Archdiocesan website, marked for St Carthage's. You can continue to give via the Tap 'n Go machine, or for now, on the collection plate.



God and Beer: **'To Know Christ Jesus'** with Archbishop Comensoli. **Monday 9 November 2026 6.30pm–8.30pm. Hill Hotel.** At the next God and Beer, Archbishop of Melbourne Peter A Comensoli will be speaking on the theme To Know Christ Jesus.' At the heart of the Christian faith is not simply a set of ideas, moral teachings or traditions, but a person: Jesus Christ. Full details HERE





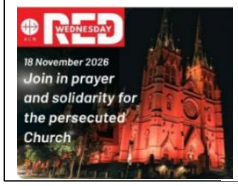
Faith in Action: An election guide from the Bishops of Victoria

Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: www.melbournecatholic.org/stateelection2026

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 assist the Parish meet its obligations and ongoing maintenance. You can arrange for Donations through a **bank/CC Direct Debit: BSB: 083 347 ACC: 48017 6362 - CC donations, this link Credit Card donation, or scan the QR.** NFC (Near Field Contact) tags will soon be installed to facilitate cashless contributions to the parish. Some parishioners may also consider investing in the Parish Columbarium, details available from Mark Dohrmann. You may also consider including a modest bequest to the parish in your will. For further details, contact Leanne at the Parish Office, parkville@cam.org.au.

RED NOVEMBER ACN
PRAY • SUPPORT • ACT

The central focus of this campaign is Red Wednesday, 18 November, when churches around the world are illuminated in red in solidarity with persecuted Christians. More information can be found HERE



A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia and New Zealand: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. During this Red November, we invite you to pray, support and act in solidarity with 388+ million Christians persecuted for their faith.

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

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.

Pastoral Visitation: If you are willing to help with pastoral visitation, or wish to benefit yourself from such a service, please contact Claire Renkin claire.ren@optusnet.com.au

Please Note: *Ongoing parish bulletin items, now updated, can be found on a separate print out located in the church foyer. Please help yourself to a copy.*

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