



### Mass Times

Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 10am

## ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER

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## The Presentation of the Lord Year C 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

For full readings click [HERE](#) or visit or visit [www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/the-presentation-of-the-lord-2nd-feb-2025/](http://www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/the-presentation-of-the-lord-2nd-feb-2025/)



**First Reading:** [Malachi 3:1-4](#). The Lord will send his messenger.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!*

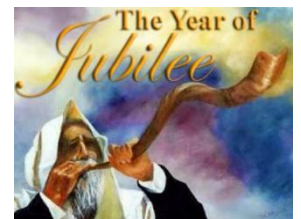
**Second Reading:** [Hebrews 2:14-18](#). Jesus was fully human.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Luke 2:22-40](#). Jesus is brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph

Welcome back, to 2025, which promises to be an exciting year for the Church with a vast array of Jubilee celebrations and pilgrimages

A **Year of Jubilee** is a special time for remission of sins and universal pardon. It is a time of pilgrimage, reconciliation and spiritual renewal that occurs every 25 years. In special cases, the Pope may call for an extraordinary year of Jubilee. This occurred in 2016 when Pope Francis announced a Holy Year of Mercy, to highlight the Catholic Church's mission to be a witness of mercy which is "the beating heart of the Gospel". For those who wish to find out more about the Jubilee,



Liturgy Brisbane provide some interesting resources here: <https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/>



Jubilee of Families Pilgrimage 2025

**Tuesday 20 May 2025 – Wednesday 4 June 2025**

Bookings are now open for the Archdiocese of Melbourne's 2025 Jubilee of Families pilgrimage. The pilgrimage, which coincides with the Jubilee of Families, Grandparents and the Elderly, is open to all parishioners.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/events/journey-to-rome-for-jubilee-2025-2>

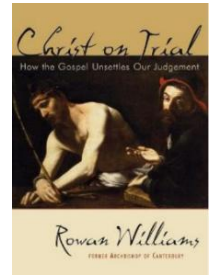
**A Parish Forum** is planned for **Sunday 16 Feb 2025 11.00am-12.00noon** followed by lunch in the Parish House.

**The Synod and the Australian Church - where to now? 19 February 2025 7.30pm**

Learn from two Synod participants (Bishop Shane Mackinlay and Dr Sandie Cornish. Presentations and discussion will highlight key issues such as the role of women in the Church, the diversity of opinions across the global Church and the scope for local autonomy. A key question is how the Australian Church will implement the results of the Synod and address unresolved issues.

Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CYOTK>. See also: <https://www.senseofthefaithful.org.au>

St Mark's Uniting Church Parkville has invited parishioners at St Carthage's to join participate in a series of **Lenten reflections** by zoom around an excellent little book, Rowan Williams' *Christ on Trial: How the Gospel Unsettles our Judgement* (Eerdmans 2003), available through Amazon at \$30. Two online (Zoom) groups are planned from **Wednesday 5 March (7.45pm)** and **Friday March 7 (1.30PM)**, for six weeks (one week per chapter). Interested parishioners are encouraged to obtain this book in advance and to register online at [HERE](#)



Last Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, we celebrated Australia Day, a time of reflection, celebration, and for many, deep contemplation about what it means to be Australian. It is an opportunity to embrace the diversity and richness of our Nation's heritage while acknowledging the journey towards reconciliation and unity. As people of faith, we are called to seek justice, promote understanding, and walk humbly with one another. This Guide invites you to explore the complexities of this day, consider its significance through a lens of faith, and reflect on how we can contribute to a future where all Australians feel included, respected, and valued. For the full guide please visit <https://www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/australia-day-reflection-and-discernment-guide-v2.pdf>



The Catholic agency  
for international aid  
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We urgently need your support. The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery

long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone **1800 024 413**



*St Carthage's now has a tap & go machine to compliment the traditional collection baskets for donations during mass. It's easy to do.*

- 1. Select your desired amount or custom amount,*
- 2. Tap your card or phone payment screen,*
- 3. The confirmation screen will appear...*

*Tap "New Donation" for the next donor to start their donation.*

**From your Pastoral Council:** If you are interested in helping them out our volunteers with just a little time or expertise to the parish in any of a number of areas, contact the parish office ([parkville@cam.org.au](mailto:parkville@cam.org.au)) or the Pastoral Council chair ([Constant.Mews@monash.edu](mailto:Constant.Mews@monash.edu)). These areas include: preparing the church for services; reading; hospitality; pastoral outreach; music; IT/media; maintenance and upkeep; post-communion reflection, sacramental preparation, etc. If you don't know many people in the parish community, this is a wonderful way to make new friends.

**Are you new parishioner or just visiting St Carthage's? If so, please forward your email address to Leanne at [Parkville@cam.org.au](mailto:Parkville@cam.org.au), so we can say in touch and provide you our newsletter and special notices via email. New parishioners are always welcome at St Carthage's.**

**Another way you can support St Carthage's:** Just use the camera on your phone, click on the code, follow the prompt and make your donation. Your ongoing support to sustain St Carthage's parish is recognised and very much appreciated.



*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](http://Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation). For a full overview please visit our website or [HERE](#). Please visit St Carthage's Website for news and events: [www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au](http://www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au)*