

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 21 January 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Reflections

Mk 1:14-20

Chosen

- 1. Must you be called as a missionary and go, for instance, to Africa in order to respond to the Gospel? Or could you be called to bring the Good News, whether you are fisherman, woman, or theologian—in whatever you do? Which way does Jesus call you?
- 2. According to Pope Francis's homily below, does God look for you where you are, in your ordinary life? Can your ordinary life be sacred?

John [the Baptist] received people in the desert, where only those able to leave their homes could go. Jesus, on the other hand, speaks of God in the heart of society, to everyone, wherever they find themselves. He does not speak at fixed times or places, but "walking along the shore," to fishermen who were "casting their nets" (v. 16). He speaks to people in the most ordinary times and places. ...

The disciples would never forget the words they heard that day on the shore of the lake, ... "Follow me, I will make you become fishers of men." (v. 17 ... Jesus spoke to them in terms of their own livelihood: "You are fishermen, and you will become fishers of men." Struck by those words, they come to realize that lowering their nets for fish was too little, whereas putting out into the deep in response to the word of Jesus was the secret of true joy

The Lord does the same with us: he looks for us where we are, he loves us as we are, and he patiently walks by our side. As he did with those fishermen, he waits for us on the shore of our life. With his word, he wants to change us, to invite us to live fuller lives and to put out into the deep together with him.

Homily for 3 Ord B, 2021, Pope Francis

Anne Osdieck // <u>The Sunday Website</u>

Parish News

Parish Sacramental Process 2024

Thank you to all those who have been enquiring about celebrating their child/ren's Confirmation, first Reconciliation and/or first Holy Communion. It's so encouraging to see so much interest from the beginning of the year.

Again, we will be using an online application form which can be accessed from Sunday 28 January 2024. Watch this space for that link.

In the meantime, here are some dates that may interest you:

CONFIRMATION

Applications close Friday 26 April.

Confirmation names & sponsors names due Friday 3 May. Confirmation practice at 3:30pm & 6pm on Thursday 23 May. Confirmation celebration at 6pm (Trinity Sunday Vigil) Mass on Saturday 25 May.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Applications close Friday 19 July.
Celebrations at 6pm on Monday 29 & Tuesday 30 July.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Applications close Friday 27 September

Taste & See sessions at 3:30pm & 7pm on Thursday 10 October

Practice sessions at 3:30pm & 6pm on Thursday 17 October Celebrations at 11am on Saturday 19 and 26 October.

Australia Day morning tea

Let's get together after the 9:15am Mass next Friday 26 January for some Aussie morning tea! Bring along a plate of lamingtons or scones to share with each other. Iced Vo-Vos, mini meat pies or a platter of fresh fruit also welcome.

The most important thing is that we get together to celebrate the many wonderful and varied people who make up this community; with all our different colours, backgrounds and experiences, we are proud of our multicultural parish.

Welcome Back

We are delighted to announce that, from Monday 29 January, Fr Anthony Scerri will be returning to OLMC. He has made remarkable recovery during his time at the Aged Care facility in Rooty Hill and feels that he would be more comfortable living with his fellow Carmelites in Wentworthville.

On that day, we also welcome Fr Albino Dos Santos from the Coorparoo parish. Fr Albino has visited our parish before and will be well-known to many parishioners. At this stage, we are still waiting for Fr Albino to receive his faculties from the Parramatta Diocese but, until then, please help us to welcome Fr Albino who will be living at Wentworthville permanently

Getting to know you Parish Dinner



Please note that this function is open to everyone, even non-Catholics.

You will not be disappointed!

If you have a special dietary request for this event, please use the form provided in the Parish Centre to list your requests.

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: \$2435

Planned Giving (cash): \$ 885 Planned Giving (credit cards): \$ 100 Loose cash: \$ 670 Direct Deposits: \$ 350 Tap & Go: \$ 430

Parish Online Banking: If you would like to pay fees or are able to make a donation, our online banking details are:

BSB: 067 950

Account Number: 00602

Account Name: Wentworthville Catholic Church **Reference:** [YourSurname]DONATION NAME

Fees for special Services

Please see below, a simplified guide to our fees for special

Services:

Wedding: \$700 Funeral: \$700

Baptism: \$50 **Memorial service:** \$400

What is Planned Giving?

Planned Giving is a pledge you make to assist the parish with their finances. Your contributions would go toward staff salaries, insurance, maintenance, loan repayments, liturgical resources, etc. You can choose to set-up an automated deposit from your bank account with the amount and frequency you would like to donate. Just make sure to use the banking details above. Planned Giving is a very convenient and practical method of contributing to the parish, even if it's just \$5 a week.

If you would like to receive a receipt for your Planned Giving please contact Gennie, our Finance Officer, on ocarmswentyaccts@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Please pray for

Those who are sick, especially Rita Ientile, Vivian Sultana, Roseline Fernandez, Yolanda Gonzales, Edwin Macwan, Sharon Dolan.

Recently deceased, Matthew Spiteri, Tony Campton, Thea Flynn, Robert Howe, Joanne Tabone, Charlie Bonnici, Duyen Tran.

Our special intentions, especially the Clivin family, Tiara Peter, Elias & Rahame Frangi and family, Casaer & Ouphemia Bainy, All Souls, Valda Cox, Anthony, Monica & Catherine Kong, Czeslawa Godfrey, Charlie Zammit, Mary, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Cam Tran, Lawrence Dias, Charlie Sultana, and in honour of St Anthony.

Names published with permission from families.

Coming events

22 January: St Vincent the Deacon **24 January:** St Francis de Sales CO, OM

25 January: The Conversion of St Paul (Apostle) **25 January:** Church cleaning after the 9am Mass

26 January: Australia Day 27 January: Sts Timothy & Titus

28 January: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Rosters for 27 and 28 January 2024

| MASS | ROLE | VOLUNTEER |
|----------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 6pm (Vigil) | Reader Commentator Communion | Bob Hanna Janine Hanna May Pepin |
| 8am | Reader Commentator Communion | Joshua Angelo Jeremy Angelo Michelle Rodrigues Eric Dias |
| 10am | Reader Commentator Communion | Fiona Bylsma Elaine Gutierrez Marina Peter Moira Peter |
| 6pm | Reader Commentator Communion | Bimy Baby Nelissa Almeida Isa Urbano |

Next week's readings

27 and 28 January - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading: Deut 18:15-20
Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35
Gospel: Mk 1:21-28

Around the Diocese and beyond

NEW Diocesan website launched

The new parracatholic.org website is now here with a comprehensive 'Find a Mass' function which includes Daily and Weekend Masses, Reconciliation and Adoration times; a centralised event calendar; Daily Mass readings and different ways you can contribute to the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Check it out today!

Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: 10 February

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 10 February 2024 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2024 to mary.gale@parracatholic.org

Bishop Vincent presents a conversation with Monsignor Tomas Halik

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to a conversation with Czech priest and theologian Monsignor Tomas Halik at 6pm on Monday 12 February at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Registration is free, but places are strictly limited. Visit https://parracatholic.org/events/tomashalik/ to register.

Music for Lent Workshop

Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for Lent from 7pm to 8:30pm on Monday 12 February 2024 at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Mission Enhancement Team. To RSVP, please contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org by 5 February 2024.

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

Soul Food Podcast

Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others? The Mission Enhancement Team's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website pfparra.org.au/soulfood/ or on Spotify.

Free English and Citizenship Classes

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes during school terms from 10am to 2pm on a Tuesday and Wednesday at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills. Free childcare is available. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Crèche on (02) 8843 2506 or Nepean Community College (02) 4724 9000.

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Parish Secretary: Paola Yévenes **Finance Officer:** Gennie Cosgrove

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School

Principal: Olimpia Pirovic

Phone: 8832 1100

Liturgy times

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil) Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm

Weekday Masses

Monday - Thursday and Saturday: 9am

Friday: 9:15am (except on the first Friday of the month)

Reconciliation

Saturday: after the 9am Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday: 8am Rosary Group

Monday - Friday: 8am

Saturday: after the 9am Mass

Anointing within Mass

First Friday of the month at 9am Mass followed by a shared Morning Tea

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

On request

We acknowledge the Darug people as the original custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders; past, present and emerging.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, together with the Diocese of Parramatta and the Carmelite Friars, are committed to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults in our care and ensuring that they feel and are safe.