



**Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel**  
Wentworthville

## **Carmel Bulletin**

**Sunday 17 March 2024**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B**



### **Reflections**

**Jn 12:12-33**

#### **Seeing Jesus ...**

It was a simple request. Some strangers in town wanted to see Jesus, and they approached Philip with the hope of getting an audience with the famous rabbi. What did they expect to see? Did they just want the first-century equivalent of an autograph? Or did they want a life-transforming encounter with a holy man?

When Jesus is told of their request, his response is rather mysterious. What does it mean that Jesus is about to be glorified? Jesus proposes that the only route to seeing him is to travel the road he's about to take: dying and rising. If we lose our lives, die to ourselves, and follow him in service, then we'll see who Jesus is. Otherwise, we're only clutching his garments and missing the Son of Man entirely.

Many of us know Jesus from hearsay, like the strangers did. We've seen his picture, read his story, and can quote a few memorable lines. But until we die and rise with him in a truly surrendered life, we haven't really seen Jesus. We've missed the glory.

**To ponder:** Contemplate an image of Jesus that draws you in: a painting or crucifix, a stained glass window or crèche. What does this image teach you about who God is and how God loves you?

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#### **... in the fallen grains.**

Some Greeks came up to Philip and made this request: "Sir, we should like to see Jesus." They are to find Jesus, of course, in the grain of wheat fallen to earth and dying. They are to find Jesus in the one who is lifted up from the earth and loses his life.

If we should like to see Jesus we need to look for the fallen grains of wheat around us, the sick and impoverished, the abused and oppressed. If we should like to see Jesus, we need to look for those who are losing their lives, the victims of poverty, abuse, discrimination, and war.

- Gerard Darring, Loyola Press

### **Parish News**

#### **Stations of the Cross**

You are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross on **Friday 22 March** after 9:15am Mass AND at 7pm.

#### **Music for our Easter Triduum Celebrations**

Choir practice for the Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Liturgy and Easter Vigil Mass is on Mondays, 7:15 - 8:30 pm in the church. If you would like to assist with leading our community's sung prayer at these celebrations, then please come along. For more information, contact Robert at [olmcwentyliturg.org/contact](http://olmcwentyliturg.org/contact).

#### **Can you help at our Holy Week and Easter Triduum celebrations?**

Thank you to the many volunteers who have already signed up to assist at our Holy Week and Easter Triduum celebrations. There are still roles available, including the Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday. If you can assist, register now on the sign-up sheets in the parish centre.

#### **Palm Sunday**

Once again on Palm Sunday, we invite you to bring your own cutting of a branch, from any tree or plant, to use as we commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We would also greatly appreciate it if you can cut and bring some palms or some other branches for people who don't have any. As always, there will be baskets in the parish centre before Mass where you can drop off or collect cuttings.



**Lent is a time of prayer and penance**  
Join us for the special opportunities we have to draw closer to God this Lenten season

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**Stations of the Cross**  
Friday mornings after Mass and at 7:00 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays at 9:30 am

**Lenten Penitential Service**  
Wednesday 20 March at 7:00 pm



**Easter Triduum Celebrations**  
Join us as we celebrate  
the death and resurrection of Jesus

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**Holy Thursday**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm  
Night Prayer concludes adoration at 9:45 pm

**Good Friday**  
Stations of the Cross 9:00 am  
Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:30 am  
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3:00 pm

**Holy Saturday**  
Easter Vigil Mass 7:30 pm

**Easter Sunday**  
Masses at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

## Project Compassion

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in the Parish Centre, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

## Parish Key Audit

Thank you to all the parishioners who have registered their keys. Your consideration is very much appreciated. Our parish is constantly working towards maintaining our Risk and Compliance standards as high as possible. The security of our parishioners, staff and volunteers is of paramount importance. It's also important to keep our buildings (and belongings) safe so that they continue to be the beautiful, safe, sacred spaces that we enjoy. To that end, we need to do a parish key audit. That is, we need to account for all keys that we use in and around the parish.

Please note that we don't want to take away your key, we just need to know that you have one. Please [click on this link](#) to fill out a quick form, or email [ocarmswenty@gmail.com](mailto:ocarmswenty@gmail.com) and let us know how many keys you have, and which doors they open. This would help us *immensely* at remaining compliant with the Diocesan Risk Assessment.

## East Timor Easter Raffle

The East Timor Committee are selling Easter Raffle Tickets this week in the Parish Centre.  
Tickets will cost \$2 per ticket or \$10 for 6 tickets.  
Raffle drawn Monday 25 March 2024.

## Catholic Schools Guide

Parents who are interested in a guide about Catholic Secondary Education for their children are welcome to pick up a copy in the Parish Centre.

## Parish Sacramental Process 2024

Parents, if you feel you are ready to assist your children to celebrate the sacraments, you are invited to apply online [using this link](#). If you would prefer to use a manual form, please email the parish office at [ocarmswenty@gmail.com](mailto:ocarmswenty@gmail.com). For further information, please visit our website [olmcwenty.org.au](http://olmcwenty.org.au) and select *Sacraments for Children* within the *Grow in Faith* option.

### 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.

## Join the Parish Sacramental Team

The Parish Sacramental Team is looking for new members! If you would like to assist with workshops, planning, celebrating, or even if you're just interested in learning about the sacraments, please email [ocarmswenty@gmail.com](mailto:ocarmswenty@gmail.com). This would be especially interesting for parents whose children are preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

## For sale

Double Crypt Level 4 in Pinegrove Cemetery.  
\$60,000 negotiable. Genuine offers only. For more information please phone 0417 088 887.

## Pontifical Holy Land Good Friday Collection

Every year on Good Friday, the Catholic Church asks us to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great difficulty in recent years. This Holy Week, you can make your donation directly via Commissariat of the Holy Land, 47 Victoria St. Waverley NSW 2024 or [holyland@franciscans.org.au](mailto:holyland@franciscans.org.au).

## Thank you for your generosity

**Last week's donation to the Parish: \$4082**

**Planned Giving (cash):** \$ 830

**Planned Giving (credit cards):** \$ 100

**Loose cash:** \$ 1073

**Direct Deposits:** \$ 1379

**Tap & Go:** \$ 700

**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. These fees include both the Parish and Carmelite Father's fees:

**Wedding:** \$700

**Funeral:** \$700

**Baptism:** \$50

**Memorial service:** \$400

## Planned Giving envelopes now available

New Planned Giving envelopes which begin from 1 April 2024 are now available for you to collect from the Parish Centre. Thank you to all those who contribute to our community using this method.

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](mailto:ocarmswentyaccts@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

## Please pray for

**Those who are sick,** especially Mark Cotter, Lina Galpin, Lucy & Rosine, Rita Ientile, Vivian Sultana, Roseline Fernandez, Yolanda Gonzales, Edwin Macwan, Sharon Dolan.

**Recently deceased,** Jennifer Kelberg, Charmaine Kelberg, Baby Egan, Rachael Sumagui, Matthew Spiteri, Tony Campton, Thea Flynn, Robert Howe, Joanne Tabone, Charlie Bonnici, Duyen Tran.

**Our special intentions,** especially Sr Irma Balbina do Carma, Lawrence & Sinfarosa Dias, Inacio, Sacramental & Ilda Boccao, Anna & Simaó Dias, John & Danny Doolub, Princess Kate, King Charles & British Monarchy, Michael, Elizabeth & Leonard Perez, Agnes Patacsil, Franz Tito, Marcia Wynstanley, Lena Maggs, Betty Hamerton, Teresa Bigeni, Shamayne Samarakody, Norman De Luca, Catalina, Madelyn-Rose & family, Andrew & Santar Sequeira, Eric Basnayake, Clivin family, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Anthony, Monica & Catherine Kong, Charlie Zammit, Charlie Sultana, Victims of war, Holy Souls in Purgatory, and in honour of St Anthony

*Names published with permission from families.*

## Coming events

**18 March:** Choir practice with Robert from 7:15 – 8:30pm

**20 March:** Lenten Penitential Service at 7pm

**21 March:** Church cleaning after the 9am Mass

**23 March:** Youth Choir practice at 2pm

## Rosters for 23 and 24 March 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader Commentator Passion N Passion C Communion	Janine Hanna Bob Hanna Trish Maldigri Anne-Marie Torrens Anne Zahra
8am	Reader Commentator Passion N Passion C Communion	Joshua Angelo Jeremy Angelo Coretta Dias Cat Paulo Pauline Cassar (Assembly) Ron Aquilina
10am	Reader Commentator Passion N Passion C Communion	Marina Peter Shayna Peter Carmel Gauci Basli Sathi Rosemary Chung (Assembly) Mary Vijila
6pm	Reader Commentator Passion N Passion C Communion	Isa Urbano Bimy Baby Nelissa Almeida Eugene Urbano Jovan Titus

## Next week's readings

**23 and 24 March – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**First Reading:** Is 50:4-7

**Second Reading:** Phil 2:6-11

**Gospel:** Mk 14:1 – 15:47

## Around the Diocese and beyond

**CYP Good Friday Night Walk (29 March)** The annual pilgrimage, hosted by Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP), is attended by hundreds of young people from across the Diocese. The pilgrimage begins on Good Friday night from St Patrick's Church, Blacktown and finishes at sunrise on Holy Saturday at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, To register, please [click on this link](#), or visit the CYP Facebook page.

**Synod 2023 Update: Decree issued and Development of Diocesan Plan Begins.** In January, the Synodal Decree from our inaugural Diocesan Synod was issued, enabling us to move forward in the development of a Diocesan Plan. Join us in the next phase of our journey, as we discern a new path forward for our local Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. **The Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church will launch at the Diocesan Gathering on Saturday 10 August.** Learn more at [parracatholic.org/synod](http://parracatholic.org/synod)

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Email [ocarmswenty@gmail.com](mailto:ocarmswenty@gmail.com)

### Parish Office

Open Monday to Thursday, 8:30am to 4:30pm

Parish Office is closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Phone 9631 8302

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Januario Pinto, O.Carm

**Assistant Priest:** Fr. Albino Dos Santos, O.Carm

**In Community:** Fr. Anthony Scerri, O.Carm,

Fr. Paul Gurr, O.Carm (Carmelite Prior),

Fr. Wayne Stanhope, O.Carm (at Jamberoo),

Fr. John Powell, O.Carm (in Aged Care)

**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.*