



Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel  
Wentworthville

## Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 14 April 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B



### Reflections

Luke 24:35-48

#### Touch me and see

I saw Jesus earlier this morning. At Mass, a colourfully dressed man with a very challenging smell sat next to me in the pew. I've seen him in our parish before. He seemed to have a mental disability, and though he's not disruptive to the liturgy, he exhibits his oddity in his appearance and by virtue of the colouring book he studies while the Mass is going on. At the sign of peace today, I extended my hand to him in Christian charity, and at the same time he reached out to me with both arms outstretched. For a split second we hovered in the air around each other, wavering between a handshake and an embrace. In that same second, I had to make all kinds of decisions about hygiene and ritual and personal boundaries and kissing lepers – the same choices Saint Francis had to make when a leper met him on the road one day.

When I finally took him in my arms, I was braced for something wretched to happen. It didn't. He touched me with as much reverence and gentleness as one might take up a small child. And when we parted, he gave me a tiny, shy smile of thanks. It was as good as communion.

**To Ponder:** How do you know when you encounter Jesus along the way?

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The disciples are surprised,  
no, amazed, awed!  
He is alive!  
After  
death!

Christ,  
you let them feel and see  
your hands and feet,  
and you unlock  
their minds.

Oh Jesus, release our own minds. Let us see you  
in the beauty of sun and moon and stars,  
in the faces of the needy and forlorn,  
in all those risking lives to help,  
in the breaking of the bread,  
in loving our friends.

Let us find you  
a hundred  
ways,

every  
day.

Jesus tells his disciples to look at him and touch him. Then he asks them for something to eat.

What does Pope Francis say we can learn from these three actions of Jesus?

*The second verb is **to touch**. By inviting the disciples to touch him, to verify that he is not a ghost—touch me!—Jesus indicates to them and to us that the relationship with him and with our brothers and sisters cannot remain “at a distance.”*

*Christianity does not exist at a distance; Christianity does not exist only at the level of looking.*

*Love requires looking and it also requires closeness; it requires contact, the sharing of life.*

*The Good Samaritan did not limit himself to looking at that man whom he found half dead along the road: he stopped, he bent down, he treated his wounds, he touched him, he loaded him onto his mount and took him to the inn. And it is the same with Jesus himself: loving him means entering into a communion of life, a communion with him.*

*Being Christian is not first of all a doctrine or a moral ideal; it is a living relationship with him, with the Risen Lord: we look at him, we touch him, we are nourished by him and, transformed by his Love; we look at, touch and nourish others as brothers and sisters.*

Pope Francis, *Regina Caeli*, 15-04-2018

[Anne Osdieck, The Sunday Website](#)

## Parish News

### Welcome to our community

This weekend, we welcome Theodore and Lillian into the community of the Faithful by way of the sacrament of Baptism. Welcome also to their parents, Julius & Cassie and Marissa & Steven, respectively. Congratulations to all the families who celebrate this wonderful occasion.

### Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Danielle & Stuart as well as Natalie & Antonio who celebrate their sacrament of Matrimony this weekend. Please continue to pray for young people everywhere who commit themselves to this blessed partnership through the love of Jesus.

### 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.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF 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 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Applications close Friday 19 July.

Celebrations at 6pm on Monday 29 & Tuesday 30 July.

#### FIRST SACRAMENT OF 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.

### Ministers of the Word at weekday Mass

If you would like to proclaim the scriptures at our weekday Masses, please use the form provided in the Parish Centre to register your interest. We will organise a roster to ensure that all those interested receive encouragement, opportunity for training, support and equitable turns at proclaiming the Word of God.

## SRE Commissioning

This weekend at the 10am Mass, we Commission our Special Religious Educators (SRE) to go to public schools around our parish and bring the Good News of Jesus to children.

For more information, please help yourself to the resources in the parish centre. If you would like to become involved in this very fulfilling ministry, please email the parish office today.

### What do you think?

We'd like to find out what you think of our Carmel Bulletin.

Is it helpful for you? What do you like about it? What do you think we could do better? What would you like us to include? How could this publication better serve you?

If you would like to share your (*constructive*) thoughts, please email the parish office at [ocarmswenty@gmail.com](mailto:ocarmswenty@gmail.com)

## Parish Finances

### Bishop's Appeal next Sunday

Every year, all parishes are required to make a significant financial contribution to the Diocese to support essential groups and services that would otherwise go unfunded. To achieve this, the Bishop's office organises four appeals throughout the year and each parish must meet their individual quota. This year, our parish quota is \$6000 per quarter.

The first of such appeals for 2024 is the **Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal**. The funds raised from this appeal go towards our Diocesan seminarians; men who are called to be priests. Every donation is tax deductible and counts toward our parish quota.

*We are blessed to have the opportunity to actively contribute to the education and formation of our future priests as disciples of Jesus and 'fishers of people.'*

*By supporting the emergence of priests who are well-versed in theology and equipped with the skills to address the challenges faced by the community they serve, we can continue to build our Catholic faith and church on the values of compassion.*

*Your generous support and prayers today will help our future priests to deepen their relationship with God and commit more fully to their spiritual calling, so they may better serve the people of Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.*

*Thank you for playing an important role in preparing priests who are ready to meet the diverse spiritual and pastoral needs of our faith community.* - Bishop Vincent Long

Please consider setting aside four contributions that you can make this year in cash or by an [online donation](#).

## Planned Giving envelopes now available

New Planned Giving envelopes are now available for you to collect from the Parish Centre.

**Thank you to all those who contribute to our community using this method.**

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.

## Parish online banking details

**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:** 000 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



## Please pray for

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

**Recently deceased,** Rob McMenamin, Paul Crollick, 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 Coronel & Mrs Vargas, Joanne Po Suan, Mr & Mrs Sumagui, Png's family, Hilda Rayen, Monolo Patacsil, Zammit & Fenech families, Teresina & Melanie Cassar, Michael Perez, Carmelo Danastas, Elizabeth Perez, Norman de Luca, Napoleon Patacsil, Lawrence & Sinfarosa Dias, Inacio, Sacramenta & Ilda Boccato, Anna & Simaó Dias, Leonardo Perez Close, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Franz Tito, Vinhah Arcilla, Jake & family, Mavre & children, the Staff at The Rocks, Catalina, Madelyn-Rose & Tuyau family, Clivin family, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Anthony, Monica & Catherine Kong, Charlie Zammit, Charlie Sultana, Vicitms of war, Holy Souls in Purgatory, and in honour of St Anthony and St Jude.

## Coming events

**11 April:** SVdP meeting at 10am in Parish Centre

**15 April:** Funeral for Josephine Tabone at 10am

**20/21 April:** Diocesan Good Shepherd Appeal

**21 April:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B

## Rosters for 20 and 21 April 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader Commentator Communion	Angela Carlino Anne-Marie Torrens Caz Learmonth (Assembly) Charlie Felice
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	Jeremy Angelo Michelle Rodrigues Colleen Weatherall (Assembly) Cat Paulo
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Basli Sathi Carmel Gauci David Touma (Assembly) Marina Peter
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Michael Williamson Bimy Baby Isa Urbano

## Next week's readings

**20 and 21 April – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B**

**First Reading:** Acts 4:8-12

**Second Reading:** 1 Jn 3:1-2

**Gospel:** Jn 10:11-18

## Around the Diocese and beyond

### Events at Mt Schoenstatt

**Men at The Shrine:** Monthly Adoration & Fellowship on the second Wednesday of each month from 8pm to 9pm.

**Girls Day Out:** From 9:30am to 4pm on Wednesday 17 April (for 14 to 17 year olds) or on Thursday 18 April (for 11 to 13 year olds). Cost is \$22 which includes lunch. Spaces are limited so please register before 10 April.

**Shrine Time:** Holy Hour for youth and young adults every fourth Sunday of the month from 7pm to 8pm with a social gathering afterwards.

**Reflection Day for Women:** Take some time for prayer and reflection from 9:30am to 4pm on Saturday 4 May. Cost is \$25 per woman. BYO lunch. Tea & coffee provided.

For more information, please see the notice board in the parish centre or visit [schoenstatt.org.au](http://schoenstatt.org.au)



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On Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @olmcwenty  
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.*

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