

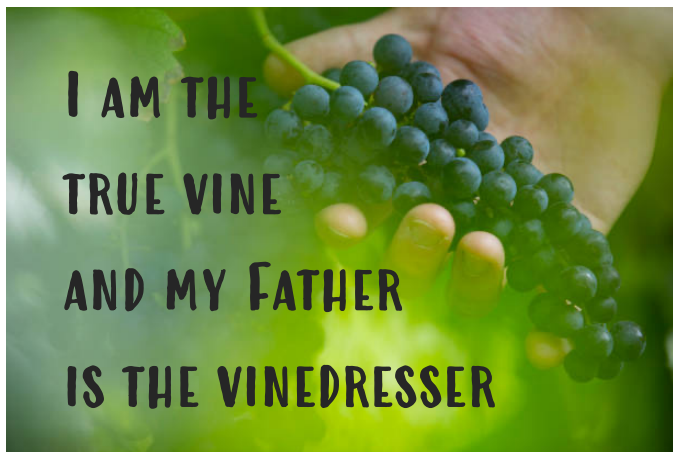


**Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel**  
Wentworthville

## Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 28 April 2024

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B



### Reflections

**John 15:1-8**

#### True Vine

We are still on the Easter journey. After the three day roller-coaster of emotions - from Jesus' supper with his disciples, through trial and crucifixion, to the wonder of the women at the empty tomb - we now prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

During these fifty days, our journey is steadied and enlightened by the words of the First Letter of St John. It has a central message made clear in today's reading: we are asked to believe in Jesus and love one another. We are then assured that we are not alone in this challenge: "We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us."

The poet Gerard Manley Hopkins echoes this in *As Kingfishers Catch Fire*:

"For Christ plays in ten thousand places,  
Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his."

This idea of Christ living within us is explored in today's Gospel where Jesus likens himself to the "true vine." He tells us: "Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty."

The purpose of remaining in communion with Jesus, the Vine, is for us branches to draw the life and nourishment we need to become good fruit. That fruit shows itself in lives of plenty, in rich and generous sharing of love, hope, comfort, compassion, joy and forgiveness.

Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit we can hold Christ within us, not only in our thoughts, our ideas, our actions, but deep

within ourselves, in our souls and in our hearts. We are helped by prayer and by reflecting on the words of scripture, maybe meditating on the images, or by spending time with the phrases that we particularly notice. Or we can sit still and simply open our hearts and listen. Jesus says: "If you remain in me and my words remain in you ..."

Courtesy of [carmelites.org.au](http://carmelites.org.au)

### Parish News

#### Welcome to our community

This weekend, we welcome Cooper, Evie-Marie & Hailey into the community of the Faithful through the sacrament of Baptism. Welcome also to their parents Chloe & Kurt, brother, Riley and all the family who have come together to celebrate this wonderful occasion.

#### Flowers for Mother's Day

From this week, the East Timor Committee will be selling cards for Mother's Day, which is on Sunday 12 May 2024. Each card costs \$5 and comes with a flower that will be placed on the altar in honour of your mother, grandmother, or any woman you would like to honour on Mother's Day.

If they are deceased, you can write a message on the card and place it in the basket provided which will also be placed on the altar on Mother's Day. All profits from the sale of the flowers will go towards providing scholarships for the students we are supporting in Zumalai and other rural communities throughout East Timor this year.

#### Safeguarding resources

In our news stand, you will be able to find printed copies of the two documents that the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference published last year. If you would like your own copy of [Our Common Mission](#) and/or [Integrity in Our Common Mission](#), please email the parish office.

#### Building update

We are so pleased to announce that, thanks to you – *our dear parishioners* - the front glass panels and both the North and South barge caps will be replaced from 30 April. While this occurs, please be aware that our church may be inconvenienced during this time; there may be limited

#### Parish Mass Guide on your phone



**Joining us for Sunday Mass? Access our guide on your phone.** From the responses and prayers, to where to find things, our guide has what you need. **Scan the QR code or visit [olmcwenty.org.au/church](http://olmcwenty.org.au/church)**

*We ask you to set your phone to 'do not disturb' or silent mode to help everyone focus on prayer*

## Parish Finances

### Bishop's Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal** last weekend. The funds raised from this appeal go towards our Diocesan seminarians; men who are called to be priests. If you would like to contribute to this tax deductible appeal that also counts towards our annual parish quota to the Diocese, please scan the QR code, or make an [online donation](#) today via Parramatta Diocese website. Just make sure to add Wentworthville Parish as your parish.



### Thank you for your generosity

**Good Friday collection to the Holy Lands: \$4404**  
**Project Compassion: \$4109**

**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

### 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 Easter Offertory



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**For God so loved the world that  
He gave his only Son**

Your gift supports our parish to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH WITH A FINANCIAL DONATION**

## 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**, especially Francis D'Souza, Josephine Tabone, Bernadette Stevens, 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 Angelo Borg, Vincenza Grunsel, Mary Delores Vella, Clivin family, Joyce, Carmen, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Doreen, Mary & Frank Camilleri, Joe & Marie Vella, Rosa Titian, Sonia Spittle, Jesse & Kevin McManus, Charlie Zammit, Charlie Sultana, Thanksgiving to Our Lady, Holy Souls in Purgatory, and in honour of St Anthony and St Christopher

## Coming events

**29 April:** St Catherine of Sienna, TOSD

**29 April:** St Peter Chanel, SM

**30 April:** Building works commence

**2 May:** Church cleaning after the 9am Mass

**3 May:** Anointing at 9am Mass followed by shared Morning Tea

**3 May:** Confirmation and Sponsor names due

**3 May:** Sts Philip & James, Apostles

**5 May:** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B

**5 May:** St Angelus of Jerusalem, OCarm

## Rosters for 4 and 5 May 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader Commentator Communion	Trish Maldigri Angela Carlino May Pepin
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	Cat Paulo Cecilia Cotter Ron Aquilina Pauline Cassar
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Youth Minister Youth Minister David Touma (Assembly) Volunteer needed
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Bimy Baby Michael Williamson Jovan Titus

## Next week's readings

**4 & 5 May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B**

**First Reading:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

**Second Reading:** 1 Jn: 4:7-10

**Gospel:** Jn 15:9-17