



**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 26 May 2024

The Most Holy Trinity



Reflections: Matthew 28:16-20

God enfleshed in us

The Feast of the Trinity is a day for reflecting on who God is, not for trying to figure out how there can be three persons in one God.

The Church's focus today is on experience, not theology. In intellectual terms, God remains a mystery. For people of faith, God is known not by the mind, but by the heart. That is what spirituality and mysticism are about - exploring our experience of God.

Through our public liturgy, private prayer and contemplation we come to experience - to 'know' and feel in our hearts - that God loves us, accepts us, forgives us and constantly invites us into an ever-deeper experience of love.

When we allow God's heart to speak to ours in love we begin to absorb more of God's life into our own. We are being transformed. Our values and attitudes, our ways of looking at and being in the world start to change. We begin to see with God's eyes and feel with God's heart. We become passionate about the things God is passionate about: speaking truthfully, acting with justice and integrity, looking out for each other and especially for the vulnerable, promoting peace and understanding, ending competition and discrimination, respecting life.

That makes us better people and our lives become a blessing for each other and for the world.

That is what it means to live out of God's great gift to us, the Spirit of Jesus Christ which God has placed in our hearts. God becomes enfleshed in us and we become stewards of God's grace and life. Courtesy of carmelites.org.au

Parish News

Welcome to our community

This weekend, we welcome Talita into the community of the Faithful through the sacrament of Baptism. Welcome also to her parents, Jazmin and Burak.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to all 30 Candidates who celebrate their sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday 25 May at the 6pm (Vigil) Mass. Congratulations also to the parents, family, friends and teachers who support our young Candidates throughout this process. And it is a process; one that they will continue to discern and experience throughout their lives. But they won't do it alone! They receive seven very special gifts of the Holy Spirit that will help them to grow in a deeper relationship with our Father. Can you name the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (answers at the end of the bulletin).

Welcome also to Bishop Vincent Long, and thank you for celebrating this wonderful occasion with us.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society NSW has launched its annual Vinnies Winter Appeal highlighting the changing face of disadvantage and poverty in Australia that now includes more people in jobs.

The combined housing and cost of living crises means that many people, who in previous years would have been able to sustain themselves, are now having to turn to charity to keep a roof over their heads, put food on the table or pay for bills. Nearly one million people in NSW are living in poverty, around 13% of the population. Of these, more than one-quarter have a job. Of the 35,000 people who were experiencing homelessness in NSW at the last Census, around 40% were employed in either part-time or full-time jobs.

Your tax-deductible support of \$2 and over towards the Vinnies Winter Appeal will help to ensure that we can make the difference to keep a family in their home, find pathways to housing or provide them with direct material assistance such as food and help with bills

For more information, please see the parish centre.

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**

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

Parish *Think Tank* Pizza Session

Parishes and other local faith communities across the diocese are holding local *Think Tank* Sessions, giving local leaders and anyone involved in ministry to offer feedback on the [Draft of the Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church](#), and contribute ideas for the practical implementation of our Diocesan Plan. Parishioners and Ministry coordinators are invited to be part of the Wentworthville *Think Tank* which will be held at 6pm on 4 June over pizza. In this 90-minute session, we will form small groups and discern the most important needs of our parish and how we can reasonably implement them.

For more information, please contact the parish office.

Building update

Thank you to all those who approached us after last week's request for professional opinions regarding the upgrading of our poor old sad sound system. We really appreciate your reaching out to us.

This week, we have been following up on your suggestions and were visited by Clare Communications. As you can imagine, sound systems for churches are quite specialised because they amplify sound in unique building structures. They are not like domestic sound systems, for example, where the space is smaller and sound is reverberated or absorbed at close proximity. Donal from Clare Communications installed our current system 25 years ago and we'll be eager to see his quote.

Last year, we received a very competitive quote from The PA People (again, specialists in their field) so it'll be interesting to see how they compare.

We would still like to hear from any parishioner who can give us their *PROFESSIONAL* opinion regarding this project or how we upgrade/improve our current sound system. If you're interested, please phone or email the parish office asap.

Carmelite legacy donations

Leaving a Gift in your Will is a personal choice of great importance. It's a generous gesture that will reflect your faith, beliefs and values well into the future.

By leaving a gift to The Carmelites in your Will, your legacy can create a future of possibilities. Whether it is training young men to become priests and equipping them to become leaders of their communities, or providing young Timorese people with hope for a better future through education, your gift will sustain our work and transform lives. To find out more about leaving a gift in your Will to The Carmelites download our [Gifts in Wills](#) booklet, phone 03 9690 8822 or email us at philanthropy@carmelites.org.au.

East Timor Committee

Thank you to everyone who supported our Mother's Day flowers appeal. We are so pleased to let you know that we raised \$1310 that will go towards scholarships and living expenses for students in East Timor. Thank you everyone!

Safeguarding

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are offering initial and renewal face-to-face training throughout June:

- Monday 3 June from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown for Modules 1-3 for those who are new to ministry
- Monday 11 June from 10.30am to 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre for Modules 4-5 for those who have completed Modules 1-3 in the last two years.

To register or find other available dates, please click: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org.

Incident Reporting

As part of our commitment to keep parishioners, visitors, contractors and staff safe and compliant, we have created an Incident Report form that will be kept in the Parish Centre. If you witness an incident where someone is hurt or could potentially be hurt, please fill out this form and return to the Parish Office. You can be as brief as you like.

The rationale for this form is so that we have a good understanding of which areas of concern we need to keep an eye on. So, for example, if there are several incidents of people slipping on the tiles on the parish centre steps, then it's an issue we need to address quickly. It may seem insignificant at the time, and maybe no one was hurt (which is great!), but if these little incidents are not reported, then we can't mend it.

Ideally, the reporting would include your name and contact number but, if you would prefer to remain anonymous, that's ok. This is not an opportunity to raise general grievances, but a serious attempt at addressing any patterns of risk in our parish.

Attending Mass with mobility issues

If you are attending Mass and feel you may have mobility issues, please ask an Altar Server or minister to provide you with a chair that has armrests and to receive Communion from your seat.

There are two chairs with armrests in the Chapel of Reconciliation as well as the Parish Centre that could easily be moved to accommodate you better.

For those without mobility issues, please keep an eye out for those who may need a little assistance, and keep these armchairs for those who need them.

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: TBA

Good Shepherd Appeal: \$2012

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

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 Massimina Brattoni, Mark Cotter, Lina Galpin, Lucy & Rosine, Rita Ientile, Vivian Sultana, Roseline Fernandez, Yolanda Gonzales, Edwin Macwan, Sharon Dolan.

Recently deceased, especially Rohit Singh, 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 Brian Hetherington, Dominador Kiamzon, Madelyn Rose & family, Catalina Tuyau, Leonardo Perez Close, Sam Warwar, Dorothy Serrao, Michael Perez, Alfred Quintano, John Mills, Walter Hawkins, Mary Delores Vella, Agnes & John Jake Patacsil, Incy Sebastian & Philomina, Seshayya & Rejeenamma, Anh Phu, Norman De Luca, Catalina, Joe & Michel Tuyau, Clivin family, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Charlie Zammit, Charlie Sultana, Thanksgiving to Our Lady, Holy Souls in Purgatory,

Families in difficult circumstances, for fervent vocations to priestly and religious office, and in honour of St Anthony and St Christopher.

Coming events

29 May: Baptism preparation at 7pm over Teams

30 May: Church cleaning after 9am Mass

31 May: The Visitation of the BVM

1 June: St Justin (Martyr)

2 June: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Rosters for 1 and 2 June 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader Commentator Communion	Trish Maldigri Angela Carlino Anne-Marie Torrens
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	Cecilia Cotter Cat Paulo Roslyn Khattar (Assembly) Cathy Rossiter
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Youth Minister Youth Minister Rosemary Chung (Assembly) Mary Vijila
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Nelissa Almeida Mark Attwood Isa Urbano

Next week's readings

1 & 2 June - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

First Reading: Ex 24:3-8

Second Reading: Heb 9:11-15

Gospel: Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Around the Diocese and beyond

Adult Confirmation 2024 Formation Day: The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 24 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$25 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. For more information, please contact Lucy Woodbury on 0460 037 795 or by email to lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org.

Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. When we use these gifts and direct them towards God, we form a deeper relationship with Him. So, for example, Wisdom (of God) can see where He is in our experiences. Understanding (of God), helps us to see how or why He exists. Counsel helps us gently lead others towards God.



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