



**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 9 June 2024

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



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

The family of Jesus

In old Israel, the clan (the large family, the community), was the basis of living together. It was protection for families and people, the guarantee of possession of the land, the principle vehicle of tradition, and the defence of identity. It was the concrete way on the part of the people of that time to incarnate the love of God and the love toward neighbour. To defend the clan was the same as to defend the Covenant.

In Galilee at the time of Jesus, because of the system established during the long periods of government the clan (the community), was becoming weaker. The taxes to be paid, both to the government and to the Temple, the debts which were increasing, the individualistic mentality of Hellenism, the frequent threats of violent repression on the part of the Romans and the obligation to accept the soldiers and give them hospitality, and the ever-growing problem of survival, impelled families to close themselves in on themselves and to think only of their own needs. This closing up was strengthened by the religion of the time.

The concern over the problems of one's own family prevented people from meeting in community. Now, in order that the Kingdom of God could manifest itself in community living, people had to overcome the narrow limits of the small family and open themselves to the larger family, and the community. Jesus gave the example. When His own family tried to take control of Him, He reacted and extended the family: "Who are My mother and My brothers?" And He

Himself gave the answer, turning His look toward the crowd, "Here are My mother and My brothers! Anyone who does the will of God is My brother, sister and mother!" (Mk 3:33-35). He created a community.

Jesus asked the same thing from all those who wanted to follow Him. Families should not close themselves in on themselves. The excluded and the marginalized had to be accepted in life with others and feel accepted by God (Lk 14: 12-14). This was the path to attaining the objective of the Law, which said, "There must, then, be no poor among you" (Dt 15: 4). Like the great prophets of the past, Jesus tries to consolidate community life in the villages of Galilee. He takes back the profound sense of the clan, the family, and the community as an expression of the incarnation of the love toward God and toward neighbour.

From Carmelites.org.au

Jesus,
is it what
you came to do?
Make us your family?
We are all your sisters and brothers
as we do the will of your
Father.

We know him
because we know you.
Give us the grace
to love him, and
the desire
to do
the will
of Our Father.

By [Anne Osdiek](#)

Parish News

Diocesan Good Samaritan Appeal

This weekend, we ask you to donate to the Diocesan *Good Samaritan Appeal*; the second of four annual Diocesan Appeals. This year, the Good Samaritan Appeal focuses on Project Elizabeth, a service provided by Catholic Care that supports mums in need of pregnancy and parenting support and provides practical assistance and emotional comfort.

You can make your tax-deductible donation using the envelopes provided, or online via [Parracatholic appeals](#). Just make sure to nominate our parish so that your donation can also count towards our annual Diocesan levy.

**Strengthen dignity
for struggling mums**

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Welcome to our community

This weekend, we welcome Alessandra into the community of the Faithful through the sacrament of Baptism. Welcome also to her parents, Eoin and Annalise.

Safeguarding

As part of Safe Churches Week, the Diocesan Safeguarding team are offering initial and renewal face-to-face training throughout June:

- Tuesday 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.

Would you like to help serve our community at Sunday Mass?

A new roster for **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** will start next month. Communion ministers are engaged in the important role of sharing the Blessed Sacrament with the assembly. They assist the priest with ministering Communion to the assembly in a welcoming and reverent manner, and putting away the sacred vessels after Mass.

If you would like to serve in this ministry, please contact the parish office, or contact the parish Liturgy Committee directly using the online contact form: olmcwentyliturgy.org/contact.

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.

Follow Mass on your device



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 Initiatives (from *Think Tank*)

As requested by Parramatta Diocese, our parish held a *Think Tank* session on 4 June 2024 to discuss which of the 24 resolutions from the six themes of the Diocesan Synod Resolutions most aligns with our parish needs AND that we can commit to implementing.

32 people of all different ages and backgrounds attended the Spirit-filled event, brimming with fellowship, pizza and even some lovely wine.

After a spiritual reflection in the Carmelite tradition of Lectio Divina, we were introduced to the night's format by co-facilitator's Daphne Dominic and Cat Paulo. As one voice, we agreed to listen attentively to others on our tables in the spirit of synodality. We then began the three-round process.

Most wonderful was listening to the voices of our young parishioners telling us what they want and how we can activate change.

At the end of the night, the top three resolutions we felt most align with our parish AND that we could implement are:

1A: AN INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING CHURCH – To take active steps to build a culture of welcome, hospitality, and meaningful community across the Diocese.

3C: A LISTENING CHURCH – To promote the rich and faith-filled multicultural diversity within the Diocese and explore ways to integrate cultural traditions in our parish ministries, while respecting our theological and liturgical principles.

4A: A CHURCH RENEWED IN SPIRIT AND PRAYER - To strengthen adult faith formation through regionally focused programs that draw on Biblical studies, rich and diverse Catholic spiritual traditions, Church history, liturgy, theology and Catholic social teaching.

All who attended the evening are invited to a planning session on **Wednesday 12 June after the 9am Mass** to follow-through with many of the very-doable suggestions forward.

Watch this space for any future developments.

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: \$3704

Planned Giving (cash): \$ 953

Planned Giving (credit cards): \$ 585

Loose cash: \$ 1041

Direct Deposits: \$ 435

Tap & Go: \$ 690

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

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

Recently deceased, especially Massimina 'Mina' Brattoni, 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 Fr Augustus Patacsil, deceased members of the Deo family, Lily D'Mello, Louis and Norman D'Souza, Carmelita, Franz, Leonardo & Michael Perez, Mary Rose & Leonardo Perez Tito, Agnes, Abraham, Artemio, Manuel, & Rebecca Patacsil, James Marsh, Lazarus George & Lewis Anthony Gabriel, Christine Fernandes, Edward Angelo, Rita & Melvin Rodrigues, Fr Martin Weatherall, Stella Galea, Myrla Harding, Delia Cruz, Zachary Fernandez, Tranquilina Patacsil Llandillo, Norman De Luca, Donald Muir, Yolanda Patacsil Muir, Dra Juua Lee, Rachael Patacsil Samagui, Bienvenido Samagui, Buggy Davao, Clivin family, George Netto, Carmel, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Joseph, Louis, Mary & Frank Teuma, Doreen, Mary & Frank Camilleri, Joe & Maria Vella, Jesse & Kevin McManus, Rosa Titian, Sonia Spittle, Charlie Zammit, Charlie Sultana, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Thanksgiving to Our Lady, to the

Immaculate and Sacred Heart of Jesus, and to the Holy Infant of Prague, and in honour of St Anthony and St Christopher.

Coming events

9 June: Diocesan Safe Parishes Sunday

10 June: King's Birthday Long Weekend (office closed)

11 June: St Barnabas, Apostle

12 June: Think Tank resolutions follow-up session

13 June: St Anthony of Padua, OFM

13 June: Church cleaning after 9am Mass

16 June: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Rosters for 15 and 16 June 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader Commentator Communion	Anne-Marie Torrens Trish Maldigri Caz Learmonth (Assembly) May Pepin
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	Jeremy Angelo David Rodrigues Cecilia Cotter (Assembly) Ron Aquilina
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Jay Dass Marina Peter David Touma (Assembly) Moira Peter
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Eugene Urbano Isa Urbano Jovan Titus

Next week's readings

15 & 16 June - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading: Ezek 17:22-24

Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10

Gospel: Mk 4:26-34

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.

Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual LIFTED Retreat has transformed into 3 separate retreats, each catering to different age groups. Visit parracatholic.org for details:

5-7 July – Ages 18-24 at Carmel House, Varroville. Cost \$150.00.

12 July – Ages 16-18 at The Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville. Free of charge.

19-21 July – Ages 25-35 at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. Cost \$150.00.



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On request

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.