

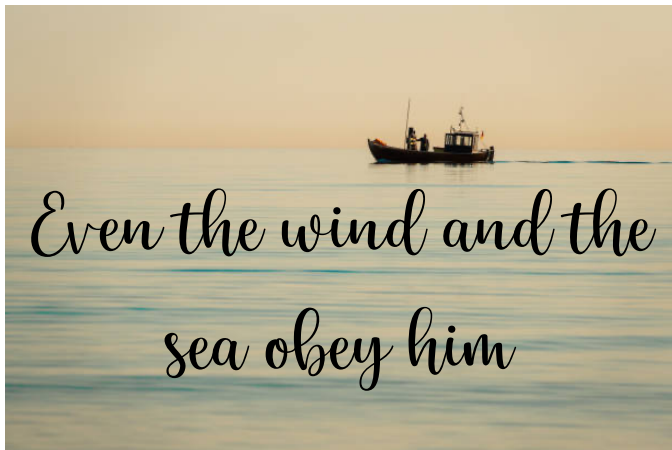


Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel  
Wentworthville

## Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 23 June 2024

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



### Reflections:

Mk 4:35-41

#### From little things

A beautiful painting hung on a well-lit wall seems even more beautiful thanks to the colours of the wall that underscores the beauty. The same is true of the painting of the calmed storm. The wall of the context makes it more beautiful.

Mark has just narrated two parables that bring out the mystery of the Kingdom present in the things of life. Now he begins to talk of the mystery of the Kingdom as present in the power exercised by Jesus for his disciples, for people and, above all, for the excluded and marginalized.

Let us examine the sequence: Mark begins by presenting a Jesus who overcomes the sea, the symbol of chaos. In Jesus there is the power of a creator! Immediately after that he shows a Jesus who overcomes and drives out evil spirits. In him there is a liberating power! Finally, he describes at length the way Jesus overcomes impurity and death. In him there is the power of life! In Jesus there is a creating power that liberates, purifies, and communicates life to those who approach him!

Mark is writing for the persecuted communities of the 70's who feel like a small boat lost on the sea of life, with little hope of being able to reach the desired harbour of peace. Jesus seems to be asleep in their boat, because they do not feel the divine power to save them from persecution. In that desperate situation, Mark brings together various passages that underline the power with which Jesus is present in the communities. It is the victorious Jesus! They need not fear.

From [Carmelites.org.au](http://Carmelites.org.au)

## Parish News

### Our Lady of Mt Carmel Feast Day

This year, we celebrate our parish Feast Day at every Mass on Sunday 14 July, with the principal Mass at 10am.

The Carmelite Fathers would very much like to celebrate with the parish that day so please stay with us after Mass for some fellowship.

Our parish will take this opportunity to celebrate the many cultures and backgrounds that make up our parish. Please see below for ideas on how you can prepare and get involved in this wonderful Feast.

### Before the Feast Day

**Scapulars for sale:** Brown scapulars are now for sale after Mass for \$5 each. Scapulars will be sold until our parish Feast Day and then blessed at the 10am Mass on that day.

**Novena for OLMC:** Please find the Novena prayer to Our Lady of Mt Carmel in the Parish Centre. The Novena will begin on Friday 5 July and will be included in the Prayer after Communion at the 9am weekday Masses.

**Novena Mass:** To assist us to prepare more fully, a Novena Mass will be celebrated at 6pm on Friday 12 July.

### At the Feast Day Masses

**Traditional Dress:** To celebrate our diverse backgrounds, please come along dressed in your traditional garments to any Mass.

**The Lord's Prayer:** Everyone attending Mass on this weekend are asked to pray the *Our Father* in their first language.

#### AT THE 10AM MASS ON SUNDAY 14 JULY:

**Procession before Mass:** We will be processing from the back of the school playground into the church.

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Volunteers are needed to read a Prayer of the Faithful in their first language.

**Offertory Procession:** Those who are processing to the Altar with gifts are asked to come dressed in their National costume. If you would like to take part in this Offertory Process, please let Basli or Frank know. Details below.

### After the Feast Day Masses

**Performance pieces:** After Mass, anyone who can perform a dance, sing a song, play a tune or read a short poem which relates to their own culture is welcome to present it on the day.

**Food! Glorious Food:** Please bring a plate of food - preferably from your own culture - so it can be shared by all as one family.

**CONTACT:** Those who are interested to participate personally or assist in any way, please call either Frank Zammit on 0421 814 121 or Basli Sathi on 0418 277 354.

## Welcome to our community

This weekend, we welcome Bailey into the community of the Faithful through the sacrament of Baptism. Welcome also to Bailey's family including mum, Amanda, his grandmother, Glenda, as well as Bailey's brothers and sisters.

## Confirmation 2024 photos ready

If your child celebrated their sacrament of Confirmation at OLMC this year, please check your email inbox or spam folders for the link to the beautiful photos courtesy of anmeriphotography.

Get yours quickly! The link to these photos will expire 31 July 2024.

## Suggestion Box is ready!

Thank you to Cat Paulo for organising a Suggestion Box. If you have a suggestion, comment or question you would like addressed, please use this very easy method of communication which will be reviewed regularly.

## Safeguarding

Last week, we posted all the wonderful initiatives that parishioners have volunteered to facilitate or would like to see implemented. We posted SO MANY ideas that it may take a few weeks for parishioners to pray for guidance.

If you feel that the Spirit is calling you to participate in the life of the parish in a practical way, we urge you to get in touch with a facilitator or the parish office to see how you can engage further with the community and deepen your faith more fully.

**However, ALL volunteers in the Diocese of Parramatta must complete mandatory [Safeguarding modules](#).**

**Furthermore, if you work directly with children (18 years and younger) you must also acquire a current [Working With Children Check](#).**

All parishioners are invited to read [Our Common Mission](#) as well as [Integrity in Our Common Mission](#) which is the National Code of Conduct for all in Catholic Ministry along with the Diocesan [Code of Conduct](#). All these documents are readily available online or we can print them for you on request.

If you are reluctant to volunteer because of the mandatory requirements, please consider what you look like to a child; children don't see you as a Warden or a Reader, an Altar Server or a Communion Minister, they see you as a church Leader and therefore someone they can trust. Keeping children safe and knowing the correct procedure in assisting a child at risk is of PARAMOUNT importance to this parish. When considered this way, Safeguarding Training is not so much about being inconvenienced, but about our social, ethical and moral duty to keep children and vulnerable people safe.

***Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility.***

## Parish Groups and Ministries

There are so many practical ways to love Jesus through our community, including the Children's Liturgy of the Word, Acolyte and/or Altar Server Ministries, Youth Choir, etc. And for spiritual nourishment, parishioners are forming prayer groups and planning retreats.

### [This is your sign to get involved](#)

If you feel called to become involved in these initiatives, or if you have a great idea that you'd like to work towards, please speak with Frs Janu or Alby after Mass, email the parish office.

**Pick up a Parishioner:** If you can drive an elderly parishioner to Mass on Sundays, would you please contact the parish office and, if someone close to your address needs a lift, we can contact you.

**Communion to the Sick:** Are you unable to attend Mass but would like to receive Communion? Or maybe you would like to offer Communion to a sick or elderly parishioner?

If so, please contact the parish office and let us know of your availability. We can arrange for you offer or receive Communion on a temporary or regular basis.

**Young children at Mass:** Every parishioner has the right to exist in our church, even our youngest parishioners. It's the nature of children to be active and restless so we request that parishioners please understand how difficult it is for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers to sit still and listen.

If you would like to help, maybe you can offer young parents your patience or even a smile, encourage them to persevere with this period in their lives and let them know that all their family are welcome to attend Mass just as they are.

**Bible Study:** Are you interested in starting a Bible Study? If so, please contact the parish office and let us know how we can support you with this.

**Devotionals:** Are you called to a particular devotion? Maybe you would like to pray a novena with others, or dedicate an evening to the Stations of the Cross? We currently observe the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday mornings and have a regular Rosary group on Monday and Saturday mornings but, if you feel you would like to participate in any other devotional, please email the parish office with your suggestion.

## 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](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

### Thank you for your generosity

**Last week's donation to the Parish: \$3139**

**Planned Giving (cash):** \$ 895

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

**Loose cash:** \$ 1059

**Direct Deposits:** \$ 545

**Tap & Go:** \$ 540

**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](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,** especially Laurell Caspersz, Doris Borg, John Weaver, 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 Franz Tito, Elizabeth Perez, Rebecca Patacsil, Tranquilina Patacsil Llamillo, Ben D'Souza, Joseph Grech, Milia Khatrar, Carmelo Danastas, Barleen & Susai Mary, Pushpa Kantha, Graeme McFadyen, Christián Victoire, Pier & Vimmela, Sarah Tuyau, Joe, Mary & Michel Tuyau, 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

**24 June:** Nativity of St John the Baptism

**26 June:** Parish Sacramental Team Meeting at 4:30pm

**26 June:** Baptism Preparation via Teams at 6pm

**27 June:** Church cleaning after the 9am Mass

**28 June:** Matariki (NZ)

**29 June:** Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles

**30 June:** 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

### Rosters for 29 and 30 June 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader Commentator Communion	Janine Hanna Bob Hanna Ann Zahra
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	David Rodrigues Jeremy Angelo Colleen Weatherall (Assembly) Cat Paulo
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Basli Sathi Carmel Gauci Moiria Peter (Assembly) Marina Peter
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Mark Attwood Nelissa Almeida Fran Sharpe

### Next week's readings

**29 & 30 June - 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**First Reading:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-2

**Second Reading:** 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

**Gospel:** Mk 5:21-24, 35-43

## 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. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Lucy Woodbury on 0460 037 795 or by email to [lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](http://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.

**Simon Stock High - Class Of 1974 - 50th Anniversary Reunion:** Looking for Old Boys who graduated from Year 10 in 1974 for a reunion later in the year. Also welcome are those who were part of our year group anytime during the period 1968 - 1974 but who moved and graduated elsewhere. Please contact Gary at [gary1066@hotmail.com](mailto:gary1066@hotmail.com)



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### 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.*