

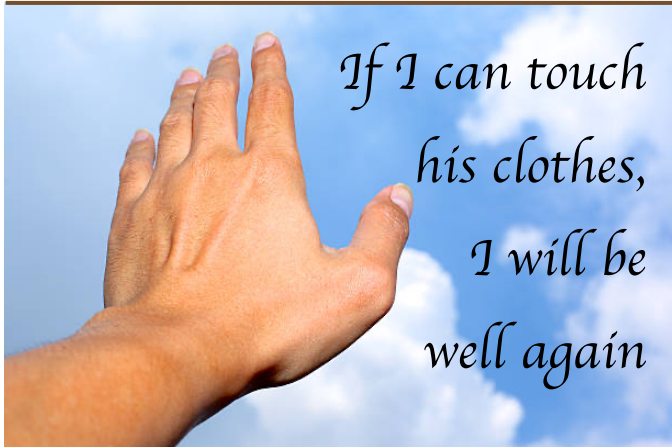


Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 30 June 2024

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Reflections: Mk 5:21-24, 35-43

From little things

In New Testament times, women were marginalized for the simple fact that they were women. Women did not take part in the public life of the synagogue and they could not be witnesses. That is why many women put up resistance to such exclusion. Even in Esdra's time, when the marginalization of women was greater, resistance grew, as in the cases of Judith, Esther, Ruth, Noemi, Susannah, the Sulamite woman and others. This resistance is echoed in and welcomed by Jesus. Here are some examples of non-conformity and of resistance of women in daily life and Jesus' acceptance of them:

- The sex worker has the courage to challenge the laws of society and religion. She enters the house of a Pharisee to meet Jesus. When she meets him, she meets love and forgiveness and is defended against the Pharisees.
- The woman bent double does not even hear the shouts of the chief of the synagogue. She wants to be healed, even though it is the Sabbath. Jesus welcomes her as a daughter and defends her against the chief of the synagogue.
- The woman considered impure because she was losing blood, has the courage to go in the middle of the crowd and to think just the opposite of what the official doctrine taught, that "Anyone who touches her will be impure!" But she said: "If I can just touch his clothes, I shall be saved!". She is not censured and is healed. Jesus says that her healing is the fruit of faith.

- The Samaritan woman, who is despised and considered heretical, has the courage to approach Jesus and to change the direction of the conversation started by him. In John's Gospel, she is the first person to hear the secret that Jesus is the Messiah.
- The gentile woman from the region of Tyre and Sidon does not accept her exclusion and speaks in such a manner as to make Jesus listen to her.
- The mothers with little children challenge the disciples and are welcomed and blessed by Jesus.
- The women who challenged the authorities and stayed at the foot of the cross of Jesus were also the first to experience the presence of Jesus after the resurrection. Among them was Mary Magdalene who was considered to have been possessed by evil spirits and was healed by Jesus. She was given the order to pass on the Good News of the resurrection to the apostles. Mark says that "they used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee. And many other women were there who had come up to Jerusalem with him".

Mark uses three important phrases to define the life of these women: *follow*, *look after*, *come up to Jerusalem*. These phrases describe the ideal disciple. They represent the model for the other disciples who had fled!

From 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 community. 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 narthex 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.

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.

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. For further information, please visit our website olmcwenty.org.au and select *Sacraments for Children* within the *Grow in Faith* option.

FIRST RECONCILIATION:

Applications close Friday 19 July.

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

FIRST 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.

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 as the link to these photos will expire 31 July 2024.

Suggestion Box is ready!

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.

It should go without saying that only constructive criticism and suggestions will be considered.

Safeguarding: Kids Art Competition

As part of our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person, the Diocese of Parramatta is running our first Art competition for children and young people! Children and young people aged between 5 and 19 are invited to produce an artwork around the theme *"My Church community is a safe place for me"*.

Entries close on Friday 26 July.

For more information and to enter, please visit parracatholic.org/artcompetition

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.

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. More opportunities below:

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.



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 Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: \$3378

Planned Giving (cash): \$ 675

Planned Giving (credit cards): \$ 130

Loose cash: \$ 918

Direct Deposits: \$ 1050

Tap & Go: \$ 605

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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Planned Giving Receipts

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.

Thank you for supporting Project Elizabeth

Fr Fernando Montano, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and Catholic Care thank you for your generous support of mothers during tough times. Our Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal raised over \$1260 from our parish, which ensures Catholic Care can continue to assist mothers and families to flourish and live life to their fullest while facing challenges times.

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 Joe, Mary & Michel Tuyau, Tranquilina Patacsil-Llandillo, Rebecca Patacsil, Ronald Thompson, Allan Ross, Lina Hawkins, Mary Delores Vella, Massimina Brattoni, Franz Tito, Norman De Luca, Chan Tran, Peter Png, John Latimer, Clivin family, George Netto, Carmel, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, 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, for the Church in Australia, and in honour of St Anthony and St Christopher.

Coming events

3 July: St Thomas, Apostle

4 July: St Elizabeth of Portugal

4 July: SVDp meet in the Parish Centre at 10am

5 July: St Anthony Zaccaria CRSP

5 July: Anointing of the Sick at 9am Mass followed by shared Morning Tea

6 July: St Maria Goretti

7 July: National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

7 July: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rosters for 6 and 7 July 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader Commentator Communion	Trish Maldigri Angela Carlino Bob Hanna
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	Michelle Rodrigues David Rodrigues Cathy Rossiter (Assembly) Roslyn Khattar
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Youth Minister Youth Minister Skip Fernandes (Assembly) David Touma
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Isa Urbano Eugene Urbano Jovan Titus

Next week's readings

6 & 7 July - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading: Ezek 2:2-5

Second Reading: 2 Cor 12:7-10

Gospel: Mk 6:1-6

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.

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.

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

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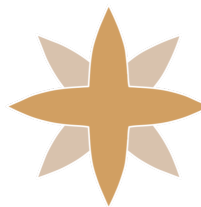
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In Community: Fr. Anthony Scerri, O.Carm,
Fr. Paul Gurr, O.Carm (Carmelite Prior),
Fr. Wayne Stanhope, O.Carm (at Jamberoo),
Fr. John Powell, O.Carm (in Aged Care)

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.