



**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 7 July 2024

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Reflections:

Mk 6: 1-6

Title of reflection

It is always good to go back to our own land. After a long absence, Jesus also goes back and, as usual, on Saturday he goes to a meeting of the community. Jesus was not the coordinator, but just the same he speaks. This is a sign that the persons could participate and express their opinion. But the people did not like the words pronounced by Jesus, they were scandalized. Jesus, who was known to them since he was a child, how is it that now he is so different? The people of Capernaum had accepted the teaching of Jesus but the people of Nazareth would not. What was the reason for this rejection? "Is this not the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary?" They did not accept God's mystery present in such a common person, one like themselves! In order to be able to speak of God, he would have to be different from them!

Jesus knows very well that "the saint of the house does not work miracles". And he says: "A prophet is despised only in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house!" In fact, there where faith is not accepted, people can do nothing. The prejudice prevents it. Jesus, even if he wanted, can do nothing and remains surprised before their lack of faith.

From Carmelites.org.au

Parish News

Prayer for NAIDOC Week 2024.

Creator God,
You are the sustainer of life, the composer of creation's song.
You taught our Elders how to listen to Country's rhythm,
To stand to protect, sustain and care for Country.
Open our ears and enflame our commitment toward creation justice.

We walk together to keep the fire burning.

You are the celebrator of language, kinship and culture.
You have taught our communities how to be resilient.
Renew and encourage our disheartened spirits, restore our peoples to flourishing.
Overflow us with vision, guide our paths, give us comrades for the journey.

We walk together to keep the fire burning.

You are the fire keeper, the Creator of time and place.
You remember the silenced and ignored stories.
Your stories connect us back to Your love to fuel the flame..
Quicken our memory to Your way of justice, hope and love
We are Blak, Loud, Proud. We will keep the fire burning.
We walk together to keep the fire burning.

You are the holy God of truth and justice.
You hear the cry of our hearts, our laments and our mourning.
You comfort and accompany us.
We experience your faithfulness and peace.
Blaze us with your love and presence, holy God of truth and justice.

We walk together to keep the fire burning.

You are the Spirit of restoration and healing.
You gave Jesus to show us how to live in right relationship.
We take our place to listen, learn and build understanding.
We walk together with honour, respect and celebration.
We walk together to keep the fire burning. Amen

Written by proud Wuthathi and Mabuiag Island woman Safina Stewart for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to keep the fire burning, and prayer for the church to continue walking together for truth and justice.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Feast Day

Next Sunday, 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 continue this week and is 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:

Parent Information Evening at 6pm Thursday 1 August

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.

Changes to Parish Sacramental Process

Thank you to those parents who approached the Parish Sacramental Team with their requests and suggestions. We recently met as a team to discuss the following:

Minimum age of children receiving the sacraments: In the past we have used a school-year approach to readiness. Now, parents can discern their child's readiness using the minimum age of the child at the time of receiving the sacrament. So, as long as your child has been baptised in the Catholic Church, the minimum age for receiving the sacraments are:

Penance (aka Reconciliation): 7 years old

Eucharist (aka Holy Communion): 8 years old

Confirmation: 10 years old.

A **Parent Information Evening** for the first sacrament of Holy Communion has been booked for 6pm on Thursday 1 August.

If you would like to discuss anything related to the Parish Sacramental Process, please contact the parish first.

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.

Safeguarding: Kids Art Competition

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics in Australia

First Nations Catholics are the youngest and fastest growing demographic in the Australian Catholic Church:

- 135,681 Australian and Torres Strait Islander Catholics
- 10 Dioceses have over one-fifth of their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population who identify as Catholic.
- 4.6% of Catholic children under the age of 5.
- 8.2% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are under the age of 5.

(Data provided from Australian Catholic Bishops Conference)



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: \$3098

Planned Giving (cash): \$ 749

Planned Giving (credit cards): \$ 485

Loose cash: \$ 734

Direct Deposits: \$ 540

Tap & Go: \$ 590

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

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 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 Anthony Jacob Grimm, Franz, Santiago & Antonio Tito, Leonardo Close, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Samuel Close, Tecla Tito & Descendants, H C Garrard, Rose Chetchuti, Edgardo Perez, Mrs Close & Descendants, Anh Phu, Clivin family, George Netto, Norman De Luca, Carmel, Joseph, Louis, Mary & Frank Teuma, Carmel, Tony & Antonia Cini, Rose Titian, Doreen, Mary & Frank Camilleri, Joe & Maria Vella, Sonia Spittle, Jesse & Kevin McManus, 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

7-14 July: NAIDOC week

9 July: Blessed Giovanna Scopelli OCarm

11 July: St Benedict of Nursia OSB

11 July: Cleaning after the 9am Mass

12 July: St Louis & Zelig OCarm

12 July: Novena Mass for Our Lady of Mt Carmel at 6pm

13 July: St Teresa of Jesus of Los Andes OCD

Rosters for 13 and 14 July 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader Commentator Communion	Anne-Marie Torrens Trish Maldigri Elena Fernandes
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	Joshua Angelo Jeremy Angelo Pauline Cassar (Assembly) Ron Aquilina
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Fiona Bylsma Clyde Fernandes Mary Vijila
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Bimy Baby Nelissa Almeida Isa Urbano

Next week's readings

13 & 14 July - The Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

First Reading: 1 Kings 18:42-45

Second Reading: Gal 4:4-7

Gospel: Jn 19:25-27

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:

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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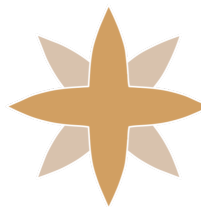
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In Community: Fr. Anthony Scerri, O.Carm,

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.