



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

## Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 14 July 2024

Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel



**Reflection:**

**Lk 2:19**

### The Gift of Wonder

The beauty of today's feast is that we celebrate someone who can teach us to wonder, to reflect, to learn from experience and to stop and ponder in our hearts all that happens to us.

Mary, the mother of Jesus and Carmel is such a figure. Her solicitude and care for her family is found in her own words in the gospel where she is described beautifully as someone who treasured all these things and pondered upon them.

In other words, we need to listen to the ways in which God is speaking to us. To be attentive to the blessings and treasures that we can experience here and now and never lose the sense of wonder and reflection and contemplation on the meaning of life.

Many years ago, a great theologian of the Second Vatican Council, Karl Rahner, spoke of everyone being capable of being a mystic. He spoke of the importance of everyday mysticism. Now that might frighten us a little, but it is true. Every time we take the opportunity to exercise the gift of wonder, we are drawn into the mystery of life as God sees it. You and I are called to the wonder, to the contemplation of the reality of God no matter who or where we are in life.

If you think of Mary's life, it is a treasure trove of events to ponder upon and to discern about:

- Her pregnancy and betrothal
- Her motherhood of a somewhat bewildering adolescent
- Her involvement in his ministry whether at a marriage feast or in the countryside or towns
- Her presence as her son's life was taken from him And her experience of the gift of God's spirit in the earliest of the communities which followed her son.

The gift of wondering is a reality that is open to each of us. We don't always find the answers to what we ponder about but the sheer act of taking the time to wonder draws us into a magnificent mystery of God's being in the world.

It is this tremendous gift of wonder that is part of what it means to be a Carmelite. And it is from Mary, the Mother of Carmel, that we draw our inspiration. Every Carmelite, as is every Christian, is called to be an everyday mystic. Now that is a far cry from saying that we live life with our heads in the clouds. No, it means rather that we are drawn into the very real and, at times, very messy dimensions of human existence. It means that Carmelites are expected to get their hands dirty with the reality of living.

It also means that there is absolutely nothing in human experience that isn't touched by the mystery of God. The delight in a garden is as truly part of human experience as is the experience of someone whose life is ebbing away in the most shocking ways possible. You see, Mary is the mother of all who live and it is in the joy and the pain of being human that we seek to wonder upon the mystery of God's love for us and all creation.

These are not easy words simply because we want everything in life to be beautiful and happy and harmonious. No, the reality of life is far more complex and extraordinarily brutal. As Carmelites, the reality of the pain and desolation experienced by ourselves and others is always an invitation to plumb the depths of God's mystery. This is true because there is absolutely nothing in creation that does not bear a trace or glimpse of God. God is as present in a garden as much as he is present in the depths of human alienation, oppression and pain. It is our task as Carmelites to plumb these depths and to ask ourselves the question: where is God?

In my own heart, I think that Mary, the mother of the Lord, is the most powerful and life-giving of models because she has been there before us. She is not just a pretty statue or holy card. Mary is the disciple of her son, who invites us to explore, to rejoice, to discover and to bow humbly before the mystery of a God who is greater than anything we can imagine.

As Carmelites we are privileged to have her as our patron and we thank her for teaching us the way to wonder and to contemplate.

- Fr Hugh Brown OCarm, [Carmelites.org.au](http://Carmelites.org.au)

*Wishing all our dear Friends and Parishioners a very Happy  
Feast Day and a deeply sincere thank you for your continued  
support and friendship over the years.*

*From the Staff, the Carmelite Fathers and Toni (the cat)*

## Parish News

### 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](#). For further information, please visit our website [olmcwenty.org.au](http://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.



**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*

## Changes to the Ministers of the Word roster

Over recent months, the parish Liturgy Committee, including Fr Janu and Fr Alby, have undertaken a full evaluation and review of the expected practices within our Sunday Masses. We have done this with the aim of deepening our community in its relationship with God and living Jesus' mission, by forming a diverse, inclusive community of prayer that participates fully, consciously and actively in the best liturgical celebrations it can offer.

As an essential liturgical role through which Christ is made present in the proclamation of the Scriptures, we considered the structure of the Ministry of the Word. While we have followed the current Reader and Commentator structure for several decades, this was established at a time where the Commentator fulfilled a larger role within the Mass.

The Liturgy Committee has decided to adopt a different model, similar to that used in a number of other parishes, that will allow us to more effectively fulfil the principle articulated in the Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass (no. 52): *"...Whenever there is more than one reading, it is better to assign the readings to different readers, if available."* In addition, it will allow the two Ministers of the Word at each Mass to share the ministerial roles more equally.

From the commencement of the next roster (3 and 4 August), the allocation of roles within the Ministry of the Word at Sunday Masses will change. The responsibilities of each of the ministers that serve each Sunday will be as follows:

#### Reader 1

- Welcome the assembly and read the introduction to Mass
- Proclaim the First Reading
- Proclaim the Responsorial Psalm (at the ambo) if it is not sung

#### Reader 2

- Carry the Book of Gospels into the church in the Entrance Procession
- Proclaim the Second Reading
- Proclaim the intentions of the Prayer of the Faithful

Accordingly, the roles allocated on the roster will change from R and C to R1 and R2.

While it will take some getting used to a change in routine, we hope that this will be easy to follow and allow for a more balanced and distributed allocation of roles within your ministry.

If you have any questions or feedback about this change, please contact me via [olmcwentyliturgy@gmail.com](mailto:olmcwentyliturgy@gmail.com), or the online contact form at [olmcwentyliturgy.org/contact](http://olmcwentyliturgy.org/contact).

Thank you for your support of this change, and for your service to God and our parish community.

Kind regards,  
Robert Barden, Liturgy Committee

## Parish Finances

### Thank you for your generosity

**Last week's donation to the Parish: \$3575**

**Planned Giving (cash):** \$ 1044

**Planned Giving (credit cards):** \$ 936

**Loose cash:** \$ 100

**Direct Deposits:** \$ 845

**Tap & Go:** \$ 650

**Parish Online Banking:** If you would like to pay fees or are able to make a donation, our online banking details are:

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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 Sumagau, Matthew Spiteri, Tony Campton, Thea Flynn, Robert Howe, Joanne Tabone, Charlie Bonnici, Duyen Tran.

**Our special intentions,** especially Joan Higgins, Kathleen Hawkins, Rita Rajanayagam, Lawrence & Sinfarosa Dias, Inacio, Sacramento & Ilda Boccato, Anna & Simao Dias, Fr Augustus Patacsil MSC, Bernadette Kattic Tuyau, Regina & Rosa, Lucy, Michelle & Cienna, Alfred Quintano, Fenech & Zammit families, Tarini Pakkianathan, Ankica, Nikola, Stephen & Mara Senjak, Cam Tran, Anthony Jacob Grimm, for the Teaching & Medical fraternities, Clivin family, Norman De Luca, 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, to the Holy Infant of Prague, for the Church in Australia, and in honour of St Anthony and St Christopher.

## Coming events

**15 July:** St Bonaventure OFM

**16 July:** Our Lady of Mt Carmel Feast Day

**17 July:** Blessed Thérèse of Saint Augustine & the Blessed Martyrs of Compiègne

**18 July:** SVdP meeting at 10am in Parish Centre

**19 July:** Applications for first Reconciliation close

**20 July:** St Elijah, Father of the Carmelites

**21 July:** 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

### Rosters for 20 and 21 July 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader Commentator Communion	Bob Hanna Janine Hanna Anne-Marie Torrens (Assembly) Charlie Felice
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	Joshua Angelo Jeremy Angelo Cecilia Cotter (Assembly) David Rodrigues
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Carmel Gauci Jay Dass Moiria Peter (Assembly) Marina Peter
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Michael Williamson Bimy Baby Fran Sharpe

### Next week's readings

**20 & 21 July - 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**First Reading:** Jer 23:1-6

**Second Reading:** Eph 2:13-18

**Gospel:** Mk 6:30-34

## 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. 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).

**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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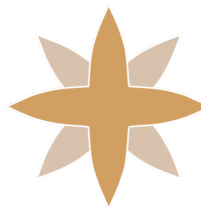
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### Parish Office

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.*