



**Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel**  
Wentworthville

## **Carmel Bulletin**

**Sunday 28 July 2024**

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

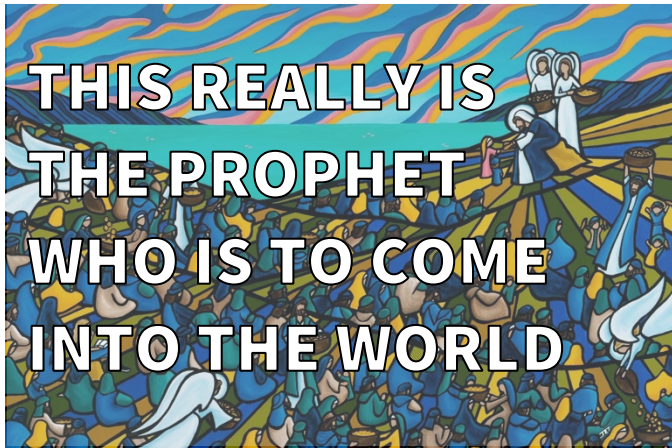


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### **Reflection:**

**Jn 6:1-15**

#### **Nothing will be wasted**

It's not a fair comparison, I grant you: but Elisha fed a hundred people with twenty loaves, and Jesus fed 5,000 with five loaves. If you do the math, it explains why people were even more anxious to follow Jesus. Plus, there are the inexplicable twelve baskets left over at the end of the meal that Jesus orchestrated. No wonder they wanted to carry him off and make him king.

But Jesus didn't come to regulate the economy of Israel or to provide welfare-to-work programs. He didn't come to set up a medical clinic or to treat mental illness. Though Jesus does feed some of the hungry and heal some of the sick, by no means did he put an end to suffering in his time or for all time. He left that challenge up to his followers. Jesus simply presents himself as the source of divine abundance and invites us to come to the table and eat. This table's been serving meals for two thousand years, billions have been fed, and there's no end in sight to the feast.

**Ponder:** What kind of hunger do you bring to the Eucharist? How have you been fed? Reflect on the way a good meal satisfies; food, drink, atmosphere, conversation, company. Maybe even candles and flowers. Compare that meal with the Eucharistic meal we share. Celebrate a holy communion each time you share a meal. From GPBS eNews

## **Parish News**

### **Welcome to our community**

This Sunday we will celebrate the sacrament of baptism of twins, David and Olivia. Good to see parents, Cathy and Chris, along with siblings, Chris and Nevaeh, return to OLMC for this lovely occasion.

Please continue to pray for these young families who are committing themselves to raising their children in the practise of the faith; they will need all the support we can give them.

### **Funeral of Bishop Kevin Manning**

The details of the vigil, Mass and internment of the late Bishop Kevin Manning are as follows:

- The Reception of the Body and Vespers of the Dead will be held at 6pm on Thursday 1 August at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.
- The Solemn Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11am on Friday 2 August at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. This Mass will also be livestreamed on the Diocese of Parramatta's YouTube channel.
- Bishop Manning will then be interred at 11am on Monday 5 August at Coolah cemetery, NSW.

Please visit [parracatholic.org/bishopmanning](http://parracatholic.org/bishopmanning) to register your interest in attending this funeral.

### **Wedding Blessing**

Congratulations to Doris and Victor Mallia who will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and receive a special blessing at the 10am Mass this Sunday.

### **Parish Sacramental Process 2024**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** This week, we celebrate the children's first sacrament of Reconciliation. Parents and children have been preparing for this sacrament all their life, but especially these past few months. Because the children are very young, our Parish Sacramental Process focuses on what children can do to improve their relationships with God, with each other, with themselves or with their environment. We especially focus on giving the children and their parents an opportunity to experience our Father's love and mercy.

Please pray for these families, that their relationship with God may be more fully realised through the loving and compassionate example of our friend and teacher, Jesus.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** 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](#).

## Visitors to our parish

**Mary's Rosary Chain** will be giving away free rosary cards and rosary beads after each Mass this weekend. Jeffrey will make a very short announcement at the end of Mass to encourage and spread this devotion. If you would like to take extra for your family and friends, you are most welcome.

**St Elizabeth's Convent** from Belarus will visit us from 29 July to 2 August with a small display of religious items for sale to support their ministry back home.

## Changes to the Ministers of the Word roster

Please note that, from next week (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

## 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 John Cameron, Sebastian Joseph Joy, Mary & Auggie Cauchi, Lucia Cherlani, Mary Delores Vella, Lewis Agius, Mo Chinh, Margaret & James Floyd, Dermot & Carmel O'Sullivan, for our youth, Angelo Gerard, Skelly-Lewcowicz family, 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.

## Parish Finances

Dear Parishioners

We are pleased to present the financial report for the Year Ended 30 June 2024. The Parish received revenue of \$207,362 but incurred expenses of \$239,143 resulting in a deficiency of \$31,781 for the 12 months period.

**Planned Giving** for the year amounted to \$180,267. This represented an increase of \$9,328 over the previous 12 months which were impacted by church closure for a period of time due to Covid. **Other Revenue** amounted to \$27,095 which was \$20,026 below that received in the previous 12 months. Revenue for the year included the profit of \$6,785 from the Getting-to-Know-You Dinner held in February and \$3,481 being the proceeds from the Christmas Raffle. Donations accounted for \$11,205. This was \$19,995 less than that received in the previous 12 months.

**Total Expenses** for the year at \$239,143 were \$54,872 in excess of that for 2022-2023.

Wages and Administration were \$106,896 (\$102,288 2022-23), Insurance \$39,925 (\$30,220 for 2022-23), Interest on Loan \$16,739 (\$17,159 2022-23), maintenance \$27,232 (\$14,333 2022-23), The Catholic Foundation Fund shortfall \$25,370 (Nil 2022-23) and other expenses \$22,981 (\$20,271 2022-23).

Major repairs were carried out to the timber barge capping on both North and South sides of the church and 11 glass panels were replaced at the front of the church at a cost of \$17,400.

The Parish is still servicing a loan which was raised to fund the renovations undertaken only a few years ago. The balance of the loan stood at \$340,784 as at the end of the financial year.

### The Future

The operating costs for running the church continue to escalate (no different to household budgets) putting pressure on Parish finances. Insurance costs have risen well above CPI with the closure of the Catholic Church Insurance in February 2024.

Two vehicles need to be replaced in the near future, the audio system needs to be urgently updated and there are other urgent maintenance issues that need to be addressed.

### General

We thank all parishioners for their continued support and look forward to another year with great anticipation.

Janu Pinto O.Carm  
Parish Priest

John Cassar  
Chair Finance Committee

## Thank you for your generosity

### Last week's donation to the Parish: \$3138

<b>Planned Giving (cash):</b>	\$ 793
<b>Planned Giving (credit cards):</b>	\$ 130
<b>Loose cash:</b>	\$ 820
<b>Direct Deposits:</b>	\$ 710
<b>Tap &amp; Go:</b>	\$ 685

**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, eg, 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. For further details, please contact Gennie, our Finance Officer, on [ocarmswentyaccts@gmail.com](mailto:ocarmswentyaccts@gmail.com)

## Around the Diocese and beyond

**Absent from the Table Survey:** The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating *why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass*. The survey, for those who self-identify as Catholics and are 18 years and over and who do not regularly attend weekly Mass on Sunday, is anonymous and will close on 20 August. For more information about the *Absent from the Table* survey, please visit <https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>

**Dark to Light - an exploration on Domestic Violence:** We warmly invite you to a presentation on Domestic Violence at 1.30pm on 8 Sept at the Holy Name of Mary Church Hall, Hunters Hill. This event features Livia La Rocca, a trained psychologist with 20 years of experience working with the Good Shepherd Sisters, and Nicole Yade, CEO of the Women and Girls Emergency Centre. For more information, please visit [www.maristlaityaustralia.com/dark-to-light](http://www.maristlaityaustralia.com/dark-to-light)

**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).

**#Active4Vocations at the City2Surf:** Are you up for fun, fitness, and fellowship? Get #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf on Sunday 11 August. Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. Visit [tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations](https://tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations) to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests.

### Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church:

The Diocese of Parramatta is excited to announce that the launch and release of the *Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church* is only 2 weeks away, on Saturday 10 August. The pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 15 months. Visit [parracatholic.org/synodality](https://parracatholic.org/synodality) for more information.

## Coming events

**28 July:** World Day for Grandparents & the elderly

**29 July:** Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

**29-30 July:** Celebration of first sacrament of Reconciliation

**30 July:** Finance Committee meeting at 1:30pm in Red Room

**31 July:** St Ignatius of Loyola

**31 July:** Baptism preparation over Teams

**1 August:** St Alphonsus Ligouri

**1 August:** SVdP meeting at 10:30am in Parish Centre

**1 August:** Parent Information Evening for first Holy Communion at 6pm in Parish Centre

**3 August:** St Dominic

**4 – 10 August:** Vocations Awareness Week

## Rosters for 3 and 4 August 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Trish Maldigri Angela Carlino May Pepin
8am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Joshua Angelo Jeremy Angelo Colleen Weatherall (Assembly) Cat Paulo
10am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Youth Minister Youth Minister Mary Vijila (Assembly) Moiria Peter
6pm	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Ramona Grimm Nelissa Almeida Isa Urbano

## Next week's readings

**3 & 4 August - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**First Reading:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

**Second Reading:** Eph 4:17, 20-24

**Gospel:** Jn 6:34-35



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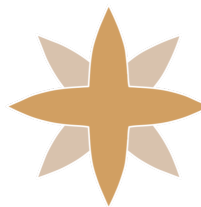


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## in the care of the Carmelite Friars

*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.*

## Connect with us

Online at [www.olmcwenty.org.au](http://www.olmcwenty.org.au)  
On Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @olmcwenty  
Email [ocarmswenty@gmail.com](mailto:ocarmswenty@gmail.com)

### 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