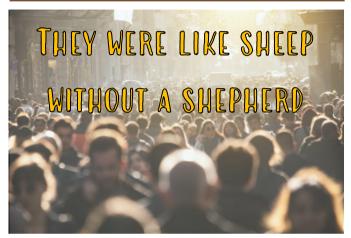


Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 21 July 2024

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Reflection:

Mk 6:30-34

In it for the long haul

We spent last weekend with my niece, her husband, and their 1-year-old son. The little boy is going through a stage where his parents are his primary source of comfort and joy. I observed his grandmother holding him, loving, and talking to him as she gently rocked him. But within a few minutes, the little one heard his mother's voice in the next room. He made it clear that he wanted "down" and off he went, like a homing pigeon, following the sound of his mother's voice. He found her talking with another family member. The toddler made it clear that he wanted her attention. So his mother bent over and opened her arms. He flew into them. And there he rested, secure and happy.

With the birth of children, parents lose the freedom to simply be. Their time is no longer their own, as the needs of the children regularly takes precedence over all else. In the eyes of their children, parents are the people who love them, protect them, and show them the way to live each day. It's fair to say parents are rock stars in the lives of their children. The privilege of parenthood is great but so is the responsibility. And as much as parents might yearn and need to find a deserted place to rest awhile, that's not easy to do in daily life.

The apostles were teaching and healing in Jesus' name, and the crowds would not leave them alone. It was a privilege to do the work. But it also was exhausting.

From GPBS eNews

Parish News

Thank you

On your behalf, we would like to thank all those who coordinated and contributed to the very successful OLMC Feast Day celebrations, last weekend. We would especially like to thank Robert, Basli and Frank for providing us with a joyous and prayerful liturgy, and a spirited and generous reception after the 10am Mass. We were so pleased to be able to share this Feast with you and look we forward to many more happy events.

<u>Please click on this link</u> to view the message from our Prior General, Fr Míceál O'Neill, who on this occasion that reflects on the 'symphony of prayer' that Pope Francis encourages.

- Frs Janu, Alby, Paul and Anthony, the Parish Team and Toni (the cat).

Welcome to our community

This Sunday we will celebrate the sacrament of baptism for little Wyatt. We welcome him into Community of the Faithful, and we also welcome his parents, Sheree and Daryl.

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.

Vale Bishop Kevin Manning

The Diocese of Parramatta mourns the death of Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, the second Bishop of Parramatta, who died peacefully on Monday 15 July in Bathurst, NSW, at the age of 90. The Diocese of Parramatta owes much to his leadership and vision, and we pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks to God for his earthly life.

The details for Bishop Kevin Manning's funeral at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta will be announced in the coming days. Read more about Bishop Manning on Catholic Outlook (catholicoutlook.org).

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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 <u>using this link</u>. For further information, please visit our website <u>olmcwenty.org.au</u> and select *Sacraments for Children* within the *Grow in Faith* option.

FIRST RECONCILIATION:

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.

Upcoming visits to our parish

Mary's Rosary Chain will be giving away free rosary cards and rosary beads after each Mass next 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

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, or the online contact form at 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

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

Our special intentions, especially Pierpaolo Tee, Fabreece Gerard Fernandes, Theresa & Charlie Borg, Patricia Thompson, Duyen Tran, Kaushik, Clara Edwin John, for our emergency services, Gerard Pier, 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

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: \$4071
Planned Giving (cash): \$ 770
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Around the Diocese and beyond

New parish at Marsden Park: As of 1 January 2025, St Luke's, Marsden Park, will be formally recognised and decreed the newest parish of the Diocese of Parramatta. Over the last six years, St Luke's has shown financial stability and growth of its congregation as evidence to formally establish a parish. We congratulate Fr Gayan Thamel, Vicar for Migrant Chaplaincies, who will be St Luke's first Parish Priest.

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

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.

Coming events

22 July: St Mary Magdalene 24 July: Bl John Soreth OCarm 25 July: St James, Apostle

25 July: Church cleaning after the 9am Mass

26 July: Sts Joachim & Anne **27 July:** St Titus Brandsma OCarm

Rosters for 27 and 28 July 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader Commentator Communion	Angela Carlino Anne-Marie Torrens Caz Learmonth
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	Cecilia Cotter Cat Paulo Michelle Rodrigues (Assembly) Eric Dias
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Moira Peter Shayna Peter David Touma (Assembly) Skip Fernandes
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Nelissa Almeida Mark Attwood Jovan Titus

Next week's readings

27 & 28 July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading: 2 Kg 4:42-44
Second Reading: Eph 4:1-4
Gospel: Jn 6:1-15

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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