



**Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel**  
Wentworthville

## **Carmel Bulletin**

**Sunday 1 September 2024**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**



**Reflections: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

### **Looks are deceptive**

We invest so much in appearances, it's hard to imagine they don't matter. We're taught to believe that having the right face, clothes, and hair is what counts. We want to drive the cool car, have the proper schools on our resume, be seen with the beautiful people. When it comes to religion, we're tempted to go for the right look, too. We want to keep the proscribed days holy, observe the designated observances. We impress ourselves so well with this, sometimes, it's hard to imagine that God is not equally impressed.

We look on the outside of the cup; God looks within. No matter how we pretty-up the outside, what's in our hearts is obvious at a glance. If we have no love, our obedience to the forms of religion is meaningless. In religion, appearances count for nothing. Bending the knee when our hearts do not bow gets us nowhere. Clasp our hands in prayer when we don't open our hands in charity betrays us. Speaking of God's love when not practising God's justice is a kind of blasphemy. Rituals are only as good as what they stand for. If there's nothing to confirm them in our living, they collapse like a house of cards.

**To ponder:** What are the rituals of your religious practice? How do you support them in the way you live?

**To do:** Choose a verse of Scripture, and do the word you hear. Find ways to put that word into action throughout the day. Continue to listen to the word more deeply each hour. Consider how the word has changed you by the end of the day.

From GPBS eNews

### **Happy Father's Day**

Blessed are you, Lord and Father of all life,  
for the gift of the fathers of our families.  
Today we honour them, and we thank you  
for all the good things that are ours because of them.  
Their love for us has been a sign of your divine affection  
and a sharing in your holy love.  
Their continuous concern for our needs and welfare  
is a mirror of your holy providence.  
Bless those fathers who are separated from us by silence,  
injury or violence.  
Lift the burdens of guilt and touch us with your healing and  
forgiveness.  
We remember our fathers who are now with you.  
May they who have shared their very life with us,  
live forever with you, our God.  
Bless our fathers this day with strength, happiness and  
good health.  
May this blessing and all graces, we pray,  
descend upon our fathers in your name,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



### **Parish News**

#### **Welcome to our community**

This Sunday we will celebrate the sacrament of baptism of Anthony, son of Joseph and Sravanthi. Welcome to their family and Anthony's big sister as well.

#### **Father's Day raffle winners**

Thank you to all who supported the East Timor Father's Day Cards fundraiser. And congratulations to the following:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize:	2 <sup>nd</sup> prize:
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize:	4 <sup>th</sup> prize:
5 <sup>th</sup> prize:	

If you haven't already, would all winners please collect their prizes from the parish office asap.

## Father's Day Appeal this week



On Father's Day, we acknowledge and give prayerful thanks to all our priests who have dedicated their lives to being servants of the Gospel, for God's people.

Even in retirement, in sickness and in health, our Diocesan priests continue to carry out God's ministry without question, staying involved in parish life and doing our Father's work for as long as they are able. Their vocation never ends, and neither does our shared responsibility to support them in any way we can.

As Catholics, we are called to ensure there is always someone to care for our retired Diocesan priests and those in ill-health, just as they will always love and care for us.

Your compassionate donation to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal cares for our Diocesan clergy's health and wellbeing during sickness and retirement. For more information or to make a donation, please visit the [Clergy Support Foundation](#) page. Just make sure you scroll down to the bottom and choose Our Lady of Mt Carmel in Wentworthville as your parish; that way, your donation will also assist our parish to meet its annual Diocesan quota.

## National Child Protection Week: *Every Conversation Matters...*

Conversations are powerful tools to keep children and young people safe and well.

Conversations can help us understand issues, craft solutions, value community knowledge, and build the brains and social connections of children and young people.

*Conversations between*

- *children and their caregivers matter (from the very earliest days)*
- *children and their peers matter*
- *families with teachers, doctors, and other professionals matter*
- *friends or neighbours matter*
- *decision-makers and the communities they serve matter.*

And, of course, conversations in the public realm and media matter.

So this National Child Protection Week we invite you to speak up – and speak together – about what needs to change for every child in every community to have a fair go.

For Catholics in Australia, National Child Protection Week concludes with Safeguarding Sunday.

## ... and Safeguarding Sunday

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September, at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

Watch this space for more details next week.

## World Day of Prayer for Creation

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home.

## Please pray for

**Those who are sick**, especially 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, 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 Faustina & Jacinta Pier, Margaret Hanlan, Michael Borg, Brian Bourke, John Howe, Diestro & Dolit Family, Clarence Maloney, Peter Abood, Kevin Dehn, Shaji John, Catherin Vincent, Sara, Selin & Rita, Rajasekaran C., Duyen Tran, Edward Deady, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Skelly-Lewcowicz Family, Clivin family, Norman De Luca, 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: \$3640**

**Planned Giving (cash):** \$ 730

**Planned Giving (credit cards):** \$ 100

**Loose cash:** \$ 970

**Direct Deposits:** \$ 970

**Tap & Go:** \$ 870

**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

### New Tap & Go Devices

Our new Tap&Go machines have been installed in the Parish Centre and Parishioners can now choose the amount they would like to donate. 60% of your Tap&Go donation goes to the parish for expenses (eg; staff, maintenance, insurance, etc) and 40% will go toward the Carmelite Fathers. As you know, the Carmelites do not receive an income, so this donation is of great assistance to them.

Having said that, whichever way you would like to donate, and whichever amount you can afford, please know that we are incredibly grateful and appreciate any donation.

### Fees for special Services

Please see below, a recommended guide to donations for special Services:

**Wedding:** \$700

**Funeral:** \$700

**Baptism:** \$50

**Memorial service:** \$400

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### Around the Diocese and beyond

**Breaking New Ground Conference:** NSW Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you to an opportunity for personal growth and parish enrichment on 7/8 September at St John Bosco Hall in Engadine. For more information please phone Lorensz Herft on 0426 399 502, click on this [TryBooking link](#), or visit [ccrnsw.org.au](http://ccrnsw.org.au).

**Long term overseas volunteer opportunities** with *The Cagliero Project* who are seeking volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work 6-12 months with young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close 31-10-24. Further information please email [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au) or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

**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)



**Children's Liturgy Workshop**

This evening will be for all those involved with children's liturgy in their parishes. We will cover the Diocesan Guidelines as well as any questions you may have.

**THURSDAY 19TH SEPT, 7PM-8:30PM**  
Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown

Register [Lucy.Woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto:Lucy.Woodbury@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795

### Coming events

**3 September** St Gregory the Great

**5 September:** Church Cleaning after 9am Mass

**6 September:** Anointing at Mass followed by shared Morning Tea

**8 September:** Safeguarding Sunday

### Rosters for 7 and 8 September 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader 1	Janine Hanna
	Reader 2	Bob Hanna
	Communion	Charlie Felice
8am	Reader 1	Joshua Angelo
	Reader 2	Jeremy Angelo
	Communion	Cat Paulo (Assembly) Colleen Weatherall
10am	Reader 1	Shayna Peter
	Reader 2	Moiria Peter
	Communion	David Touma (Assembly) Rosemary Chung
6pm	Reader 1	Michael Williamson
	Reader 2	Mark Attwood
	Communion	Jovan Titus

### Next week's readings

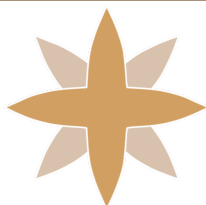
**7 & 8 September - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**First Reading:** Is 35:4-7

**Second Reading:** James 2:1-5

**Gospel:** Mk 7:31-37





## Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

### 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

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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

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