



**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 4 August 2024

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Reflection:

Jn 6:24-35

Food for thought

Being hungry is not a virtue. If it were, the poor would all be holy, and the rich would all be evil. But that's obviously not true. The state of our hearts can't be measured by the size of our wallets. But the condition of our hearts *CAN* be measured by our willingness to share what we have. When we seek to alleviate the distress of those in need, we do two things right. We lift up someone locked down by hunger so that he or she might rise to a greater and fuller life. And we also expand our hearts through the practice of generosity so that we might experience "the food that endures for eternal life." It's a win-win situation. For as long as we work only for the food that perishes and hoard that for ourselves, we prolong the misery of the world and will not know the joy that belongs to those whose hearts are free to give.

Ponder: When have you been the recipient of someone's generosity in sharing time, warmth, or food with you? How can you share those things with those in need, near and far? Take a refresher course in the corporal works of mercy: Feed the hungry. Give drink to the thirsty. Clothe the naked. Shelter the homeless. Visit the sick. Visit the imprisoned. Bury the dead. Reflect on ways to participate in these works regularly.

From GPBS eNews

A Carmelite perspective

In today's Gospel we begin the Discourse on the Bread of Life. After the multiplication of the loaves, the people follow Jesus. They had seen the miracle; they had eaten and were satiated and wanted more! They were not concerned about looking for the sign or the call of God that was contained in all of this. When the people found Jesus in the Synagogue of Capernaum, he had a long conversation with them, called the Discourse of the Bread of Life. It is not really a discourse, but a series of seven brief dialogues which explain the meaning of the multiplication of the bread, symbol of the new Exodus and of the Eucharistic Supper.

The conversation of Jesus with the people, with the Jews, and with the disciples is a beautiful dialogue, but a demanding one. Jesus tries to open the eyes of the people in a way that they will learn to read the events and discover in themselves the turning point that life should take. It is not enough to follow miraculous signs which multiply the bread for the body. Man does not live by bread alone. The struggle for life without mysticism does not reach the roots. The people, while speaking with Jesus, always remain more annoyed or upset by his words. But Jesus does not give in. Nor does he change the exigencies. The discourse seems to be a funnel. As the conversation progresses, less people remain with Jesus. At the end only the twelve remain but Jesus cannot trust those twelve either! Today the same thing occurs. When the Gospel begins to demand commitment, many people withdraw and go away.

- The people were hungry, so they eat the bread and then they look for more bread. They seek the miracle and do not seek the sign of God who was hidden in that. What do I seek more in my life: the miracle or the sign?
- Hungry for bread, hungry for God. Which of these two is most important for me?
- Jesus says: "I am the bread of life." He takes away hunger and thirst. Which of these experiences do I have in my life?
- Keep silence within you for a moment and ask yourself: "To believe in Jesus: What does this mean for me concretely in my daily life?"

From carmelites.org.au

Parish News

Welcome to our community

This Sunday we will celebrate the sacrament of baptism of Shanaya and her brother, Sharnav. Welcome also to their parents, Priya and Sajit

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.

National Vocations Week



We believe that God has a plan for our lives. He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to consecrated life or to live as generous single people.

National Vocations Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. This celebration coincides with the feast of the country's first saint: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. This year, National Vocations Awareness Week is being celebrated from 4 – 11 August 2024.

During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live out your vocation more deeply. We pray that more generous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life for the Church in Australia.

From sydneyvocations.org

Health and Hygiene practices

Please keep in mind that the most vulnerable members of society – young children, the elderly and those who are immune-compromised - still need those of us who generally enjoy good health to continue using those good hygiene practices we learned about during COVID. Childhood pneumonia, gastro, flu and COVID are still prevalent, so we urge you to continue practicing cough etiquette, hand washing, even wearing a mask in crowded circumstances.

Join the Parish Sacramental Team

The Parish Sacramental Team is looking for new members! If you would like to assist with workshops, planning, celebrating, or even if you're just interested in learning about the sacraments, please email ocarmswenty@gmail.com.

This would be especially interesting for parents whose children are preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

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 one week 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.

Our parish is grateful to Moira and Shayna Peter for representing our parish at this special event.

For more information, visit parracatholic.org/synodality.

Attending Mass with mobility issues

If you are attending Mass and feel you may have mobility issues, please ask an Altar Server or minister to provide you with a chair that has armrests and to receive Communion from your seat.

There are two chairs with armrests in the Chapel of Reconciliation as well as the Parish Centre that could easily be moved to accommodate you better.

For those without mobility issues, please keep an eye out for those who may need a little assistance, and keep these armchairs for those who need them.

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, 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 Angelo Gerard, Joseph Tannous & Fr Mark Beard, Edgardo, Remigio & Fidel Perez, Frangeska & Catherine Felice, Abraham, Artenio & Rebecca Patacsil, Rita Parnis, Rhonda Parnis, Michael Perez, Leonardo Perez Close, Tranquilina Llanillo, Zachary Fernandes, Nga Tran, Skelly-Lewcowicz family, Clivin family, Norman De Luca, Joseph, Louis, Mary & Frank Teuma, Joyce, 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, 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: \$2902

Planned Giving (cash): \$ 865

Planned Giving (credit cards): \$ 100

Loose cash: \$ 867

Direct Deposits: \$ 400

Tap & Go: \$ 670

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, 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 or to request a receipt, please contact Gennie, our Finance Officer, on 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 is anonymous and is intended for those who self-identify as Catholics, are 18 years and over and who do not regularly attend weekly Mass on Sunday. Survey ends 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.

#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 to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests.

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Coming events

6 August: The Transfiguration of the Lord

7 August: St Albert of Trapani OCarm

8 August: St Mary of the Cross

8 August: Church cleaning after the 9am Mass

9 August: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross OCD

9 August: International Day of the Indigenous People

10 August: St Lawrence

10 August: Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church

Rosters for 10 and 11 August 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader 1	Janine Hanna
	Reader 2	Bob Hanna
	Communion	Antoinette Zammit
8am	Reader 1	Isabella Dias
	Reader 2	Coretta Dias
	Communion	Roslyn Khattar (Assembly) Cathy Rossiter
10am	Reader 1	Carmel Gauci
	Reader 2	Basli Sathi
	Communion	Marina Peter (Assembly) David Touma
6pm	Reader 1	Isa Urbano
	Reader 2	Eugene Urbano
	Communion	Fran Sharpe

Next week's readings

10 & 11 August - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading: 1 Kg 19:4-8

Second Reading: Eph 4:30 – 5:2

Gospel: Jn 6:41-51

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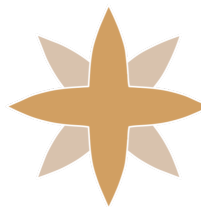


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in the care of the Carmelite Friars

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.

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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