

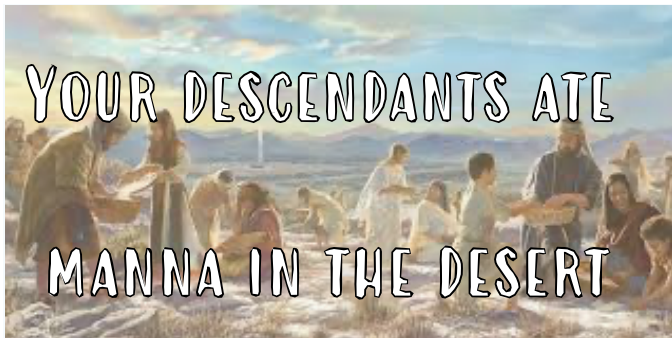


**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 11 August 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Reflections:

Jn 6:41-51

Becoming food

The prophet Elijah is weak from hunger, but the angel of the Lord feeds him with a hearth cake and a jug of water. Elijah is no longer hungry, but what is more important, “strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights.” There was work to do, a journey to be made, and the food made it possible.

When Jesus talks about the bread that he is giving, he compares it to manna, which performed a role similar to Elijah’s food: it enabled a journey to take place (out of the desert and into the promised land). So it is obvious that Jesus intends the bread of life not just to satisfy hunger but also to make possible the accomplishment of a task, the completion of a journey.

In one sense, this journey is on the road to salvation: “bring us to our promised inheritance,” we pray in the opening prayer. Jesus has to have something else in mind also, because he talks about not just feeding but also becoming food: “the bread I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world.”

We are to sacrifice ourselves, as Jesus on the cross and in the Eucharist, for the sake of the poor ones, the lowly and the afflicted. The Eucharist challenges us to become their food, so that they may complete the journey “to the mountain of God.”

- [Gerald Darring](#)

Get up and eat

Some people liked it when Jesus criticised the religious leaders of his day – though it didn’t go down well with the leaders, obviously. And some liked it when he upheld every jot and title of the law. Unless they were lawbreakers, who liked it when he broke the law. Jesus was popular when he held out hope for sinners, though not with the righteous. The problem with Jesus was, he couldn’t please ALL of the people ANY of the time.

But he could manage to offend everyone at once. When Jesus said he was manna from heaven, nobody was happy with that. It sounded like blasphemy, a claim that reached too high. How could anyone say they were from heaven? This bread from heaven thing was going too far.

Jesus offers himself as living bread to feed that part of us that will never die. When Jesus says, “get up and eat,” it’s a bad time to start doing theology. The right response is to tuck in your napkin. I know people who run around in circles trying to decide what they believe about the Eucharist, whether or not they’re worthy to receive, whether or not they can take the Host from a layperson or a gay person. If Jesus is the bread of life, and dinner is served, I don’t want to be the one who says no, thank you.

- From GPBS eNews

From Pope Francis

Finally, the Eucharistic bread is the real presence. This speaks to us of a God who is not distant, who is not jealous, but close and in solidarity with humanity; a God who does not abandon us but always seeks, waits for, and accompanies us, even to the point of placing himself, helpless, into our hands. And his real presence also invites us to be close to our brothers and sisters wherever love calls us.

Brothers and sisters, our world desperately needs this bread, with its fragrance and aroma, which knows about gratitude, freedom and closeness! Every day we see too many streets that were once filled with the smell of freshly baked bread, but are now reduced to rubble by war, selfishness and indifference! We urgently need to bring back to our world the good, fresh aroma of the bread of love, to continue tirelessly to hope and rebuild what hatred destroys.

- Pope Francis [Homily on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ](#), 02-06-2024

Ponder: How old were you when you first received Holy Communion. How did you feel? What were your expectation?

Why do you continue to receive Holy Communion? How do you feel receiving it?

If Eucharist comes from the Greek *euchárist(os)*, what are you grateful for, what do you give thanks for?

Parish News

Welcome to our community

This Sunday we will celebrate the sacrament of baptism of twins, Oliver and Harrison. Their parents, Natasha and Harnchai, as well as the extended family have had a long and joyful history with our parish. We welcome all family and friends to this celebration.

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 on this weekend, 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 Peter, Cat Paul and Fr Alby for representing our parish at this special event. For more information, visit parracatholic.org/synodality.

Father's Day cards and raffle

The East Timor Committee are having a Father's Day card fundraiser for the following two weekends. Cards will be sold after every Mass during the weekend. Cards will be \$5 and with each card you are entitled to enter our draw for a *Woolies Essential* gift card.

1st prize = \$100 gift card.

2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes = \$50 each gift card.

Raffle will be drawn 28 August and winners will be notified by phone.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Given the Gospel readings for these weeks, it is appropriate that we celebrate the first Holy Communion of Chris Young at the 8am Mass this Sunday. Chris was baptised in Plumpton as a baby and would now like to complete his sacraments of initiation. Chris attended RCIA and will be Confirmed later this year at Parramatta Cathedral.

We congratulate Chris for this weekend and we wish him all the best on his journey of faith.

Parish Sacramental Process

Thank you to all the parents who joined us at the Parent Information Evening last week. We hope you found it informative, but we also hope it helped you to reflect on your own experience with Eucharist.

By now you would have received information regarding available workshops (if not, check your Spam). If you would like to join one of these workshops, please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Priest on Annual Leave

Fr Janu will be on annual leave for the next five weeks. Fr Alby will be Acting Parish Priest during this time.

Assumption Day Mass



Position Vacant

The Catholic charity, Aid to the Church in Need, is seeking applications for a full time, Benefactor Support Coordinator. The role is based at the national office in Penrith. Experience in customer service and/or the processing of donations is ideal. For information visit, www.aidtochurch.org/jobs. Applications close 23 August.

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

Our special intentions, especially T John P, Mr & Mrs Asin, Sylvester & Ron, Christa Mayr, Monolo Patacsil, Mr & Mrs Lynn Patacsil & Descendants, Jeyaleela Perinpanayagam, Lawrence Dias, Stella Galea, Francisco Ilandillo Sr, Ankica Senjak & family, Donald & Yolanda Muir, Thu 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: \$4356

Planned Giving (cash): \$ 1336

Planned Giving (credit cards): \$ 425

Loose cash: \$ 745

Direct Deposits: \$ 1165

Tap & Go: \$ 685

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

Fees for special Services

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

Wedding: \$700

Funeral: \$700

Baptism: \$50

Memorial service: \$400

Around the Diocese and beyond

ACBC 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement Launch: All are warmly invited to attend the official launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, 'Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World' on Tuesday 20 August from 10am to 12pm in St Paul's Catholic College Sports Hall, Greystanes. Please RSVP via: <https://forms.office.com/r/1Wd96tbps0>

Vale Bishop Kevin Manning On Friday 2 August, the Diocese of Parramatta bid a fond farewell to Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning. Visit catholicoutlook.org for stories, images and video from Bishop Manning's funeral.

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

#Active4Vocations at the City2Surf: Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Visit tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests.



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 or 0460 037 795

Coming events

12 August: Bl Isidore Bakanja

14 August: St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

15 August: The Assumption of the BVM Mass at 7pm

15 August: SVdP meet at 10am in the Red Room

17 August: Bl Angelus Augustine Mazzinghi OCarm

Rosters for 17 and 18 August 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader 1	Anne-Marie Torrens
	Reader 2	Trish Maldigri
8am	Communion	Ann Zahra (Assembly)
		Elena Fernandes
10am	Reader 1	Cecilia Cotter
	Reader 2	Cat Paulo
6pm	Communion	Ron Aquilina (Assembly)
		Pauline Cassar
10am	Reader 1	Clyde Fernandes
	Reader 2	Fiona Bylsma
6pm	Communion	Skip Fernandes (Assembly)
		Mary Vijila
10am	Reader 1	Mart Attwood
	Reader 2	Michael Williamson
6pm	Communion	Jovan Titus

Next week's readings

17 & 18 August - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading:

Prov9:1-6

Second Reading:

Eph 5:15-20

Gospel:

Jn 6:51-58

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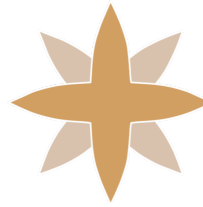


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in the care of the Carmelite Friars

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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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