

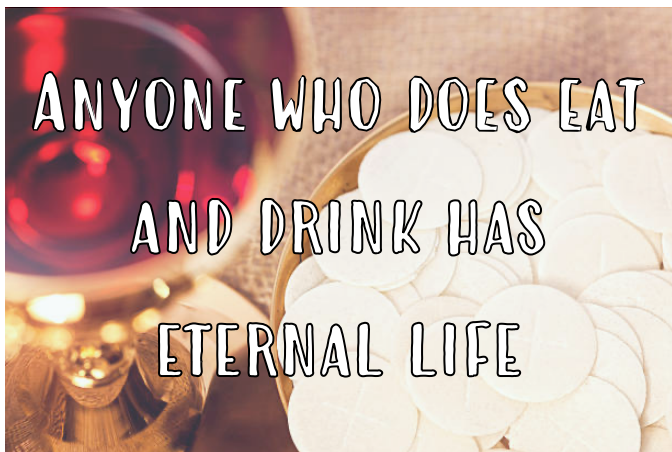


**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 18 August 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Reflections:

Jn 6:51-58

Dinner at Wisdom's table

Do a quick calculation of how many times you've received communion. If you're a cradle Catholic, and have been taking communion since the age of seven, that is, technically speaking, a LOT of communion. The numbers don't really matter, of course, but the habitual reception of communion does. What do we GET, exactly, when we get Eucharist?

The Church teaches that the bread and wine are Christ's Body and Blood. *Transubstantiation* is the million-dollar word for the event, but it's mostly helpful for theologians. Long before the invention of that word, table fellowship was shared among Christians. They understood that eating and drinking in memory of Jesus made them bearers of his life. They knew that sharing his supper also meant they shared his saving mission in the world. They believed that taking part in this meal was a commitment, a covenant in flesh and blood. This was serious business. To claim Jesus in this way meant that they might die for him.

Most of us in the receiving line at communion time will not be asked to die for Christ. But every one of us *IS* being asked to live for Christ. Are we in the right line, or aren't we?

- From GPBS eNews

From the Carmelites

When we think of You, Lord, we do not recall events that took place and were fulfilled long ago, but we come into contact with Your reality ever present and alive. We see Your constant passage among us. You intervene in our life to restore our likeness to You, so that we may not be disfigured by the stones of the law, but may find our fullest expression in Your face as Father, revealed in the face of a man, Jesus, the promise of fidelity and love even unto death. It is not necessary at all to go out of ordinary existence to meet You because the care You take of Your creatures unfolds over our human affairs like a scroll in the proximity of an experience. You, Creator of heaven and earth, indeed do hide in the folds of history and, even though at first obscurely and implicitly, You allow us to meet You in Your transcendence, which is never absent from ordinary events. When our reflection on life brings us to an acknowledgment of Your liberating presence, this meeting can only be celebrated, sung, expressed by sacred symbols, relived festively in great joy. Thus we do not come to You alone, but as a people of the covenant. The wonder of Your presence is always purely gratuitous: in the members of the Church, where two or three are gathered in the name of Jesus in the pages of Sacred Scripture, in evangelical preaching, in the poor and suffering in the sacramental actions of ordained ministers. But it is in the Eucharistic sacrifice that Your presence becomes real; in the Body and Blood there is the whole of the humanity and divinity of the risen Lord, present substantially.

- Carmelites.org.au

Parish News

Welcome to our community

This Sunday we will celebrate the sacrament of baptism of Chimunya. Welcome back to her parents, Benjamin and Lilian, and her big sister Chidubem who was also baptised at OLMC.

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.

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.

Parish Priest on Annual Leave

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

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 John Power, Charles Cassar, Stella Aaron, Frank Micallef, Paul Cascun & Stella Everton, Mrs Margaret, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Fr Augustus Patacsil MSC, Bienvenido Sumagui Jr, Rachael Sumagui, Baldas & Rhonda Parnis, Charlie Vella, Louis Touma, Teresa Bigeni, 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

New Tap & Go Devices

Tap & Go machines have been a very popular form of donation for hundreds of parishes around Australia, including here at OLMC, Wentworthville. They offer the convenience of donating without carrying cash, and your donation is safely processed immediately.

The Tap & Go devices currently rely on a 3G network and, while the planned 3G network outage has been extended for October, our Tap & Go devices will be made redundant in September this year. As we cannot upgrade the Tap & Go units to 4G, we decided to change the units to a model that most consumers would be familiar with.

With the new devices, parishioners and visitors will now be able to select the amount they would like to donate (\$5, \$10, \$20 or another amount) and then 'tap' their card or device to process the payment.

Gennie, our Parish Finance Manager, will be available after the 6pm (Vigil) Mass and the 8am Mass this Sunday to assist parishioners with transitioning from old to new Tap & Go machines.

With Gennie at these two Masses, it will be a great opportunity to learn how to use the new devices, and it's also a chance for us to iron-out any issues with the new devices before permanently transitioning to them.

Just like our old devices, the new devices will not provide a receipt.

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: \$3659

Planned Giving (cash):	\$ 1035
Planned Giving (credit cards):	\$
Loose cash:	\$ 989
Direct Deposits:	\$ 830
Tap & Go:	\$ 805

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 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>

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

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.



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

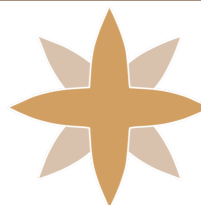
- 20 August:** St Bernard
22 August: The Queenship of the BVM
22 August: Church cleaning after the 9am Mass
23 August: St Rose of Lima TOSD
24 August: St Bartholomew, Apostle
25 August: Social Justice Sunday

Rosters for 24 and 25 August 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Angela Carlino Anne-Marie Torrens Bob Hanna
8am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Jeremy Angelo Joshua Angelo David Rodrigues (Assembly) Michelle Rodrigues
10am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Jay Dass Marina Peter Moiria Peter (Assembly) Rosemary Chung
6pm	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Nelissa Almeida Mark Attwood Isa Urbano

Next week's readings

- 24 & 25 August - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**
First Reading: Josh 24:1-2, 15-18
Second Reading: Eph 5:21-32
Gospel: Jn 6:60-69



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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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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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