

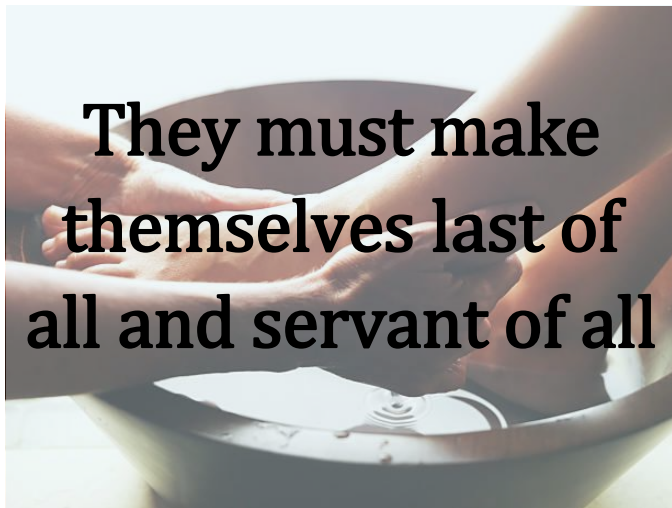


**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 22 September 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Reflections:

Mk 9:30-37

The useless Servant

Jesus was going across Galilee, but he did not want the people to know this, because he was concerned with the formation of his disciples. He talks to them about "The Son of Man" who must be handed over. Jesus draws his teaching from the prophecies. In the formation of his disciples, he uses the Bible. The disciples listen, but they do not understand. Yet they do not ask for explanations. Perhaps they are afraid to show their ignorance!

When they return home, Jesus asks: What were you arguing about on the road? They do not reply. It is the silence of those who feel guilty, because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. The "leaven" of competitiveness and prestige, which characterized the society of the Roman Empire, had infiltrated among the small community still in its beginnings! Here we see the contrast! While Jesus is thinking of being the Messiah-Servant, they were thinking about which of them was the greatest. Jesus tries to descend while they try to ascend!

Jesus' reply is a resume of the witness he had given from the very beginning: If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all! And the last gains nothing. He is a useless servant. The use of power is not to ascend or rule, but to descend and serve. This is the point that Jesus stresses most and on which he bases his witness. Jesus takes a little child. Someone who only thinks of

ascending and ruling has no time for the little ones, for children. But Jesus turns everything upside down! He says: Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me! He identifies himself with the children. Anyone who welcomes the little ones in the name of Jesus welcomes God himself

From carmelites.org.au

Parish News

HSC and End-of-Year Exams Prayer List

Do you know of a young person who will be sitting for their HSC this year? Or maybe someone who has End-of-Year Exams coming up? If you would like our parish to include these students in their prayers, please write their names *CLEARLY* in the sheets provided in the Parish Centre. Please make sure you have permission to add a young person's name to the list which will be published in the Carmel bulletin on 12/13 October. Schools or any other information will not be published.

Parish Sacramental Process update

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Enrolments close: 27 September

Taste & See workshop: 3:30pm and 6pm Thursday 10 October

Practice: 3:30pm and 6pm Thursday 17 October

Please keep all these families in your prayers, those that are preparing to celebrate their child's baptism or other sacraments. Supporting and praying for young families in the Christian faith is vital for nurturing their spiritual growth and well-being. May our parents continue to grow in faith, may they be blessed with strength and wisdom as they navigate life's challenges, and may they continue to feel our Father's abiding love and presence during good times and bad.

A sincere thank you to those parents and facilitators who opened up their time and space to host families, giving parents an opportunity to grow and share their faith with their children, and to listen to the stories of other families. The wonderful feedback we've received about the workshops and preparation is a credit to them and a reflection of their dedication to the sacraments.

Pyx for Communion to the Sick

Earlier this year, we received a very generous donation of several pyx for taking Communion to the Sick. If you are no longer using these pyx, would you please return them to the church asap. No questions will be asked.

A pyx is a small, round container used to transport the Body of Christ to those who cannot attend Mass for whatever reason. A blessed pyx is the only appropriate vessel to carry the Eucharist when ministering the Communion to the Sick. Although we have used several other types of containers in the past (a compact mirror, a pill box, etc), only blessed and dedicated pyx will now be used.

Follow Mass on your device



Joining us for Sunday Mass? Access our guide on your phone. From the responses and prayers, to where to find things, our guide has what you need. **Scan the QR code or visit olmcwenty.org.au/church**

We ask you to set your phone to 'do not disturb' or silent mode to help everyone focus on prayer

Toongabbie Legal Centre

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers will be selling raffle tickets this weekend, along with some merchandise. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 16 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney. Tickets are \$2 each or \$20 for a book of 10 tickets. Prizes include Tasmania with 5 x \$50 Restaurant Food voucher plus \$300 toward airfare*, 1 week accommodation in Cairns plus \$300 toward airfare*, Jabra GN – Evolve 2 75 speaker phone, Fitbit – Smartwatch, Samsung tablet.

Prayer for the Season of Creation

1 September to 4 October 2024



God of all life,
We thank you for the gift of creation,
For the water that keeps us alive,
For our food and shelter,
All of which come from the generosity of Earth.
We thank you for the very air we breathe
Which we share with every creature.
May we take good care of Earth
As our common home takes care of us.
May we work for justice for those
Most hurt by damage to our environment.
May we enjoy the beauty of nature
And pray that it be treated with deeper respect.
Jesus asked us to learn from the lilies of the field
And the birds of the air.
We ask this in his name. Amen

Written by Michael McGirr

Celebrating the Season of Creation

Camillian Disaster Service of Australia (CADIS), a humanitarian service of the Camillian Order in Parramatta

will lead free activities to celebrate the Season of Creation from 10am to 1pm on 28th September.

The celebration aims at advancing awareness and advocacy for the care of Earth, our Common Home, following this year's theme, *To Hope and Act with Creation*.

There will be multicultural talents offered from Japan, India, Tonga, Vietnam, Nigeria & Philippines, we will offer prayers, listen to earth care presentations, and renew our commitments to care for Earth. For more information, visit the [CADIS Facebook page](#).

Breaking News

Sydney to host the International Eucharistic Congress in 2028! For more information, please visit cathnews.com

Parish Team comings and goings

WELCOME BACK TO Fr JANU!!

Fr Alby will be on leave from 1 October to 10 November, and Paola will be on leave for a week. The Parish Office will be closed throughout next week and the Carmel bulletin will not be published. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Please pray for

Those who are sick, especially Antoinette De Silva, Lina Galpin, Lucy & Rosine, Rita Ientile, Vivian Sultana, Roseline Fernandez, Yolanda Gonzales, Edwin Macwan, Sharon Dolan.

Recently deceased, especially Ruth McDonald, José Frappier, 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 Sumagau, Matthew Spiteri, Tony Campton, Thea Flynn, Joanne Tabone, Charlie Bonnici, Duyen Tran.

Our special intentions for this week and the following week, especially Milton Cotter, John Akrap, Dr Julia Lee, Br Noel, Ben Giverson, Michael, Edgardo, Edmond, Fidel & Remigio Perez, Guadalupe, Santiago & Antonio Tito, Agnes, Bernabe, Joachim & Abraham Patacsil, Fr Augustus Patacsil MSC, Leonardo Perez Close, Joe Borg, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Franz Tito, Thu Tran, Tony Paul Touma, Sam Close & family, Tecla Tito & family, Laura Eid & family, Sana Bainy & family, Mary Delores Vella, 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: \$3281

Planned Giving (cash):	\$ 725
Planned Giving (credit cards):	\$ 100
Loose cash:	\$ 925
Direct Deposits:	\$ 605
Tap & Go:	\$ 926

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

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Account Name: Wentworthville Catholic Church

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New Tap to Donate Devices

Our new Tap to Donate machines have been installed in the Parish Centre and Parishioners can now choose the amount they would like to donate. 60% of your 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

Around the Diocese and beyond

Wedding Anniversary Mass: Bishop Vincent will celebrate the annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass at 11am on Sunday 27 October, followed by a light lunch. If you are interested in celebrating, please register your attendance at parracatholic.org/weddingmass and indicate the number of years you have been married along with the number attending. Family and friends welcome.

Positions Vacant with the Diocese of Parramatta:

Development Manager – Property Services

- Lead Facilitator of Diocesan Plan Implementation – Applications close 25 September
- Marriage Facilitator – Applications close 3 October
- Manager, Catholic Youth Parramatta – Applications close 12 October

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

Would you like your child to receive a Catholic education but your family cannot afford it? Please consider applying for The Bishop Kevin Manning Fund, a bursary fund that will cover the school fees, the cost of uniforms and equipment for primary or secondary school students for up to four years of enrolment. For more information, please visit: <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/affordable-education/bishop-manning-support-fund>

Hurry! Applications close 18 October 2024

Coming events

23 Sep: St Pius of Pietrelcina (aka Padre Pio) OFMCap

24 Sep: [Mercy Day](#) (anniversary of first *House of Mercy*)

26 Sep: SVdP meet in Parish Centre at 10am

27 Sep: St Vincent de Paul

28 Sep: St Lawrence Ruiz & companions TOSD

29 Sep: World Refugees & Migration Day

Rosters for 28 and 29 September 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Anne-Marie Torrens Trish Maldigri Ann Zahra
8am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Isabella Dias Coretta Dias Cecilia Cotter (Assembly) Eric Dias
10am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Fiona Bylsma Jay Dass Skip Fernandes (Assembly) Rosemary Chung
6pm	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Mark Attwood Michael Williamson Jovan Titus

Next week's readings

28 & 29 Sept - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading: Num 11:25-29

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Calendar for the following week

As there will be no Carmel bulletin next week, please find information for the following week:

30 Sep: St Jerome

1 October: St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

3 October: Church cleaning after the 9am Mass

4 October: St Francis of Assisi

4 October: Anointing at 9am Mass followed by shared Morning Tea

5 October: St Faustina Kowalska

Rosters for 5 & 6 October 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Janine Hanna Bob Hanna TBA
8am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	David Rodrigues Michelle Rodrigues TBA
10am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Youth Minister Youth Minister TBA
6pm	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Volunteer Needed Isa Urbano TBA

The following week's readings

5 & 6 October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading: Gen 2:18-24

Second Reading: Heb 2:9-11

Gospel: Mk 10:2-16



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.

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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

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