



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

## Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 2 October 2024

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



### Reflections:

**Mk 10:2-16**

#### 'Us' and 'Them'

There are all kinds of ways to divide up the people of the world. We can divide them in half by gender or into a handful of races and colours. Or we can divide them into countries, ethnic groups, or languages. We can divide them by class, sexual orientation, political party, or aesthetic sensibility if we prefer. We can slice up the world according to economics: rich and poor works well in most places. There are the happy and the unhappy; this generation or that; saints or sinners. Or we can just use the simple compartments "us" and "them," and add whoever we want to each box.

We can, and do, divide the world's people into lots of little categories, each of which contains an implicit judgment on who they are. Jesus represents the opposite impulse. He doesn't dismiss children as irrelevant. He doesn't champion a man's rights over a woman's in marriage. He doesn't put religious people in one corner, and sinners in another. Jesus presents love as the binding force which holds everyone together, rich and poor, men and women, slave and free. Can we change our way of thinking, from dividing to uniting?

**To Ponder:** In which ways do I divide people? And would Jesus do that?

Why does the colour of their skin bother me? Or the food they eat, or the clothes they wear? Why do I concern myself with their weight or their income or the way they pray or any other difference between us? Jesus, help me to see my brothers and sisters as an opportunity to see You.

From GPBS ENews

From little things, big things grow

The Gospel today says that "Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them." Read what Pope Francis says that, with God, frailty is not an obstacle but an opportunity:

*Here is what is new: the disciple must not only serve the little ones, but also acknowledge himself as a little one. And does each of us recognize ourselves as being little before God? ...*

*In life, recognizing oneself as little, is a starting point for growing. If we think about it, we grow, not so much on the basis of our successes and the things we have, but above all in difficult and fragile moments. There, in our need, we mature; there we open our hearts to God, to others, to the meaning of life.*

Pope Francis Angelus, 03-10-2021

### Parish News

#### Welcome to our community

This weekend, we welcome Siena-Rose into the community of the Faithful by way of the sacrament of Baptism. Welcome back to her parents, Gemma and Chris, as well as her big brothers, Adrian and Isaac.

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.

#### 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 next weekend. Schools or any other information will not be published.

#### 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](http://olmcwenty.org.au/church)**

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

## Parish Sacramental Process update

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**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.

### Toongabbie Legal Centre

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) would like to thank the Parish for their support of the raffle ticket sale. All proceeds directly support their free legal clinic which provides free legal advice every Thursday 6pm – 9pm and Saturday 9am – 1pm to the disadvantaged and vulnerable members of Western Sydney. Tickets will be drawn at 11am on 13 October 2024 at St Anthony's Church Hall, 27 Aurelia St, Toongabbie. For winners, see TLC website: [www.tlc.asn.au](http://www.tlc.asn.au)

### Banns of Marriage

This proclamation is to state that the marriage of Moira Peter from the Catholic parish of Wentworthville and Santhosh Kumar Sankar from Holy Redeemer's R.C. Church, Bhavanisagar are, to the best of our knowledge, free to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony on 14 December 2024.

### Prayer for the Middle East

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has designated that the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary, Monday 7 October, be the Day of Prayer for Peace in the Middle East. Bishop Vincent has requested that parishes recite either of the following prayers during the liturgy, or at the start of a group meeting. They can also be used during the weekend Masses during the month of October or indeed any other time deemed suitable.

#### OPTION ONE:

O God of Mercy and Tender Compassion,  
We cry out to you in this time of crisis.  
Hear the cries of the people of the Middle East.  
Bring healing to those suffering from violence  
and comfort to those mourning the dead.  
O God of Hope,  
sustain those who labour for peaceful and just solutions.  
Inspire leaders and decision makers to choose the way of  
peace over the way of violence.  
Deliver all your children from the threat of war  
and teach us to encounter one another with reverence  
and love.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ  
Who came to bring to peace on earth  
And who abides with you and the Holy Spirit, now and  
forever.

- Sr. Deborah Harmeling, O.S.B.

#### OPTION TWO:

O God, Trinity of love,  
from the profound communion of your divine life,  
pour out upon us a torrent of sisterly and brotherly love.  
Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus,  
in his family of Nazareth,  
and in the early Christian community.  
Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel,  
discovering Christ in each human being,  
recognising him crucified  
in the sufferings of the abandoned  
and forgotten of our world,  
and risen in each sister or brother  
who makes a new start.  
Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,  
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,  
so that we may discover anew  
that all are important and all are necessary,  
different faces of the one humanity  
that God so loves. AMEN.

- From *Fratelli Tutti*

### Thank you

Sophie, our resident florist, would like to thank those who have left some beautiful orchids at the shrine of Our Lady. They have been used to make floral displays for the shrine and the sanctuary.

### Parish Staff comings and goings

Frs Janu and Alby have gone to East Timor this weekend to celebrate their Family Mass. Fr Janu was Ordained in 2017 along with Fr Pedro Amaral. Fr Alby was Ordained in 2022 but, due to circumstances beyond their control (including a couple of COVID lockdowns), this Mass was repeatedly delayed. We pray for our pastors and wish them well for this very special occasion.

In the meantime, we are very grateful to Fr Denis who will be celebrating Masses this weekend.

Please remember that Monday 7 October is a Public Holiday and the Parish Office will be closed.

Fr Janu will return on Wednesday 9 October and Fr Alby will be on leave until 10 November.

### 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**, especially Jason & Lamya, Georgia Sultana, Sheila & Pakkianathan, Anh Phu, Mario & Jenofin, Peter Herlinger, Bonifacius Marcel, Sosai Nazaren Villava Rayen, Frank Sciberras, Chan Tran, Cody Bailey, Linda Weatherall, Rachel Rose Singson, Zele, Nevenka, Filip, Perina

Pensa, Chandran Arulahandam, Antonypillai, Maybel, Joseph, Sebastian & Sofia, Dominic & Lucia Pier, 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: \$2715**

**Planned Giving (cash):** \$ 819

**Planned Giving (credit cards):** \$ 130

**Loose cash:** \$ 620

**Direct Deposits:** \$ 400

**Tap & Go:** \$ 746

**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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**Reference:** [YourSurname]DONATION NAME

### 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](http://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:**

- Manager, Catholic Youth Parramatta – Applications close 12 October
- Finance Administrator – Applications close 18 October

More details at: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

**MET Worship Ministry to the Sick and Dying Formation:** Are you currently taking Communion to the Sick and Dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic. Saturday 19 October from 9.30am - 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. For more information and to register before 14 October, please contact Hannah on [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org) or 0488 000 211 or visit [parracatholic.org/connect/events](http://parracatholic.org/connect/events)

**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**

**Girls Day Out At The Shrine at Mt Schoenstatt:** Wed 9th Oct. (15-18 years) OR Thurs 10th Oct. (11-14 years). Both days will run from 9.30am to 5pm at the “Home of Light” at Mount Schoenstatt and costs \$22. There is the opportunity for leaders (15+ years) to stay overnight for \$55. Contact Sr. M. Rita for more information or to register: 0493 026 628, [srrita@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srrita@schoenstatt.org.au)

### Coming events

**7 October:** Our Lady of the Rosary

**9 October:** St Denis of Paris

**10 October:** SVdP meet in the Parish Centre at 10am

**10 October:** World Mental Health Day

**11 October:** St John XXIII

**11 October:** International Day of the Girl Child

### Rosters for 12 and 13 October 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	Marina Peter Skip Fernandes Moirra Peter (Assembly) David Touma
6pm	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Nelissa Almeida Mark Attwood Fran Sharpe

### Next week's readings

**12 & 13 October - 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**First Reading:** Wis 7:7-11

**Second Reading:** Heb 4:12-13

**Gospel:** Mk 10:17-27





## 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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