



**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 13 October 2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

**SELL EVERYTHING
YOU HAVE AND
GIVE YOUR MONEY
TO THE POOR**



Reflections:

Mk 10:17-27

Possessed

The lie about all of our stuff is this: We possess it. In fact, our possessions own us more powerfully than we can ever hope to claim them. Make a mental list of what you think you've got: home, car, lawn, furniture, bank accounts, education, title, position, relationships, and responsibilities. Whatever we have, it also has us. And what it costs us to maintain all of our stuff goes much deeper than our wallets. It takes time and life and effort and will to keep all the stuff of our lives in place.

Even the poorest person on the planet possesses something; the goal isn't to renounce all resources because we can't. We'd still be in possession of our lives. The spiritual goal is to surrender what we possess, so that it can't make us less free. If we surrender our resources to God's purposes, then no one can take anything from us. We become liberated when our worldly wealth is at the disposal of God's will. Those who walk off with heavy hearts are dragging their possessions with them.

Ponder: Tread lightly in your relationships. Make fewer demands, give without expecting a return. Free them, and yourself, from the burden of expectations. "No chance at all if you think you can pull it off by yourself. Every chance in the world if you let God do it."

From GPBS ENews

Parish News

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

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.

Parish Sacramental Process update

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

On 19 and 26 October, the children from our parish will be celebrating their first sacrament of Holy Communion. This is a very exciting time for the children who have been preparing to receive this sacrament for the first time. It's a very special time for the parents who have been guiding and teaching their children about their faith. And it's also a wonderful time for parishioners to remember the first time they received the sacrament, and what it means for them now.

Again, a sincere thank you to everyone who has supported and nurtured these young people throughout this process.

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

Prayers for HSC and End-of-Year Exams

*Loving Father,
We pray for all those sitting their HSC or End-of-Year exams.
We ask you to settle their anxiety and grant their hearts peace,
Silence their doubts and quieten their fears,
Assure them of their value as unique creations,
Bless them the certainty of your abiding love,
And grant them the creativity to anticipate a future with goodness, love and acceptance.*

Our prayers include:

Mary Anne Jalyn Acol	Jonas Lee
Roselyn Asirit	Adrian Lim
Christian Atra	Conrad Lopez
Rihana Atra	Lauren Lubrano
Layla Ayuban	Taylor MacRaye
Dalton Bailey	Jared Marasigan
Joseph Baini	Luke Masiello
Mark Arnold Bantog	Hamish McGlinn
Joshua Bigeni	Chanel Moussawer
Rihana Boulous	Rachelle Ann Munoz
Jean Paul Boutrous	Alexander George Nohra
Alyssa Calderon	Eoin O'Sullivan
Amelia Camilleri	Luca Odello
Amelia Chadzinow	Noah Pearse
Ann Maria Clivin	Declan Pereira
Ann Sapna Clivin	Daniel Pinto
Dwayne D'Souza	Joel Raju
Montana De Celis	Noah Roque Talato
Adian DeFavero	Ashton Roukos
Piper Dening	Sienna Rowe
Ann Imman Joe Dennison	Ghina Sader
Lauren Dharandas	Medha Saha
Alannah Dore	Mohim Saha
Nevathitha Durai	Jonathan Sarayar
Madisen Eldebs	Joachim Sathi
Annalise Elias	Annabel Scuibia
Ayden Elias	Sheana Mutthumani
Jemma Farah	Silvestre
Jonah Fenech	Ava Smith
Grace Galea	Hannah Stazynski
Gibin Geo Joseph	Jade Stazynski
Daniel Gordon	Hugo Stewart
Tyon Halpenny	Jacob Tamaro
Will Hanna	Samantha Torrens
Jaida Issa	Elizabeth Touma
Robyn Jones	Sienna Volante
Raymond Khadi	Jonathan Webb
Sanika Kulkarni	Christian Worsley
Jayden Lawrence	Elena Xibberas
Charli Leafe	Annabelle
	Rita

The Synod on Synodality

In their article, *The shape of the Church to come*, Austen Ivereigh explains how the Synod on Synodality is using a different approach to decision-making.

The *Instrumentum Laboris* (IL), or working document, for the second and final assembly of the Synod on Synodality allows us to envision a Church that is “closer to the lives of her people, less bureaucratic and more relational” (5). It is a Church that takes seriously the “we” of the People of God: not simply the sum of the baptised, but “the communitarian and historical subject of synodality and -mission” (3), through which the Spirit is acting. It is a Church in which the normal way of operating is interdependence and reciprocity and mutual listening; where ministries and charisms in all the baptised are valued and encouraged; where there is participatory -decision-making, formation in listening and discernment. It is a Church in which the bishop is not a remote monarch, ruling in isolation from the Church he serves, but who listens and accompanies synodal decision-making processes at every level in the diocese, fostering accountability and transparency.

The IL begins and ends with the image of God’s promised banquet in Isaiah, in which social ladders and political pyramids are upturned, and the Spirit is heard in the young and the poor and the spurned; and in which, amazingly, even ordinary people are agents of God’s purpose, by virtue of their baptism.

The clericalist mindset is so embedded that people object: surely this emasculates the bishop’s authority? They know little of the Church’s deepest traditions. “The aim of -synodal ecclesial discernment,” says the IL, “is not to make the bishops obey the voice of the people, subordinating the former to the latter, nor to offer the bishops an expedient to make decisions that have already been taken seem more acceptable, but rather to lead to a shared decision in obedience to the Holy Spirit.” It is the same ancient notion of authority and decision-making that runs from chapter 15 of the Acts of the Apostles through the Early Church synods and councils, chapter 3 of St Benedict’s Rule, and so on, well into the Middle Ages, where it was assumed that deliberation “takes place with the help of all, never without the pastoral authority that takes decisions by virtue of its office”, as IL 70 puts it.

To read the full article for free in *The Tablet*, please [click here](#) and subscribe.

Catholic Mission Appeal next week



This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia



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

Our special intentions, especially Claire Douglas, Greg Carrozza, Dominic & Lucia Pier, Seshayyan & Rejeeenamma, Austin D'Mello, Bernadette Wijayanayaka, Tessie Spiteri, Johanna Weatherall, Eily McMunn, Philomina & Incy Sebastian, Cam & Ngoc Tran, Lawrence & Sinfarosa Dias, Inacio, Sacramento & Ilda Boccardo, Anna & Simao Dias, Pushpa Kantha, 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: \$3852

Planned Giving (cash): \$ 755

Planned Giving (credit cards): \$ 485

Loose cash: \$ 951

Direct Deposits: \$1035

Tap & Go: \$ 626

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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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 this annual Mass at 11am on Sunday 27 October, followed by a light lunch. Please register 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:

- Finance Administrator – Applications close 18 October
- Administrative Support, Risk, Governance & Compliance – Applications close 30 October
- Administration Assistant, Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair – Applications close 31 October.

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

MET Worship Ministry to the Sick and Dying Formation:

Saturday 19 October from 9.30am - 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. Register now at hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org, phone 0488 000 211 or visit 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 next Friday 18 October 2024

Coming events

15 October: St Teresa of Avila OCD

16 October: St Hedwig & St Margaret Mary Alacoque VHM

17 October: St Ignatius of Antioch

17 October: Church cleaning after the 9am Mass

18 October: St Luke, Evangelist

20 October: World Mission Day

Rosters for 19 and 20 October 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Bob Hanna Janine Hanna Charlie Felice (Assembly) Anne-Marie Torrens
8am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Coretta Dias Isabella Dias Cathy Rossiter (Assembly) Roslyn Khattar
10am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Carmel Gauci Basli Sathi Skip Fernandes (Assembly) Mary Vijila
6pm	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Michael Williamson Nelissa Almeida Jovan Titus

Next week's readings

19 & 20 October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading: Is 53:10-11

Second Reading: Heb 4:11-16

Gospel: Mk 10:35-45



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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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

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