



Our Lady of
Mount Carmel
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 3 November 2024

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Reflection

Mk 12:28-34

Close to the Kingdom

Play the Scripture game. Name a person in the gospels you would most like to be. For me, the unnamed scribe in this passage is a great choice. Of all the things that Jesus says to anyone in the four gospels, this is the one thing I dearly want him to say to me: "You're almost there, right on the border of God's kingdom."

This anonymous scribe hits the jackpot. Like so many people of his generation, he heard about the great teacher and decided to check out the story. Being a student of Scripture, he wanted to see if Jesus was more learned than he was. Scholarship makes some people arrogant, but this man had come to be humbled by his education. If Jesus knew more about God than he did, he was ready to learn from him.

So he asks his question, which may well have been the guiding principle of his entire career. Which law is first among the commandments? What does God want most from us? If you have only one chance to ask a question, you want to be sure it's the most important one. And the man is so impressed by the answer Jesus gives, he responds with sincere praise. For his part, Jesus finds himself in the presence of a rare understanding disciple. So he in turn praises the man with those thrilling words: you're almost there. May each of us hear those words someday!

Ponder: Write a spiritual mission statement for your life. It can be one sentence, or a manifesto if you prefer. Reflect on this example from today's gospel: *"To love God with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice."*

Who is my neighbour?

At the conclusion of the [Synod of Bishops](#), Pop Francis said "This is the Church we are called to 'dream'". What is that Church like?

This, brothers and sisters, is the Church we are called to "dream": a Church that is the servant of all, the servant of the least of our brothers and sisters. A Church that never demands an attestation of "good behaviour," but welcomes, serves, loves and forgives. A Church with open doors that is a haven of mercy.

"The merciful man", said John Chrysostom, "is as a harbour to those who are in need; and the harbour receives all who are escaping shipwreck, and frees them from danger, whether they be evil or good; whatsoever kind of men they be that are in peril, it receives them into its shelter. You also, when you see a man suffering shipwreck on land through poverty, do not sit in judgment on him, nor require explanations, but relieve his distress."

[Anne Osdeick](#)

Parish News

Mass Intentions throughout November

During the month of November, we remember all our deceased loved ones. A memorial book is placed at the front of the church with a list of the names we are asked to pray for.

If you would like the name of your deceased family or friends to be added to this memorial book, please use the November Mass envelopes which are available in the parish centre.

To avoid disappointment, ***please print the names CLEARLY.***

Since we pray at Mass for all those who have passed away and whose names are submitted for remembrance in November, we do not accept Mass Intentions specifically for deceased people during this month. However, Mass Intentions for the living, or those who have died recently, are still accepted.

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

Celebrating at Home

Celebrating at Home is a Liturgy of the Word centred around the Gospel reading for each Sunday. It includes a reflection on the Gospel and prayers.

It can be used personally, with your family or in a small group. It may be particularly helpful to the many people who, for various reasons including sickness and infirmity, cannot physically attend the Eucharist. Even when we are on our own, we remain part of the Body of Christ.

Parts for all to pray are given in bold print and all the other parts can be shared among those present.

We hope that *Celebrating at Home* will be a source of nourishment and strength for all who use it.

To download the prayers and reflections for this coming Sunday, please [click on this link](#) or visit The Carmelite of Australia and East Timor website: carmelites.org.au.

Feel free to share these resources widely.

Final Document of the Global Synod

The Global Synod on Synodality concluded with a Mass last Sunday. The members of the Second Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops approved the Final Document and Pope Francis approved its publication.

The Final Document for a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission is available for now only in the original Italian but other language versions will be available in the coming days. For more information, please visit the Vatican website synod.va

Incident Reporting

As part of our commitment to keep parishioners, visitors, contractors and staff safe and compliant, we have created an Incident Report form that will be kept in the newsstand in the Parish Centre.

If you witness an incident where someone is hurt or could potentially be hurt, please fill out this form and return to the Parish Office. You can be as brief as you like.

The rationale for this form is so that we have a good understanding of which areas of concern we need to keep an eye on. So, for example, if there are several incidents of people slipping on the tiles on the parish centre steps, then it's an issue we need to address quickly. It may seem insignificant at the time, and maybe no one was hurt (which is great!), but if these little incidents are not reported, then we can't mend it. Ideally, the reporting would include your name and contact number but, if you would prefer to remain anonymous, that's ok. This is not an opportunity to raise general grievances, but a serious attempt at addressing any patterns of risk in our parish.

Carmelite legacy donations

Leaving a Gift in your Will is a personal choice of great importance. It's a generous gesture that will reflect your faith, beliefs and values well into the future.

By leaving a gift to The Carmelites in your Will, your legacy can create a future of possibilities. Whether it is training young men to become priests and equipping them to become leaders of their communities, or providing young Timorese people with hope for a better future through education, your gift will sustain our work and transform lives.

To find out more about leaving a gift in your Will to The Carmelites download our [Gifts in Wills](#) booklet, phone 03 9690 8822 or email us at philanthropy@carmelites.org.au.

Please pray for

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

Our special intentions, especially Nga Tran, Skelly-Lewcowicz Family, Clivin family, Norman De Luca, Thanksgiving to Our Lady, to the Immaculate and Sacred Heart of Jesus, to the Holy Infant of Prague, to St Jude, 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: TBC

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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What is Planned Giving?

Planned Giving is a pledge you make to assist the parish with their finances. Your contributions would go toward staff 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.

If you would like to receive a receipt for your Planned Giving please contact Gennie, our Finance Officer, on ocarmswentyaccts@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Around the Diocese and beyond



Catholic Schools
Parramatta Diocese

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARRAMATTA DIOCESE PRIMARY SPORT 2025 TENNIS TRIALS

TENNIS
Trial Information:
approved students ONLY

Date: Tuesday 19th November 2024
Venue: Nepean District Tennis Association, Penrith
BOYS: 9:30pm - 2:30pm
GIRLS: 10:50pm - 2:00pm

Nomination QR Code



Eligibility & Criteria:

- Students in Year 4, 5 or 6 in 2025
- Enrolled at a CSPD school in 2025
- Have experience playing on a full size court and or/in regular competition
- Be able to score & self umpire competently
- Use regulation (yellow) tennis balls
- Boys & Girls team is selected

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST** be approved by the child's school.
For the child to attend the nominated trial, the school approves students based on playing history and selection criteria after the closing date.

CLOSING DATE

Friday 8th November 2024
No late nominations will be accepted.



For further info:

Contact your school Sports Coordinator or visit the website:
primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

Carmelite Conversations, Sharing the experience of the International Carmelite Family in Rome: In September 2024 almost 200 Carmelites gathered for a week in Sassone, Rome. The theme of the International Congress for Carmelite Laity was *Lay Carmelites: Called to Set the World on Fire*. In this month's Carmelite Conversation some of our Australian Lay Carmelites, Gabrielle Fogarty and Bernadette Micallef, will share their experiences of gathering with the International Carmelite Family via Zoom from 10.30am to 12pm on Wednesday 6 November

All are welcome to join. Please book using by visiting [The Carmelite Centre website](#) and make your contribution to the cost of providing these events through the link to the donation page. Please donate to help us continue our work.

Positions Vacant with the Diocese of Parramatta:

- Accountant – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

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

From the Pastoral Plan 2024-2028: Behold, I Am With You Always : "We cannot be indifferent to suffering; we cannot allow anyone to go through life as an outcast. Instead, we should feel indignant, challenged to emerge from our comfortable isolation and to be changed by our contact with human suffering. That is the meaning of dignity." – Pope Francis. What needs are invisible to us in our community? How do we respond to the realities and needs of those around us? (Pg. 47-48, Pastoral Plan).

Learn how the Synodal Church invites us to strengthen our liturgy: www.parracatholic.org/synodality.

Parramatta Street Feast: On behalf of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, you are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast 2024. Come and share a free meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity: 13 November 2024, 10:30am – 1:00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. BE A VOLUNTEER: If you would also like to volunteer on the day (e.g., set-up, ushering, serving food), please register at parracatholic.org/streetfeast

Free English and Citizenship Classes: Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills, on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 2pm during school terms. Free childcare is available. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Crèche on (02) 8843 2506 or Nepean Community College (02) 4724 9000.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 9 November at St Margaret Mary's Parish, Merrylands for Modules 4-5. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Coming events

4 November: St Charles Borromeo

5 November: Bl Frances d'Amboise OCarm

6 November: St Nuno Alvares Pereira OCarm

7 November: SVdP meet in the Parish Centre at 10am

8 November: St Elizabeth of the Trinity OCD

9 November: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

10 – 16 November: National Recycling Week

Rosters for 9 and 10 November 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Janine Hanna Bob Hanna Antoinette Zammit
8am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Joshua Angelo Jeremy Angelo Michelle Rodrigues (Assembly) David Rodrigues
10am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Jay Dass Marina Peter Mary Vijila (Assembly) Moiria Peter
6pm	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Volunteer needed Isa Urbano Jovan Titus

Next week's readings

9 and 10 November - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading: 1 Kg 17:10-16

Second Reading: Geb 9:24-28

Gospel: Mk 12:38-44



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

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

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