



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 10 November 2024

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

**She has put in
everything she
possessed**



Reflection

Mk 12:38-44

Widows wanted

The older we get, the more widows we know. The way the math works out, women still outlive men in this country, and men often marry women who are younger to begin with. That makes for a good many widows. Since the early Church, the Christian mission has been powered by the extraordinary energy of this group. In the first three centuries, the Church formally recognised a quasi-religious status of widowhood as a position ranking below priests, deacons, and exorcists. Women frequently tithed their later years to the Church in works of prayer, charity, and service. Although we no longer speak of a consecrated order of widows, most of us still see a lot of them in church circles. They may be stripped of the dignity of rank but not of any of the responsibility they've always shouldered. Give me a committee of widows, and we'll get the job done!

Widowers, though less numerous, are certainly welcomed in the ministry of the Church, and single people of any age, whatever the circumstances, keep most parishes afloat. This face is not often publicly acknowledged; let's amend that unjust silence here.

From GPBS eNews

Jesus shows us where to find God's will

What is of greater value: the few cents of the widow or the thousand coins of the rich? For the disciples, the thousand coins of the rich were far more useful to perform acts of charity than the widow's few cents. They thought that peoples' problems could be solved by means of a lot of money. On the occasion of the multiplication of the loaves, they said to Jesus: "Are we to go and spend two hundred denarii on bread for them to eat?" (Mk 6: 37) Indeed, for those who think this way, the two cents of the widow are of no use. But Jesus says: "This poor widow has put more in than all who have

contributed to the treasury." Jesus has different criteria. In calling the attention of the disciples to the action of the widow, he teaches them and us where we must look for the manifestation of God's will, that is, in sharing. If today we shared the goods that God has placed in the universe for the whole of humanity, there would be neither poverty nor hunger. There would be enough for all and there would be some left over for others.

From Carmelites.org.au

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.

Parish Christmas Raffle



Aid to the Church in Need

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

This weekend we welcome to our parish Kylie Cullen, an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.



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All Saints Day & All Souls Day celebrations

Thank you to everyone who celebrated All Saints Day last Friday, followed by All Souls Day on Saturday. On both occasions, people participated in a spirit of sharing and friendship.

The Mass for All Saints Day coincided with the regular Anointing at Mass, which is always well attended, and the shared Morning Tea never fails to bring people together.

The Blessing of the Memorial Plaques after the All Souls Day Mass was a special time for those who remember their loved ones, and the shared Morning Tea afterwards was well attended by those who wanted to gather with family and friends to remember and celebrate those who have died.

Thank you to everyone who participated and provided hospitality for these occasions. We are blessed to belong to a generous and welcoming parish.

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.

Ordinations in East Timor



Congratulations to Br Silvestre Alves (on the left) who will be ordained priest and Br Agostinho Dos Santos (on the right) who will be ordained deacon in St James Church, Hera in Timor-Leste on 9 November.

To read more about their ordination progress, please visit [The Carmelites of Australia and Timor-Leste website](#).

We warmly congratulate both these brothers on celebrating these steps on their Carmelite journey

Ministers in the parish

Everyone likes to see their house clean. And I am sure that we too, would like to see a clean house of God. Our church is kept neat and tidy through the efforts of a few ladies and three blokes who devote about 30 minutes of their time, every second Thursday to maintain a pleasant appearance of the church. One of the ladies who devotes her time on this activity is Pauline Cassar.

Pauline joined our church community in 1968 when she married and moved to Wentworthville. Her children attended primary school at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Pauline used to drop her children at school and then tried to keep active until it was time to pick them up again. To fill in the time, Pauline got involved, in the early days, with the school tuck shop, but that was not enough as later she joined the church cleaning team around 1975. And that's how long Pauline has been involved with the cleaning of our church. Even though she is now in her late 70's, Pauline is still very active in this and other church activities.

Earlier this year, Pauline came up with the idea of a fundraiser dinner. This idea resulted in the creation of the very successful Getting to Know You Dinner which was held in February this year. The dinner raised \$7,000 much needed funds for the Parish. Plans are underway to replicate the function earlier next year.

Pauline is a Communion Minister and used to deliver the sacrament of communion to the sick at their place of residence. Pauline also helps with the preparation of food and drinks on the first Fridays of the month and when necessary for the get-togethers after morning Mass.

We thank Pauline for the many years of active service to our church community.

Coughing etiquette

Please keep in mind that COVID and flu are still very prevalent in our society. We ask that all parishioners be mindful of those around you – especially those who may be vulnerable – and, if you are prone to coughing or are feeling unwell, to please wear a mask while at Mass.

Communion to the Sick

From the [Breviary](#), we learn that:

The faithful who are ill are deprived of their rightful and accustomed place in the Eucharistic community. In bringing communion to them the minister of Communion represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at the Eucharist. For the sick the reception of communion is not only a privilege but also a sign of support and concern shown by the Christian community for its members who are ill.

If you are unable to receive Communion at Mass due to illness, you are invited to request that an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion visit with Communion. And, if you would like to take Communion to a friend or family member, please let us know and we can arrange for you to collect a blessed pyx after Mass.

Free baby furniture

Lina has free baby furniture to donate, all washed and in good condition: A white BOORI cot with clean mattress, a white IKEA change table with large drawers, and a 0-8yo car seat. For more information, please phone Lina in Pendle Hill on 0450 003 931.

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 Tarcisius Pier, Thu Tran, Anika, Stephen, Nikola & Mara Senjak, 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:	\$4016
Planned Giving (cash):	\$ 774
Planned Giving (credit cards):	\$ 20
Loose cash:	\$ 1185
Direct Deposits:	\$ 917
Tap & Go:	\$ 1120

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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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

Positions Vacant with the Diocese of Parramatta:

- Facilitator, Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP)
 - Applications close 11 November**
- Management and Systems Accountant
 - Applications close 17 November**
- Accountant – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

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

Diocesan Pastoral Council Nominations: If you would like to assist Bishop Vincent in his pastoral ministry by providing advice, promoting communication among different groups in the Diocese, and collaborating with other bodies on matters that concern the pastoral life of the Diocese, please register your interest [in the form at the bottom of this page](#). For further information, please refer to the letter from Bishop Vincent that can be found in the newsstand in the Parish Centre.

From the Pastoral Plan 2024-2028: *Behold, I Am With You Always* : "Synodality is built on mutual listening, compassion without judgement, and a desire to understand and even celebrate differences. A synodal faith community knows itself to be imperfect and so fosters respectful listening, especially to the voices that have been marginalised or excluded. A Synodal Church cannot exist when unilateral decisions are made without adequate communal consultation and discernment, regardless of who is making the decision. What structures in the local community and training will be necessary to enhance communal decision-making for a Synodal Church?" (Pg. 51-52, Pastoral Plan). Learn how the Synodal Church invites us to strengthen our liturgy: www.parracatholic.org/synodality.

Diocesan Advent Week Scripture Reflection Evening: Register for the Diocesan Advent Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr Michele Connolly RSJ on Tuesday 26 November 2024 – 6:30PM to 8:30pm [via this link](#) or RSVP via met@parracatholic.org

Coming events

11 November: St Martin of Tours

13 November: Bl Maria Teresa Scilli OCarm

14 November: Solemnity of All Carmelite Saints

14 November: Church cleaning after 9am Mass

15 November: Commemoration of All Carmelite Souls

16 November: St Gertrude OSB

Rosters for 16 and 17 November 2024

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Angela Carlino Anne-Marie Torrens Bob Hanna (Assembly) Ann Zahra
8am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Isabella Dias Coretta Dias Cat Paulo (Assembly) Colleen Weatherall
10am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed Skip Fernandes (Assembly) Marina Peter
6pm	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Nelissa Almeida Mark Attwood Isa Urbano

Next week's readings

16 & 17 November - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading: Dan 12:1-3

Second Reading: Heb 10:11-14

Gospel: Mk 13:24-32



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

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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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