



**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 9 February 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr C (1)

They left everything and followed him
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137(138): 1-5, 7-8
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

What do Isaiah, Paul, and Peter have in common?

In all our readings this morning, Holy Mother Church is forever, calling us to ponder how God calls us to serve Him and how we each respond to that call.

In all three stories, we read how Isaiah saw the Lord seated on a throne, surrounded by seraphim, giving praise to the Lord. We know how Paul encountered the Risen Lord on his way to Damascus. Peter witnessed one of Jesus' miracles when he was asked to throw out his nets again and remained stunned when he saw the results and the great number of fish he caught.

Our God always takes the initiative to enter a personal relationship with His images; us. He could have stayed far away and just watched us play, but Scripture proclaims to us: God is love.

If God is love, He cannot be a one-person god. Realistically, love requires three (3) things: someone to love, someone to do the loving, and a relationship going on between the lover and the beloved.

None of our three friends expected to receive God's call. Because of the lives they have lived. They tried to find excuses, claiming their sinfulness, weakness, and unworthiness.

God's call can hit us anywhere and at any time. (Sometimes we wait for the big moment when we will finally understand God's call with certainty and clarity). Our God's voice is not in the thunder, not in the storm, not in the fire, but in the gentle whisper. It is up to us to create space and be open to listen to God's voice in our everyday lives.

Isaiah, Paul, and Peter have allowed God to transform them. Even though they experienced themselves as weak and fearful human beings, they allowed God's grace to enter their lives and transform them into instruments of His loving presence.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'
'I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

By Catiano (Cat) Paulo (Parishioner)

Parish News

Parish Getting to Know You Dinner (update)

Time is fast approaching for the Parish Dinner as there are only 13 sleeps before the event. Arrangements are well in hand to entertain the 180 plus guests who are attending. The tickets are on sale at the end of each Sunday mass.

Charlie Camilleri will be providing the entertainment on the night and there are some surprises planned. Father Janu is still hard at work preparing his craft which will be on sale at the venue.

Those who are not attending are also given the opportunity to purchase tickets in the BIG RAFFLE which will be drawn during the Dinner Dance. Prizes include a Pizza Oven, a Kitchen Mixer on Stand, a Coffee Maker and four \$100 Efpos cards, kindly donated by Wentworthville Leagues Club. All proceeds are going

towards the upgrade of the sound system in the church which is estimated to cost around \$30,000 for stage 1.

Parish Sacramental Process

Is your child ready to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation or Communion for the first time, or the Sacrament of Confirmation? Enrolment to prepare for and celebrate each of these sacraments in 2025 is now opened on our website.

We will publish more details on the dates, times and details on the first week of the school term 2025.

Parish Office hours

Please note that the Parish Office hours remain from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday to Thursday.

If you would like to stay up to date with all the news from the parish, please [consider subscribing to the Carmel bulletin](#).

Parish Secretary

I am pleased to advise that we have filled the role of the Parish Secretary pending the completion of the formal documentation. If completed, Zenna Azar will join us on Monday 10 February 2025.

Please join me in welcoming Zenna Azar, to our community and parish. Let us extend our full support and encouragement to Zenna as she begins her new role

Fr. Januario Pinto, Parish Priest

Please pray for

Those who are sick (Healing and Peace), especially:
Ngoc Tran,

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memories):
Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary and Frank Teuma, Cam Tran, Charlie Zammit, Sinfarosa Dias, Mo Chinh

Special Intentions for:
Norman De Luca,

Thanksgiving:
Lawrence Blakeman

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: **\$3,455**

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	\$1,170
Loose cash:	\$ 965
Direct Deposits:	\$ 495
Tap & Go:	\$ 825

Parish Online Banking: If you would like to pay fees or to donate, our online banking details are:

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Around the Diocese and Beyond

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Word of God Sunday: 9 February

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on February 9 in 2025. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

Diocesan World Day of Prayer for the Sick: 11 February

A World Day of Prayer for the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Tuesday 11 February 2025 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2025 via parracatholic.org/world-day-prayer-feb11

FaithLIFE Scripture Short Courses for adults: 12-26 February

Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the Free FaithLIFE Scripture Short course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. Wednesdays, 12,19 and 26

February. 6.30 pm – 8.30 PM, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown- Bishop Bede Heather Centre. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife> or email met@parracatholic.org

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: 15 February

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 15 February at St Monica's Richmond for Cycle 1 (Modules 1-3). More training opportunities will be available throughout February and May. 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

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal Office

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, to offer advice and assistance regarding marriage annulments and dissolution of marriages. Interviews are preferably conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews in special circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal Office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

Across our Parishes

Mount Schoenstatt Women's Retreat 'Grace & Silence 2025' Commencing 8 March

This four-part single-day retreat series is for single young women aged 20-35 discerning their vocation. Attendance on all four days is highly recommended. Spaces are limited, and registration is essential. The retreats take place on Saturdays: 8 February, 8 March, 12 April, and 10 May, from 9:30am to 4:30pm, at "Bethany," 301 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. The cost is \$25 per day, including lunch. For more information or to register, contact Hannah on 0433 443 384.

Women's Lenten Retreat at Mount Schoenstatt: 21-23 February

Join us at Mount Schoenstatt for a reflective retreat inspired by 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. The retreat runs from 7pm on 21 February to 4pm on 23 February. Costs are \$240 per person for a shared room, \$290 per person for a single room (limited availability), or \$60 per person per day for day attendance. Accommodation and meals

are included, or lunch for day attendees. Register by 12 February by contacting Sr M Elizabeth Foley at bookings@schoenstatt.org.au or 02 4773 8338.

Coming events

10 Feb 25: St Scholastica, Virgin
20 Feb 25: Cleaning after 9am Mass
20 Feb 25: Vinnies meeting at 10am
21 Feb 25: OLMC Get to know you Dinner at 7 pm

Rosters for 15 and 16 February 2025

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6 pm (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Angela Carlino Trish Maldigri <i>Ann Zahra</i> Bob Hanna
8am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Cat Paulo Cecilia Cotter <i>Michelle Rodrigues (assembly)</i> <i>David Rodrigues</i>
10am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Jay Dass Shayna Peter <i>Mary Vijila</i> <i>Marina Peter</i>
6pm	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Michael Williamson Isa Urbano <i>Isa Urbano</i>

Next week's readings

15 and 16 February – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 1: 1-4, 6
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20
Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26



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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Parish Office

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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: Zenna Azar

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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