



Our Lady of
Mount Carmel
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 26 January 2025

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr C (1),
Australia Day



**This text is being fulfilled today
even as you listen**
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading: Nehemiah 8: 2-6,8-10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18 (19): 8-10,15
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-14,27
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4: 14-21

As usual, the reading from Corinthians and Luke's Gospel complement each other perfectly. Paul's letter asserts that we are one body, each member supports the other. For instance, when writing a letter your arm reaches out to the paper, your hand holds and directs the pen, your eyes see what you are doing, and your brain thinks about what to write and coordinates the whole function by one team of various members: job done! - If any member fails to do his/her part, the intention to write the letter will have to be abandoned!

If one part of the body is hurting the entire body suffers, if not physically, at least psychologically. So is the position of each one of us as a part of one body of both our Church and humanity in general.

God blessed each one of us with certain talents and abilities not only for our own benefit but also to share with others. We all have a function or mission in this body to perform, not just for ourselves and our family, but also for the communities both close by and far away. After all we are all sons and daughters of One Father as we are members of one body. We cannot sit on the fence and opt out with any excuse when we see other people suffering, believing we are not our brother's keepers. We cannot leave all the work in our parish to be done by the usual few, but we must pull our weight, thus also the parish body will be whole and healthy.

Christ Himself, through our Baptism, handed to us His own Mission: to bring the good news to the poor in both material and spiritual needs: to release the captives from the bondage of stress, greed and any vice; to return sight to the blind who lost their way and are wasting their life solely on chasing material progress and high aspirations; and to assist in any way we can in restoring liberty to so many people, even whole nations oppressed by war, dictators and even institutionalised injustice.

So much is to be done! Where do I personally fit? Please Jesus, show me where and how I can lend a hand!

Frank Zammit, parishioner.

Parish News

Australia Day Celebration:

On behalf of the Carmelite Community and the Parish, I wish everyone of you a **Happy Australia Day**.

May all of you take pride in your communities and continue to pray for peace and having hope during the Jubilee Year of Hope.

:Fr. Januario Pinto, Parish Priest

Parish Getting to Know You Dinner (update)

The Parish Dinner is fast approaching. 25 tables of 6 (150 guests) have so far been booked. If you are thinking of attending the dinner dance but haven't yet booked, you are encouraged to obtain your tickets early as there is a limit on the numbers that can be accommodated. If you have not yet paid for your tickets, please do so before the end of this month.

Tickets are on sale at the end of each Sunday mass. in the Parish Centre. Adult tickets cost \$70 per person, and

\$30 per child. 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

There will be a table displaying the woodwork craft of Father Janu at the venue. All the items on display will be for sale. Please have a look at the handiwork, as we are sure that you will be impressed and would want to own a piece. We are working on the program/entertainment for the night and Charlie Camilleri will be back to entertain you with his lively music. Watch the space for updates.

Parish Sacramental Process

Thank you to all who have enquired about the Parish Sacramental Process for 2025. We will publish the dates, times and details on the first week of the school term 2025. If you would like to stay up to date with all the news from the parish, please [consider subscribing to the Carmel bulletin](#).

Parish Office hours and secretary update

Please note that in the absence of the Parish secretary, the Parish Office hours will remain from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday to Thursday. However, there may be limited services available until further notice. The recruitment process for the Parish secretary is progressing and we hope to fill the position soon.

Please pray for

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

Deceased including RIP, anniversaries and memories):
Patricia Micallef, Sabhia Frangi, Laurence Dias, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary and Frank Teuma, Joseph Vu Van Nghi, Maria Hoang Thi Lai, Cam Tran, Gwen Weatherall.

Our special intentions for: Norman Deluca, Hannah Fernandes,

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: \$2.881

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	\$ 691
Loose cash:	\$ 755
Direct Deposits:	\$ 610
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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Coming events

26 Jan 25: Australia Day
28 Jan 25: St Thomas Aquinas, Memorial
31 Jan 25: St John Bosco, Memorial
6 Feb 25: Cleaning after 9am Mass
6 Feb 25: Vinnies meeting at 10am

Rosters for 1 and 2 February 2025

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Trish Maldigri Anne-Marie Torrens May Pepin
8am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Jeremy Angelo Joshua Angelo Roslyn Khattar (assembly) Cathy Rossiter
10am	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Youth Minister Youth Minister Mary Vijila Marina Peter
6pm	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Ramona Grimm Bimy Baby Fran Sharpe

Next week's readings

1 and 2 February – The presentation of the Lord (Sunday of the Word of God), -Feast

First Reading:	Malachi 3: 1-4
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 23(24): 7-10
Second Reading:	Hebrews 2: 14-18
Gospel:	Luke 2: 22-32(short) 22-40(long)



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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 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 Jambaroo),
Fr. John Powell, O.Carm (in Aged Care)

Parish Secretary: TBA

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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