



**Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel**  
Wentworthville

## Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 16 March 2025

### 2nd Sunday of Lent, Yr C (1)



**This is my Son, the  
Chosen One. Listen to him**  
Second Sunday of Lent

### Reflections for this week's readings

**First Reading:** Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 26: 1, 7-9, 13-14  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1  
**Gospel:** Luke 9: 28-36

#### Faith as Key

IN MY LIFE, Faith is everything. That does not mean I have not strayed a few times in 81 years. My mother was my supreme example. She had no education and no professional skills except her unstinting faith. She cooked, cleaned, babysat, dressed corpses, wailed at funerals, and treated sprained legs and the like with traditional herbal medicines. With a little help from St Vincent de Paul, we all survived. Like most Goan families, the daily rosary and novena were paramount. She is no longer with us, but I am sure she is praying for us from up there with my two brothers and a sister.

My faith helped me get a job at the age of 12 (I was thin and tall and passed for someone much older) in a bank. Later I worked in the Civil Service and at 15 I became an instant sports journalist at first, and later climbed the highest rungs of the journalist ladder in Kenya, the UK and Australia.

Abraham was a man of supreme faith and God blessed him and made him the leader of His earthly flock. Abraham put his faith in the Lord, who credited him as an act of righteousness.

In my life, I have been blessed to meet and know many people of faith. Besides my mother, the greatest of these was the late Cardinal Maurice Otunga of Kenya. No airs, no

graces, no pomp or ceremony, just pure human humility. In his presence, I felt something very holy, very special.

Look into your hearts, you will find faith there. If not pray to the Lord, especially at this time of Lent, when the impending death of Jesus Christ challenges us all.

*Cyprian Fernandes (Parishioner)*

### Parish News

#### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare our church for Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent. Your assistance in supporting the liturgical life of our parish community is greatly appreciated.

#### An Evening with the Lord

As part of our celebration of the Jubilee Year, and the Vatican celebration of 24 Hours of with the Lord, we join with the Church throughout the world in an evening of prayer and penance, with Stations of the Cross, a Penitential Celebration with individual Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration. Please join us on Friday 28 March at 7:00 pm.

#### Can you help during Holy Week and the Easter Triduum?

We need the help of volunteers for a range of ministerial, preparation, pack up and support roles at different times over the week - there is sure to be a role that will suit you and help our community. If you can help, visit [olmcwentyliturgy.org/triduum-volunteers](http://olmcwentyliturgy.org/triduum-volunteers) and sign up now. If you do not have an email address but still want to help, please call the parish office.

#### Help our community sing at our Easter Triduum Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who joined us for practice on Monday. Rehearsals will continue on every Monday from 7:15 - 8:30 pm in the church through to Easter. Previous experience and/or training are not required. For more information, contact Robert at: [olmcwentyliturgy.org/contact](http://olmcwentyliturgy.org/contact)

#### Easter Raffle for Fundraiser for East Timor

From next week, the East Timor Committee will be selling tickets for their Easter fundraiser. Many prizes to win. \$2 each or 6 for \$10.

All profits from the sale of the tickets will go towards providing scholarships for the students we are supporting in Zumalai and other rural communities throughout East Timor.

## Lent is a time of prayer and penance

Join us for the special opportunities we have to draw closer to God this Lenten season

### Stations of the Cross

Friday mornings after Mass and at 7:00 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 9:30 am

### An Evening with the Lord, as part of the Jubilee Year

Friday 28 March at 7:00 pm

### Lenten Penitential Service

Wednesday 9 April at 7:00 pm

In addition, the Carmelite Centre Melbourne offers opportunities for prayer and reflection via Zoom

Visit [www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org](http://www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org) to find out more

[@olmcwenty](http://olmcwenty.org.au)



## Funeral Notice

Long-time parishioner, Judith Camilleri passed away peacefully on 8 March. Her funeral will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30am here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen*

## Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

**Baptisms:** Alofa IOANE, Micah Leandro RODRIGUES

*Welcome to God's Family!*



**Weddings:** Ioane Sua and Failelei Tuimasave on their upcoming marriage this weekend.



*We congratulate all families as they celebrate these very special sacraments here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.*

## Please pray for...

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

**Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memories):**

Gertrude and Emmanuel Rajah, Augustin Rethnam, Rachael Sumagui, Bienvenido Sumagui, Nicholapillai Aseercraltram, Edgardo Perez, Maggie Fernandes, Ouseph Kalathingal, Rosy Vareed, Benny Farrugia, Michael Grech, Charlie Zammit, Joyce, Tony and Antonia Cini, Mary and Frank Teuma, Annie, Michael, Alexander and Carmaline Almeida, Aranch Monteiro and all poor souls in purgatory

**Special Intentions for:** Ashmy Davis, Blessy Varghese, Stefanie Knight, Rosine, Lucy Marie, Michael Perez, Agnes Patacsil, Leonardo Close, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Franz Tito, Joaquin Patacsil, Bernabe Patacsil.

**Thanksgiving:** Our Lady of Velankani

## Parish Finances

### Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: **\$3,871**

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	\$1,085
Loose cash:	\$966
Direct Deposits:	\$665
Tap & Go:	\$1,155

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

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## Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

**ST PATRICK, bishop**

SOLEMNITY

17 March 2025

**ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

SOLEMNITY

19 March 2025

## Around the Diocese and beyond



### Second Sunday of LENT

15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2025

**Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



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**ase donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above (linked to OLMC).

**Or online at:**

<https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/our-lady-of-mount-carmel-wentworthville>

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

# Diocese of Parramatta Notices

## Positions Vacant

- Administration Assistant: Mission Enhancement Team
- Risk & Compliance Facilitator: Governance, Risk & Compliance
- Administration Assistant: Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair

More details at: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](https://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

## At The Well Gathering for Women: 23 March

This At the Well Gathering is a small scale, casual gathering of women aimed at providing a space for conversation, community and encounter. This gathering will be a collaboration with the Women of St Clare with a focus on the topic of "Living as a Catholic woman in a secular world." The evening will engage three women from various vocations to share from their own experiences, and to answer questions from the crowd. For more information and to register visit [parracatholic.org/events/at-the-well-gathering-23-march/](https://parracatholic.org/events/at-the-well-gathering-23-march/)

## Bookings now open: Diocese of Parramatta's Adult 35 years+ Jubilee Pilgrimage

Join a life-changing 19-day pilgrimage from 7 to 25 September 2025, exploring sacred sites in Greece, Turkey, and Rome. Open to adults aged 35 and over, this journey follows St. Paul's path and the early Church, culminating in the Jubilee Year of Hope in Rome. Bookings close on 2 May 2025, with a deposit of \$800 required at the time of booking. The final payment is due by 7 July 2025. Don't miss this incredible faith experience. For more information and to register, visit <https://parracatholic.org/jubileepilgrimage2025/>

## Join the Diocese of Parramatta's Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage

Young people (18-35) across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are invited to embark on an 18-day pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Youth in Rome from 19 July – 5 August 2025. The journey includes a visit to Greece, tracing the footsteps of Saint Paul, before heading to Rome for the celebration. Express your interest today at [parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025](https://parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025)

## Across our Parishes

### Catherine McAuley Westmead

Year 7 Enrolment Applications for 2026 will close soon and must be submitted by 28 March 2025. Contact the school on 9849 9100 or visit their website for an enrolment pack: [www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au)



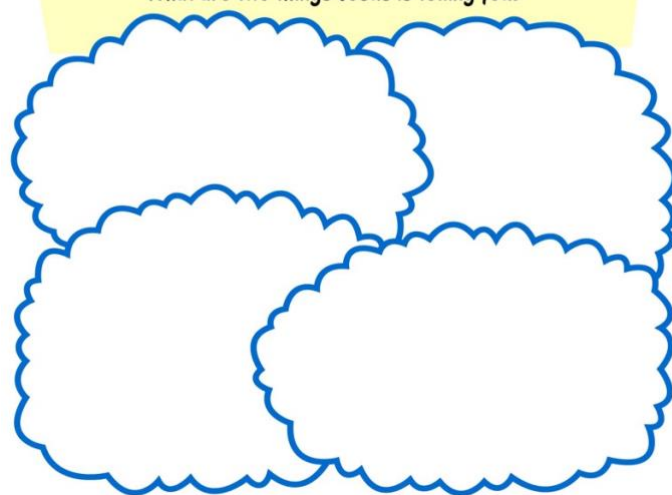
## Bishop Vincent presents at Australian Catholic Historical Society: 16 March

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of Saint Patrick's, Church Hill at 2:00 PM on Sunday 16 March. Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta will share a personal reflection on the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. Entry is free,

all are welcome. Details of the programme of the ACHS as well as resources on church history are on the website: <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

## Kids Corner...

God spoke to the disciples and told them to listen to Jesus.  
Write down two ways we can listen to Jesus.  
What are two things Jesus is telling you?



## Rosters for 22 and 23 March 2025

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of LENT

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	<b>Reader 1</b> <b>Reader 2</b> <b>Communion</b>	Janine Hanna Bob Hanna Antoinette Zammit
8am Sunday	<b>Reader 1</b> <b>Reader 2</b> <b>Communion</b>	David Rodrigues Miche;;e Rodrigues Eric Dias Cecilia Cotter
10am Sunday	<b>Reader 1</b> <b>Reader 2</b> <b>Communion</b>	Skip Fernandes Carmel Gauci Marina Peter David Touma
6pm Sunday	<b>Reader 1</b> <b>Reader 2</b> <b>Communion</b>	Bimy Baby Nelissa Almeida Jovan Titus

## Next week's readings

### 22 and 23 March – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of LENT

<b>First Reading:</b>	Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	Psalm 102: 1-4, 6-8, 11
<b>Second Reading:</b>	1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12
<b>Gospel:</b>	Luke 13: 1-9





## 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.

### Connect with us

Online at [www.olmcwenty.org.au](http://www.olmcwenty.org.au)

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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

Open Monday to Thursday, 8:30am to 3:00pm

Parish Office is closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday and Public Holidays

Phone 9631 8302

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Januario Pinto, O.Carm (Carmelite Prior)

**Assistant Priest:** Fr. Albino Dos Santos, O.Carm

**In Community:** Fr. Anthony Scerri, O.Carm,  
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

On request

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