



**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 23 March 2025

3rd Sunday of Lent, Yr C (1)



It may bear fruit next year
Third Sunday of Lent

Reflections for this week's readings

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

Repent or Perish

There was a terrible disaster when a building fell down killing eighteen people. Some said, 'Oh, those killed must have been sinners, they or their parents.' Jesus repudiates that notion: 'No, it wasn't for anything they did.' It was clear to Jesus that they were the victims of poor construction and conditions at Siloam. Look at the builder.

Responsibility needs to be brought home to those who would otherwise hide behind a religious ideology, or the sheer self-interest of evading blame for a situation.

To identify those really responsible may well require major changes to the way society is organised.

Does it all seem too difficult? Jesus helps us with a metaphor: You are like a fig tree which may not be bearing much fruit just now, but, I am a terrific gardener: I will water you, dig around you, make sure you are well nourished so that you will bear the fruits I desire.

Our Lord does that by: watering us with the waters of baptism; pruning us, especially during Lent; nourishing us with the bread of life in Holy Communion.

We might pause at various times during Lent to allow Our Lord to garden us so that he may create a heavenly botanical garden, a new Eden, of the whole of humanity.

Fr Michael Tate (Liturgy Resources)

Parish News

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 and sign up now. If you do not have an email address but still want to help, please call the parish office.

Easter Triduum Celebrations

Join us as we celebrate
the death and resurrection of Jesus

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm
Night Prayer concludes adoration at 10:00 pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:30 am
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday

Masses at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

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Palm Sunday

Once again on Palm Sunday, we invite you to bring your own cutting of a branch, from any tree or plant, to use as we commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We would also greatly appreciate it if you can cut and bring some palms or some other branches for people who don't have any. As always, there will be baskets in the parish centre before Mass where you can drop off or collect cuttings.

Our church sound system

There has been a lot of talk over the past year about our church sound system. It is an important part of the daily celebrations in our church, as it helps everyone to fully, consciously and actively participate in the liturgy.

Much of our current system is now 25 years old, having been installed after the construction of the parish centre. Some components have been added or replaced as needed over time.

The front speakers, the amplifier that powers them, and the mixing boards that control the sound are all original components that are showing their age. The speakers in particular are largely dysfunctional. Replacing all of these components with new, modern technology that will work into the future is the focus of this stage of upgrading the audio system (and our current fundraising). We will also take the opportunity to locate the new speakers at a lower level that will improve the delivery of sound across the entire assembly area.

We are engaging an experienced, professional audio visual company to carry out this work. They will also tune the system as a whole to ensure optimal operation and reduce the possibility of previous issues such as feedback and interference.

Easter Raffle for Fundraiser for East Timor

This weekend, 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.

Please pray for...

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

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):

Cathy Tabone, Judith Camilleri, Charlie Zammit, Charlie Sultana, Vareed Mechery, Elia Joseph Kannambilly, Barbra Pencak, Mo Chinh, Anh Huong, Sebastian Pennisi, Carol Mosses, Theresa Khoury, Nouhad Chalhoub, Sussan Khalil Khoury, Bruno and Louisa Alyouis, Genny Etelvine and Candida, Touma Touma, Joseph, Louis, Mary & Frank Teuma, Joyce, Carmel, Tony & Antonia Cini, Doreen, Mary & Frank Camilleri, Joe & Maria Vella, Rosa Titian, Sonia Spittle, Jesse & Kevin McManus and all poor souls in purgatory

Special Intentions for: Xavier and Beale families, Blessy Varghese,

Thanksgiving:

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: \$3,175

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	\$765
Loose cash:	\$525
Direct Deposits:	\$850
Tap & Go:	\$1,035

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

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Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

Baptisms: Jillian SIDDAYAO

Welcome to God's Family!

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



Around the Diocese and beyond



Third Sunday of LENT

22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



Photo Courtesy: Caritas Australia

Please 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

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's chaplaincy services.

This Lent, will you be a pilgrim of hope to people who may break in the face of suffering? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help our chaplains at Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains offer pastoral care, comfort and Christian companionship that can bring healing and transformation. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



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

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



Live-in Carer Opportunity

Our beautiful 96yo father lives at home. He is of Anglo-Indian decent, speaks English and is still mobile. We are looking for a special person to help home care for him in either a full-time or part-time capacity. He lives in The Hills area and has family support next door. The job would suit a nursing student or someone that is good with people. If you would like more information, please contact Jason on:

jason@jjmail.me or 0414 987 206.

Kids Corner...

Can you spot the eight differences between these two pictures?



Rosters for 29 and 30 March 2025

4th Sunday of LENT

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Anne-Marie Torrens Angela Carlino Ann Zahra
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Jeremy Angelo Joshua Angelo David Rodrigues Michelle Rodrigues
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Shayna Peter Basli Sathi Rosemary Chung Maira Peter
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Mark Attwood Michael Williamson Isa Urbano

Next week's readings

29 and 30 March – 4th Sunday of LENT

First Reading:	Joshua 5: 9-12
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 33: 2-7
Second Reading:	2 Corinthians 5: 17-21
Gospel:	Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32



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.

Connect with us

Online at www.olmcwenty.org.au
On Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @olmcwenty
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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

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