



**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 30 March 2025

4th Sunday of Lent, Yr C (1)



**This son of mine was dead
and has come back to life**
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reflections for this week's readings

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

Return to the loving Father

How blessed are we to witness this Great Jubilee year 2025, I believe it's a pure grace from our Lord and an open invitation to every one of us to come in "Pilgrims of Hope," which means coming closer to our living God, Forgiving God through Good Confessions and forgiving those who hate us, do harm to us and LET GO the spirit of grudge, hatred, envy and jealousy, to instead be filled with Love, Compassion, Hope & Grace.

I want to share our journey this year in preparation for this "Pilgrims of Hope. "As a small prayer group, we organized a day retreat at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy (Berrima) led by our own Fr. Alby. Hearing good confession, celebrating Holy Mass and holy adoration blessings, praising and worshipping God, and in silence and following by the Stations of the Cross, we felt closer to Jesus through this wonderful preparation in this Jubilee Year, LENT with full of Grace.

In the Parable of the Prodigal Son, the elder son's response to his father reveals a lack of emotional connection and understanding. The father tells him, "Son, you are with me always, and all that is mine is yours" yet the elder son feels neglected and poor, failing to grasp the richness of his position within the family. Highlighting his detachment and lack of familial affection, this emotional and spiritual disconnect transforms the family dynamic into a legalistic

arrangement. This issue can occur in religious communities where members are bound by rules but lack genuine emotional and spiritual connections and environments. Whether in families or religious settings, these can become lifeless and impersonal, neither of which fulfill the commandments of love. True obedience aligns our desires with God's will, transcending any sense of entitlement.

Like the younger son, let us return to our True Living Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist - he is waiting with his wide-open arms to welcome us, as the Father welcomed his lost son in today's Gospel.

"Francis de Sales describes with Holy inference, that doing God's will becomes our greatest joy surpassing personal gain".

Basli - servant of Christ (a parishioner)

Parish News

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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Lenten Penitential Celebration

We invite you to join us for our Lenten Penitential Celebration on **Wednesday 9 April at 7:00 pm**. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Individual Confession and Absolution) also continues to be celebrated on Saturdays at 9:30 am.

Can you help at our Holy Week and Easter Triduum celebrations?

Thank you to the many volunteers who have already signed up to assist at our Holy Week and Easter Triduum celebrations. There are still different roles available. If you can assist, have a look in the parish centre today at what you can do and register.

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.

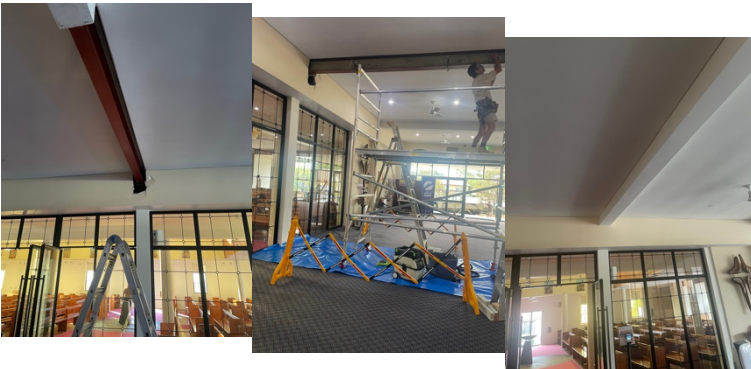
Easter Raffle for Fundraiser for East Timor

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.

Our Gratitude and Thanks

Thank you to our parishioner Pat Nolan for giving his time and expertise to repair the damaged gyprock in the Narthex. Pat has now completed the repairs and we thank him for his generous efforts over the past few weeks. May he be rewarded hundred-fold.



Please pray for...

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

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Jun Sarmiento, Guzeppa Felice, Carmen Kircop, Charlie Zammit, Francis D'Souza, Khoshik, Mary John, Shaji John, Catherine Vincent, John Sultana, Jose Frappier, Anh Ban, Robert Clayton, Barbara Victorien, Ouseph Kalathingal, Theresa Borg, Vincenza Grunsel and all poor souls in purgatory

Special Intentions for: Norman De Luca, Mary Ouseph,

Thanksgiving: Ronnie Butahan, St Jude

Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

Baptisms: Audrey MCCARTHY

Welcome to God's Family!

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



Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: \$3,901

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	\$925
Loose cash:	\$1,036
Direct Deposits:	\$850
Tap & Go:	\$1,090

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

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Reference:	[Your Surname] PURPOSE OF YOUR DONATION

Around the Diocese and beyond



Fourth Sunday of LENT
29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



Photo Courtesy:
Arlette Bashizi/
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>

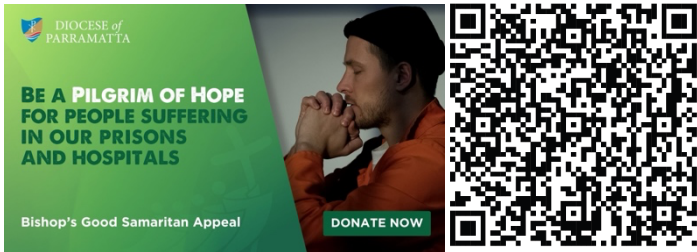
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Diocese of Parramatta Notices

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

Nominations open for the 2025 Papal & Diocesan Awards
Nominations are now open for the 2025 Papal and Diocesan Awards, recognising individuals—both religious and lay—who have made outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and its community. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised? Nominations close at midnight on 31 May 2025. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/

Office of Tenebrae: 14 April
All are welcome to attend the annual Office of Tenebrae at St Patrick’s Cathedral on Monday 14 April at 7:30pm. The Office of Tenebrae is a Holy Week reflection liturgy including Scripture, psalm chanting and motets and will feature the Cathedral Choir. As the Diocese and the global Church prepares for Holy Week, the Tenebrae service is a reminder of the eternal light and hope brought into the world through Christ’s Resurrection. Catholics are invited to attend the Office of Tenebrae at least once in their life.

Across our Parishes

Mount Schoenstatt Monthly Shrine Time for men
Men at the Shrine is a monthly hour for men at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, held on the second Wednesday of the month from 8-9pm. The hour includes a brief reflection, silent personal prayer and the opportunity for confession. The Shrine has been a place of pilgrimage in the diocese since 1968 and in 2025 is also one of the three locations in the diocese to gain the Jubilee Indulgence.

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...



Dear God,
help me when I turn
away from you.
You always call me
back, help me listen
to your voice. Give me
the strength to forgive
as you forgive. Amen.

Rosters for 5 and 6 April 2025		
5 th Sunday of LENT		
MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Trish Maldigri Anne-Marie Torrens Bob Hanna
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Coretta Dias Isabella Dias Colleen Weatherall Cat Paulo
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Youth Minister Youth Minister Marina Peter Skip Fernandes
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Ramona Grimm Isa Urbano Fran Sharpe

Next week’s readings

5 and 6 April – 5th Sunday of LENT

First Reading:	Isaiah 43: 16-21
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 125
Second Reading:	Philippians 3: 8-14
Gospel:	John 8: 1-11



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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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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