



**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 13 April 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Yr C (1)



Reflections for this week's readings

Entrance: Luke 19: 28-40
First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11
Gospel: Luke 22:14 – 23:56

"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

Luke 22:42

We are all very familiar with the story we hear today, it is after all part of the great celebration of Easter and basic to our faith. There are so many elements to think about in this part of the story – love, forgiveness, sacrifice and betrayal. But what struck me this time as I read the Gospel passage and St Paul's letter, was Jesus' acceptance of his human fate.

In today's Gospel we see Jesus' triumphant and joyous entry into Jerusalem, acclaimed by the people as He passes by. We follow His journey through a mostly peaceful and wonderful meal we know as the Last Supper, filled with laughter and friendship. And then, the happiness ends with the betrayal by Judas, the time on the Mount of Olives, arrest, trial and crucifixion. The agony in the garden is a very special time for Jesus. We know He is fully aware of what is to happen to His human self. Does He ask himself "why me?", "how can I avoid the pain and suffering which is to come?" as many of us would? We don't know. What we do know, is, that he prays. He prays for His friends that they be spared from being tested. And He prays in anguish and grief for Himself; "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me. Nevertheless, let your will be done, not mine." Jesus prays and in prayer, He finds strength and acceptance of what is to come. God, His father, comes to help Him.

As we live our ordinary everyday lives, most of us experience many moments of joy and contentment, and these times are easy to accept. But when we are called upon to face life's difficulties – diagnosis of a severe illness, death of a loved one, loss of a job or our home – acceptance is often difficult to find. The Gospel also tells us that Peter was tested and failed at this time, but he accepted what he had done, was remorseful and found forgiveness. Jesus teaches us that when we pray, God comes to our aid, and we too can find strength to face the future, acceptance of the future, love and forgiveness.

Janine Hanna (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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Can you help at our Easter Triduum celebrations?

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help. This weekend is your last chance to volunteer - sign up in the parish centre.

Are you coming to Mass on Holy Thursday?

Please bring your *Project Compassion* box with you and place it in the basket as you enter the church. The boxes will then be brought forward as part of our presentation of gifts.

Car Park Closure

As the Easter Vigil Mass next Saturday begins with the Service of Light and procession, the Garfield Street carpark will be closed for this Mass. The school carpark will also be available for parishioners. Entry is from Bennett Street and we ask that you please park within allocated spaces. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

Enrich Your Easter Triduum Experience with Prayer

As we celebrate the most holy days of the Church's year, we have prepared a collection of prayer celebrations that can help you to continue your observation and celebration of these days at home. They are simplified versions of the

Church's official prayer ritual, The Liturgy of the Hours, which is prayed throughout the world, particularly in religious communities such as our own Carmelite community in Wentworthville. To access, visit olmcwentyliturg.org/triduum-prayer.

Holy Saturday

Please note that there won't be a 9:00am morning mass on Easter Saturday.

Church Sound System

Technicians from Clare Communications have finished the installation of the sound system. Further tuning is required and will occur on Monday 14th April.

Church Cleaning

The church cleaning will occur next Thursday 17th April, Holy Thursday. If you can help to clean and prepare our church for the Easter weekend, please give us a hand in the morning as there is no 9am Mass on Thursday.

Easter Period Office Hours

The office will be unattended from Friday 18th April until Monday 21st April (inclusive). We return to our usual business hours on Tuesday 22nd April.

Easter Raffle Winners

Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets to support the East Timor Committee's fundraising efforts with profits going toward providing scholarships for the students they are supporting in Zumalai and other rural communities throughout East Timor. A total of **\$1,705.50** was raised. **Congratulations** to all winners;

#1: Andrew Herlinger, **#2:** Brandon La, **#3:** Vimila Sathi, **#4:** Denise Alderman, **#5:** Joseph Rizk, **#6:** M Mackey, **#7:** Sandra Abood, **#8:** Ian Fraser, **#9:** Amelia Coulton, **#10:** Raphael Ryan, **#11:** Margaret Horton, **#12:** Clara Kempers, **#13:** Jim Viles, **#14:** Olivia Azar, **#15:** Trinito.

Prizes can be collected from the Priory or after weekend mass.

Teresa Maldigri (Chair - East Timor Committee)

Funeral Notice

Long-time parishioner, Matilde Mifsud passed away peacefully on 10 April. Her funeral will be held on Thursday 24th April 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

Please pray for...

Those who are sick (Healing and Peace), especially: Ngoc Tran, Victoria (Vicky) Borg, Mary Khamis, John Sultana, Martin Hilder

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Matilde Mifsud, Martin Galea, Mary Ouseph, Charlie Zammit, Arthur Lopez, Norm & Montana Azar, Cathrine and Frank Sciberras, Anh Phu, Charlie Sultana and all poor souls in purgatory

Special Intentions for: Norman De Luca, Ashmy Davis

Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

Baptisms: Quinn SHIELS

Welcome to God's Family!



Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: \$3,928

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	\$913
Loose cash:	\$1,017
Direct Deposits:	\$885
Tap & Go:	\$1,113

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

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Diocese of Parramatta Notices

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

Thank you so much for your generous support of the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal and our 15 Catholic Care chaplains who give hope, comfort, and faith to those experiencing traumatic times. Your generosity is the foundation of our chaplains' compassionate work, bringing light to the lives of people in hospitals and prisons, who feel isolated and distressed. If you haven't had a chance to support Catholic Care's chaplaincy services yet, please complete the giving envelope and place your gift in the second collection Thank you.

Safeguarding Face to face Training Opportunity: 3 May

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on Saturday 3 May at Holy Family Church, Emerton for Cycle 2 (Modules 4-5). More training opportunities will be available throughout 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

Music Workshop ‘Exploring Music for the Solemnities’: 8 May

Musicians from the Diocese of Parramatta and beyond are invited to attend this workshop led by MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. The workshop will outline suggested hymns and explore music new and old for the many Solemnities and Feasts that occur in the period of Eastertide. Bring any music related questions along on Thursday 8 May to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown at 7pm. Please RSVP by 2 May via parracatholic.org/events/OFW. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

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/

Around the Diocese and beyond

Grace and Truth Event

You are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on Wednesday, 30 April for an evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship. Open to men and women of all ages. The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Sister Elena Marie and Father James Baxter. The event will run from 5-9PM, starting in the crypt of St Mary’s Cathedral, Sydney, and moving to the Cathedral Hall. Fee: \$20. For more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at sydney@optn.org.



Palm Sunday

5th and 6th April 2025

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season. This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity. *But the work isn’t done yet.* There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent.



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 by calling: 1800 024 413, or online at: <https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/our-lady-of-mount-carmel-wentworthville>

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...

Word search puzzle titled "Palm Sunday Word Search" with a grid of letters and a list of words to find: jesus, crowd, coats, hosanna, donkey, palms, gather, ride, upset, road. Includes illustrations of palm branches and a cross.

Rosters for 19 and 20 April 2025		
Easter Sunday		
MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Please refer to Easter Triduum Volunteers’ Roster	
8am Sunday		
10am Sunday		
6pm Sunday	NO MASS	



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 the 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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