



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 27 April 2025

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday, Yr C (1)



Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading:	Acts 5: 12-16
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 117: 2-4, 22-27
Second Reading:	Revelations 1: 9-13, 17-19:1
Gospel:	John 20: 19-31

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

The Gospel of the 2nd Sunday of Easter, often referred to as Divine Mercy Sunday, is a significant moment in the liturgical calendar. It celebrates the profound mercy and love of Jesus Christ as revealed through His resurrection and the subsequent appearances to His disciples. This Sunday serves as a powerful reminder of the divine mercy extended to all humanity and encourages us to embrace and reflect this mercy in our lives.

The Gospel reading for the 2nd Sunday of Easter is taken from John 20:19-31. This passage recounts two post-resurrection appearances of Jesus to His disciples. The first appearance occurs on the evening of the first day of the week, when Jesus finds His disciples gathered behind closed doors out of fear. Jesus greets them with the words, "Peace be with you" and shows them His hands and His side, thus confirming His identity as the risen Lord. He breathes on them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit" thereby commissioning them for their future mission.

The second appearance takes place a week later, when Thomas, who was absent during the first visitation, joins the group. Thomas expresses his doubts about Jesus' resurrection and declares that he would only believe if he could see and touch the wounds of Jesus. In response, Jesus appears once more and invites Thomas to do precisely that. Overwhelmed, Thomas exclaims, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus then utters the famous words, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed".

The phrase "Doubting Thomas" originates from this Gospel. While Thomas' skepticism is a relatable aspect of human nature, living perpetually as a doubting Thomas can hinder spiritual growth and personal development. To avoid falling into this pattern, we must nurture faith, cultivate trust, and embrace the teachings of Jesus.

Life is full of uncertainties, and it is natural to experience doubt. Instead of resisting uncertainty, embrace it as an opportunity to strengthen our trust in God. Remember that faith is often forged in the crucible of uncertainty, and it is during these times that we can grow closer to God.

Extend compassion to yourself and others. Recognise that doubt is a natural part of the human experience and offer support to those who are struggling. By fostering an environment of understanding and love, we can help others overcome their doubts and strengthen their faith.

Living like a Doubting Thomas can inhibit spiritual growth and prevent us from experiencing the fullness of God's blessings. By nurturing faith, cultivating trust, embracing Jesus' teachings, seeking community support, and reflecting on our journey, we can overcome doubt and live a life grounded in faith and trust. Remember that faith is a journey, and each step we take brings us closer to God and His divine plan for our lives.

Anne-Marie (*Parishioner*)

Parish News

Carmelite Provincial Chapter - Melbourne

The Carmelites will be in Melbourne for the Provincial Chapter from Monday 28 April until Friday 2 May. The Chapter is a time when the Carmelites from Australia & Timor Leste gather to discern directions for the next three years and elect the Prior Provincial and Councils (the leadership team). Please keep the Carmelites in your prayers.

Weekday Masses - 28 April to 2 May 2025

No weekday masses from 28th April until 2nd May. There will be Communion Service and Liturgy of the Word. However, Fr. Anthony has offered to celebrate masses for one or two days.

Ordination of Br Anacleto

The Ordination of Br. Anacleto to Priesthood will be on the 3 May in Melbourne. Fr. Alby will be representing our Parish and the Carmelite Community to attend this Ordination.

Pontifical Holy Land Good Friday Collection

Every year on Good Friday, the Catholic Church asks us to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring

for the Christians living in the Holy Land. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great difficulty in recent years. This Holy Week, you can make your donation using the envelopes provided or via Commissariat of the Holy Land, 47 Victoria St. Waverley NSW 2024 or holyland@franciscans.org.au.

East Timor Mothers' Day Cards

East Timor committee will be selling their annual Mothers' Day cards this weekend for \$5.00 each.

All profits from the sale of the cards will go towards supporting the Carmelite Mission in East Timor. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

Baptisms: Rhea and Sebastian KIRK

Welcome to God's Family!

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: Ngoc Tran, Victoria (Vicky) Borg, Mary Khamis

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Anthony, Monica & Catherine Kong, Angelo Borg, Nejia Tannous, Matilde Mifsud, Martin Galea, George Vaz, Rosy Vareed, Charlie Zammit, Charlie Sultana, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Mary & Frank Camilleri, Doreen Camilleri, Joseph Teuma, Louis Teuma, Joe & Maria Vella, Rosa Titian, Sonia Spittle, Jesse & Kevin McManus, Carmel Cini, Anna-Lena Lopez, Arthur Lopez and all poor souls in purgatory

Special Intentions for: Joseph Tran, Norman De Luca

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

An update will be provided next week for Easter Weekend.

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

BSB: 067 950
Account Number: 000 00602
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Reference: [Your Surname] PURPOSE OF YOUR DONATION

Carmel Input

Financial Report for the Nine Months Ended 31 March 2025

The Parish is happy to report a surplus of \$4,362 over the nine months period 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025. This

surplus was achieved from revenue of \$183,454 against expenses of \$179,092.

The revenue includes planned giving of \$133,283, a NSW Government grant of \$16,663, profit from the recently held Dinner Dance, donations and the other miscellaneous revenue.

Expenses include wages and related costs of \$59,667, interest on the loan \$12,360, the audio system \$31,088, insurance \$32,779, repairs and maintenance \$10,807 and other expenses including motor vehicle running.

The first stage of the audio system is now complete, and we thank Clare Communications for its installation. The insurance costs are a major cost to the Parish and, as with household insurances, the premiums keep going up from year to year. We are blessed, as our maintenance costs are kept to a minimum as most of the work is undertaken by generous and loyal parishioners/volunteers. We are very appreciative for this. We sincerely thank Pat Nolan for undertaking the repairs to the ceiling in the Narthex at no cost to the Parish.

The Parish is in the process of establishing a Fundraising Committee which will report directly to the Finance Committee. They will be responsible for identifying the major needs of the Parish and raise funds to enable their funding and realisation.

We would like to thank all parishioners for their continued financial support as without it, the Parish will not be able to provide the spiritual services it currently does.

Janu Pinto O.Carm
Parish Priest

John Cassar
Chair - Finance Committee

Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

ST PETER CHANEL, priest, martyr
MEMORIAL

28 April 2025

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, virgin, doctor
MEMORIAL

29 April 2025

ST ATHANASIUS, bishop, doctor
MEMORIAL

2 May 2025

STS PHILIP AND JAMES, apostles
FEAST

3 May 2025



THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent. If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for

themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!

It's not too late to donate.

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>.

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

The Diocese of Parramatta mourns the death of Pope Francis

As many of you will have heard, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, died earlier today, aged 88.

Please read our article on [Catholic Outlook](#) - an excerpt is below:

Francis's Petrine ministry (2013 to 2025) was entirely devoted to his implementing and living out the vision of the Second Vatican Council, applied to our troubled times.

And in our increasingly violent and ethically challenged world, Francis's prophetic voice will be especially acutely missed. Very few leaders today possess his credibility, authenticity and willingness to oppose violence and war and to defend the environment so passionately.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, the Bishop of Parramatta, said that while this Jubilee year of Hope would eventually end, Pope Francis would always be remembered for keeping the flame of hope, and the message of God's love, alive in a world that needs both more now than ever.

"He showed the rest of us how to find God's love, and how to show God's love," Bishop Vincent said.

"While today is a day of profound grief and sadness for us here in Parramatta and indeed right around the world, it is also a day to give thanks for the life of a man who gave so much to so many.

"He was an example to the rest of us that the source of all wisdom and sustenance is to be found in the Holy Spirit. And by spreading that message to as many parts of the globe as possible, he is the true embodiment of hope."

Let us pray. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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@op-tn.org.

Kids Corner...

Complete the Text maze:

"You are my Lord and my God!"

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Rosters for 3 rd and 4 th May 2025		
Third Sunday of Easter		
MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Janine Hanna Bob Hanna Anne-Marie Torrens
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Isabella Dias Coretta Dias Cecilia Cotter David Rodrigues
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Fiona Bylsma Clyde Fernandes Skip Fernandes David Touma
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Ramona Grimm Bimy Baby Fran Sharp

Next week's readings

3 and 4 May – 3rd Sunday of EASTER

First Reading:	Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13
Second Reading:	Revelations 5: 11-14
Gospel:	John 21: 1-19



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.

Connect with us

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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

Phone: 9631 8302

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

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

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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