



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

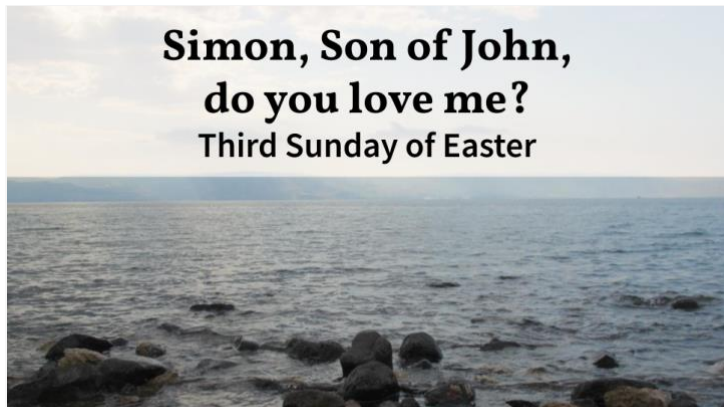
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 4 May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter, Yr C (1)

**Simon, Son of John,
do you love me?**
Third Sunday of Easter



Reflections for this week's readings

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

Obey God before men.

We must obey God rather than men. Cast your mind just over the last few years: How many new trends were advocated and even enacted as law: like same-sex marriage, euthanasia, unchecked gambling, pornography, prostitution etc, all directly against God's Ten Commandments.

Should we meekly bow our head and go with the mob?

The reason to obey God before men is because God is not only most righteous and the source of all love, but also because He is wholly trustworthy and keeps His promises, as is clearly demonstrated by today's first reading and Gospel.

When the disciples faced the corrupt Council to justify their behaviour they replied: "We ought to obey God rather than men."

During this Year of the Jubilee of Hope it is particularly proper to reflect on today's Gospel regarding God's trustworthiness:

When Jesus suggested to cast the nets once more, logically His disciples did not see the point, but they eventually trusted Him and obeyed. We too often hesitate to obey when God, through our own conscience or on someone else's advice or example, commands or urges us to do a good deed. Sometimes we even completely ignore God's calling, perhaps doubting our capability, or because it may be too inconvenient or embarrassing.

We all strive to live a good life but, in this effort, we must not underestimate the importance of love. Jesus wanted to build His Church on earth trusting Peter as its leader. He did not ask him how rich or clever he was, nor which university he attended. No! His simple question was: Do you love me? Three times He asked to make sure before He entrusted him with His lambs and sheep.

So, does Jesus often asks us: Do you love me? If we sincerely reply: Yes! Then He goes on to instruct us to feed His lambs and sheep - and so we should, my friends, because it is not enough to talk the talk, but we must also walk the walk in order to arrive at the Gate behind which is everlasting pure love, rest and happiness for all of us who generously obey God's word during our short journey on earth.

Frank Zammit (parishioner)

Parish News

Congratulations to Fr Anacleto

May the grace of God continue to guide Fr Anacleto as he embarks on this sacred journey as a priest. His commitment to faith and service is a powerful witness to all of us, and we rejoice with him as he answers God's call. May his hands always be blessed to offer healing, his heart ever open to compassion, and his life a reflection of Christ's love.

We pray for continued strength and faith as he begins this new chapter in service to the Church. God bless him always!

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!

Confirmation

For baptised children who turn 10 years old before 7 June 2025

Parent Information Evening: Monday 5 May 2025, 6pm

Applications Close: Friday 9 May 2025

Workshops: Minimum 3 needed (dates to be advised)

Practice Sessions: 3:30pm and 6pm on Thurs 5 June 2025

Celebration: 6pm Friday 6 June 2025

Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation will begin with the Parent Information Evening on Monday 5th May 2025 at 6pm, held in the Parish Centre. If your child is 10 years old and you would like for them to receive the sacrament, please register their details at the following link: [Sacramental Process for Children 2025](#)

Please pray for...

Those who are sick (Healing and Peace), especially: Ron Aquilina, Rita Ientile, Ngoc Tran, Victoria (Vicky) Borg, Mary Khamis

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Jeyaleela & Asivatham, Steven Jerome, Monica Fernandes, Eulogio & Maura, Julie Mascerras, Olly & Rosy, Vincente Herrero, Dominic Ientile, Angelo Borg, Baldas & Rhonda Parnis, Thu Tran, Matilde Mifsud, Martin Galea, Charlie Zammit, Charlie Sultana, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, and all poor souls in purgatory

Special Intentions for: Norman De Luca

Thanksgiving: St Anthony, Our Lady, Infant of Prague

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: **\$5,253**

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	\$736
Loose cash:	\$1,435
Direct Deposits:	\$860
Tap & Go:	\$2,222

Easter Weekend donations to the Parish: **\$3,200**

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	\$720
Loose cash:	\$750
Direct Deposits:	\$720
Tap & Go:	\$1,010
Good Friday Appeal:	\$1,850
Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal:	\$809

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

Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

ST ALOYSIUS RABATA, priest, martyr MEMORIAL (OCarm)	8 May 2025
ST GEORGE PRECA, priest MEMORIAL (OCarm)	9 May 2025
ST JOHN DE AVILA, priest, doctor MEMORIAL	10 May 2025

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Positions Vacant

- Facilities Coordinator: Diocese of Parramatta
- Property Lawyer: Diocese of Parramatta
- Communications Lead – Diocesan Pastoral Plan: Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

Webinar 10 Years Since Laudato Si' - A Time for Hope or Despair?: 8 May

MET Parramatta and the Australian Cardijn Institute invite you to a webinar with Sebastian Salaske-Lentern and Sue Martin, who will reflect on the ecological journey that Pope Francis has taken us on in the past ten years, since his encyclical Laudato Si'. Have we made enough progress? And what can give us hope for the path ahead in this Jubilee Year? Please register to receive a zoom link for Thursday 8 May, 7pm – 8pm: tinyurl.com/10-years-LS

FaithLIFE Theology Short Course: Wednesdays in May

Considering learning about theology? Interested in faith seek understanding? Looking to learn more about the Jubilee Year of Hope? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course with Alison Ryan from MET on Wednesdays 7, 14, 21 May: parracatholic.org/faithlife

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/

Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: 13 May

In this Jubilee Year of Hope all liturgical ministers - readers, servers and extra ordinary ministers are invited to join us for our Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers. Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at 7:30pm on 13 May 2025, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. To register your attendance please visit parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/

Children's Liturgy Workshop: 15 May

Are you a part of children's liturgy or looking to get started? Come along to this informative workshop to learn more about the Diocesan guidelines, meet children's liturgy teams from other parishes, and ask any questions you may have about this rewarding ministry. This workshop will be held at Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown on Thursday 15 May at 7-8:30pm. Please RSVP via parracatholic.org/events/OFW by 12 May. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: 22-24 May

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on Saturday 22 May at St Finbar's Church, Glenbrook for Cycle 2 (Module 5). Safeguarding Renewal Training Cycle 2 (Module 4-5) will be held at St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill on 24 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

Around the Diocese and beyond

Aid to the Church in Need

The Catholic charity *Aid to the Church in Need* is seeking regular volunteers to assist at their national office in Penrith. Days and times as mutually suitable. The office is close to public transport and has parking. For more information contact Peter Harrop peter@aidtochurch.org or phone 9167 9526.

Holy Family Parish 60-Year Jubilee Celebration, Holy Family Parish Mt Druitt: 1 June

Join us as we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt, since its establishment in 1965. The celebrations will take place on Sunday, 1st June 2025. Mass at 10:30 AM with Bishop Vincent followed by a Multicultural Festival and lunch. If you have any memorabilia to share, wish to register for the event, or need more information, please email us at jubilee@hollyfamily.org.au. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with our parish community!

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 23-25 May

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 23-25 May at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswhbookings@wwme.org.au

Low-Cost Counselling Services

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Whether you're looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters, Catholic Care is here to help. Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat today.

Mount Schoenstatt Monthly Shrine Time for Youth and Young

Join us for Monthly Holy Hour for youth and young adults at the Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa, every fourth Sunday of the month for praise, worship, silence, prayer, reflection and benediction at the Shrine. There is the opportunity to go to confession and there is a small

social gathering afterwards. For further information please contact Sr M Rita via srrita@schoenstatt.org.au or 0493 026 628. Web: <https://schoenstatt.org.au/>

Kids Corner...

Help Peter swim to shore to be with Jesus.



Rosters for 10th and 11th May 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Trish Maldigri Anne-Marie Torrens Caz Learmonth
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Cecilia Cotter Cat Paulo Michelle Rodrigues Eric Dias
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Youth Minister Youth Minister Rosemary Chung Mary Vijila
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Nelissa Almeida Eliane Almeida Jovan Titus

Next week's readings

10 and 11 May – 4th Sunday of EASTER

First Reading:	Acts 13: 14, 43-52
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 99: 1-3, 5
Second Reading:	Revelations 7:9, 14-17
Gospel:	John 10: 27-30



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

Online at www.olmcwenty.org.au

On Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @olmcwenty

Email ocarmswenty@gmail.com

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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