



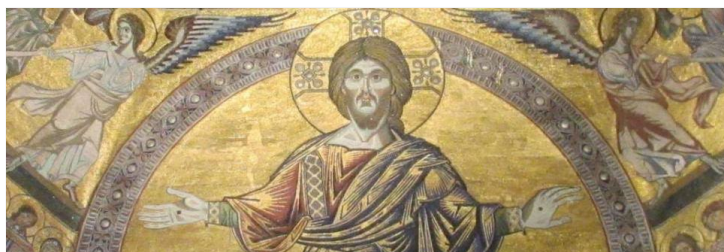
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 1 June 2025

The Ascension of the Lord, Yr C (1)



He withdrew from them and was taken up to heaven
The Ascension of the Lord

Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 46: 2-3, 6-9
Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23
Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

What is in your mind and heart when you come to the feast of the Ascension of the Lord? You might say Jesus' Ascension is a mystery. But the fact is that he is bodily taken to heaven, as it shows us from these three readings. It says "why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven" (Acts 1:11), 'after he is raised and to make him sit at his right hand in heaven' (cf Eph 1:20), and in the gospel, "while blessing them, he was taken to heaven" (Lk 24:51).

The point is that Jesus was taken into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. If we see it from the letter to Hebrews (the option of the second reading) gives a clear description about heaven. It says on the day of Ascension, Jesus also enters the heavenly Temple (the heavenly sanctuary not made with hands) to offer the sacrifice of himself to the Father for all eternity, once for all time. It means the sacrificial offering of Jesus is not only on the Calvary, where he pours out his blood and his life on the Cross, but moreover, he admires us by his bodily resurrected from the dead and then his ascension into heaven.

This celebration obviously strengthens our faith and belief in Him. He bodily resurrected as his disciples gave witness to him on several occasions. It manifests that Jesus takes his body, which is now crucified and risen, and he brings that human nature, that human body, that glorified body into

heavenly sanctuary where he offers himself as a sacrifice to the Father, not in time, but in eternity, not on earth, but in heaven.

So, the Ascension of the Lord is essential to us, because it signifies that Our Lord Jesus Christ has fulfilled his mission on earth. He fulfilled the feast of Passover where he offered himself as the sacrificial Lamb for our sins, and in his Ascension, Jesus fulfills the Day of Atonement, where the sins are forgiven forever, and now he sits on the right hand of the Father in heaven as the high priest who sanctifies us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, we are not alone, God is constantly working to sanctify and redeem our world, and we can still open ourselves up to him, just as the saints did. And just as they let God transform their hearts and lives, so we can do the same. If we give ourselves to God, he will never stop pouring his graces into us.

Fr Albino Dos Santos (*Assistant Priest*)

Parish News

Parish Sacramental Team - Volunteers

Our parish is blessed with a wonderful array of community members from all walks of life. We are calling upon those who wish to join the Parish Sacramental Team to share your knowledge and faith experience with us. Email the parish office to register: ocarmswent@ gmail.com.

Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

Baptisms: Siyona Reddy VATTI

Welcome to God's Family!



Sacrament of Confirmation:

We pray for our parish children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Friday 6 June at 6:00pm. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit fill you with His love. Thank you to all who support the children on their journey; their parents and family members, teachers and lesson leaders. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Mons. Ron McFarlane and we invite you to join the celebration.

Please pray for...

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

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Charlie Zammit, Dominic Ientile, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary and Frank Teuma, Josephine & Adolf Tabone, Ana Luiza Dias Fernandes, John Weaver, Fred Said, Laurel Casperzs, George Vaz, Tom Grandy, and all poor souls in purgatory

Special Intentions for: Norman de Luca, Chin Tran, Vicky Grandy

Thanksgiving: St Anthony, Our Lady, Infant of Prague

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: \$3,390

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$870
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Direct Deposits: \$1,090
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Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

STs MARCELLINUS PETER, martyrs
MEMORIAL 2 JUNE 2025
ST CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, martyrs
MEMORIAL 3 JUNE 2025
ST BONIFACE, bishop and martyr
MEMORIAL 5 JUNE 2025
ST MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT, priest, ST NORBERT, bishop
MEMORIAL (optional) 6 JUNE 2025

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Positions Vacant

- Safeguarding: Healing and Support Counsellor
- Training & Development Specialist – Safeguarding
- Senior Facilitator – Parish Engagement Lead
- Property Lawyer: Diocese of Parramatta

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

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians. Will you help our seminarians to be 'Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope' for God's people? With your prayers and generosity, they can continue to grow in faith and formation, as they prepare to become priests who will sow hope, faith and love in the hearts of God's people. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



Safe Parishes Week: 2–8 June 2025

Safe Parishes Week is a time to renew our commitment to creating safe, welcoming communities for all — especially children and vulnerable adults. The Diocese supports this through training, resources, and new initiatives like online check-ins for visiting clergy. We're also developing child-friendly online tools, and other initiatives that align with our Diocesan Pastoral Plan to support safer communities. Learn more: parracatholic.org/safeguarding

Music Workshop – The Importance of Copyright: 19 June

Copyright can be tricky to navigate. Come and learn all about your requirements for reporting music use at Mass, the different types of copyright licensing available, and much more. This workshop will be led by MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. Be sure to bring along any questions you might have. RSVP by Friday 13 June parracatholic.org/events/music-workshop-19june/

Ministry of Care Courses: 4- 25 June

Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. It will be held every Wednesday evening at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Attend all 4 sessions to receive a certificate of completion or just attend the session(s) that interest you. Please visit parracatholic.org/events/OFW to reserve a spot. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening: 25 June

The Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening is an annual collaboration between the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay. This year, Parramatta will be hosting on Wednesday 25 June 2025, 6:30pm – 9:00pm, St Monica's Parish Hall, [8 Daking St, North Parramatta](http://8DakingStNorthParramatta). Engaging speakers will discuss the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2024-25 "Truth & Peace – A Gospel Word in a Violent World", while you can enjoy a delicious meal and good company. Register via parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan

Adult Confirmation 2025: 23 & 26 August

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. The catechesis day will be on Saturday 23 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown and the Confirmation will be on the evening of Tuesday 26 August at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. For more information and to enroll, please contact the Office for Worship on ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795 before Monday 4 August.

Registrations now open Diocesan Retreat Opportunities

The diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the time to step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat - a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. For more details and to register, see the three options of retreats below:

August 16: parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/

November 15: parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/

Around the Diocese and beyond



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21st of June 2025 | Saturday @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
22nd of June 2025 | Sunday @ 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Venue: St. George Preca Centre
Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish
198 Old Prospect Road, GREYSTANES NSW 2145

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Position Vacant: Sacramental program and Special Religious Education Coordinator

St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie is looking for a Sacramental program and Special Religious Education Coordinator. This is a permanent part-time position with 15 hours per week. Please forward applications and resumes to the Parish Secretary secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au by 9 June 2025. For more information you may contact 9631 3316

Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW & Emmaus Prayer Community Pentecost Celebrations: 8 June

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes on Sunday 8 June from 2pm. There will be prayer, praise, testimonies, talks, and prayer ministry, based on the theme of "HOPE - Opening our hearts & minds to the presence of the Holy Spirit in Times of Change." Enquiries Adrian 0408649327 or Desiree 0477765772.

Feast of St Anthony of Padua: 11-13 June

Join St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie in celebrating the Feast of St Anthony of Padua. There will be 9:30am and 7pm Triduum Masses, Novena, blessing of the Sick (11 June), Blessing of the Children (12 June), and a candlelight procession (13 June). All welcome.

Kids Corner...



How many words can you make from the letters in the word ASCENSION?

Rosters for 7 th and 8 th June 2025		
Pentecost		
MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Trish Maldigri Annemarie Torrens Elena Fernandes
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Cat Paulo Cecilia Cotter David Rodrigues Cecilia Cotter
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Youth Minister Youth Minister Skip Fernandes David Touma
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Eliana Almeida Mark Atwood Isa Urbano

Next week's readings

8 and 9 June – PENTECOST Sunday

First Reading:	Acts 2: 1-11
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13
Gospel:	John 20: 19-23



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

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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