

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 8 June 2025

Pentecost Sunday, Yr C (1)



Reflections for this week's readings

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

Receiving the Holy Spirit for the mission.

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love."

The Feast Day of Pentecost is a significant celebration for us believer disciples. It marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the disciples of Jesus Christ.

This event is also called as the birthday of the Church where the mission of Jesus is carried out to every nation and is celebrated 50 days after Easter, marking the end of the Easter season.

On this day of Pentecost, we celebrate the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit. The Spirit descends upon the Apostles and disciples in a gentle, powerful, and visible way, filling them with the courage and zeal to proclaim that Jesus Christ is alive!

In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he speaks of the diverse gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit unites our diversity, empowering each of us with unique gifts for building up the Church.

In the Gospel, Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and us. This breath of the Spirit symbolises the transformative power of our Father's presence, renewing and empowering us for his mission.

The readings reveal the dynamic presence of the Holy Trinity in the work of our salvation. The Father sends the Spirit through the Son, creating a beautiful dance of love and unity within the Triune God.

Pentecost is a perennial invitation to all of us to embrace the transformative presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and our outreach to others. Empowered by the loving Spirit, may we live as witnesses to the love and truth of our Father, fostering unity in diversity and sharing the Good News of our Lord to our World. Come, Holy Spirit...

Cat (The Parishioner)

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: ocarmswenty@gmail.com.

Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

Sacrament of Confirmation:

We pray for our parish children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week, conferred by Mons. Ron McFarlane. Thank you to all who support the children on their journey; their parents and family members, teachers and lesson leaders. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit fill them with His love:



- Dearna Akrap
- Julian Akrap
- ◆ Ilia Alexoulis
- ◆ Zayne Bernard Ali ◆ Ziva Joanne Ali
- Beth Baldacchino

- ◆ Lucinda Bovino
- Mia Chater-Skelly → Jack Donnelly

- Danasha Durado
- ◆ Alexia Gibbons
- ◆ Thea Hilton

- Cooper Howe
- Serah Juguilon
- ◆ Emma Kamboli

- ◆ Leah Mateo
- ◆ Abbey Nobile
- Lachlan Pearn

- ◆ Charlotte Penny
- Sophie Pickham
- ♦ Kezia Sathi

- ◆ Gia Scardilli
- ◆ Leo Koulouris * Blessing

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal:

This winter, help people break free from the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Your gift can help people struggling to get by with food hampers and clothing, or provide a helping hand with essential bills. Envelopes are available near the SVDP collection boxes.

Please pray for...

Those who are sick (Healing and Peace), especially: Louise Banno, Rita Ientile, Ngoc Tran, Victoria (Vicky) Borg, Chris Cotter, Azar Family, Torsten Berger, Jesse Diestro,

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Geoffrey Galloway, Fr Martin Weatherall, Thomas Pillai, Mary & Shaji John, Rina & Matteo Slaviero, Charlie Zammit, Dominic Ientile, Lilly D'Mello, Emily Perlito Chary, and all poor souls in purgatory

Special Intentions for: Norman de Luca, Joseph Tran, Ngoc Tran, Mary & Renee Harris, Sunny & Kavita Vennam, Grit & Michael Conroy

Thanksgiving:

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: \$4,004

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$1,280 Loose cash: \$1,097 Direct Deposits: \$635 Tap & Go: \$992

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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Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Mother or the Church

MEMORIAL 9JUNE 2025

ST BARNABAS, apostle

MEMORIAL 11 JUNE 2025

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, priest, doctor

MEMORIAL 13 JUNE 2025

The Most Holy TRINITY

SOLEMNITY 15 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
- Cathedral Parish Coordinator: St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

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

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal

Thank You for Supporting our Holy Spirit Seminarians. Bishop Vincent and our Holy Spirit Seminary, thank you for your generous support in the formation of our future priests. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit



parracatholic.org/appeal-thankyou or scan this QR code. Thank you.

Volunteers needed: NAIDOC Week Event – Whalan Reserve – 10 July

On 10 July 2025, the annual Mt Druitt NAIDOC Week Event will be co-hosted by Holy Family Parish Emerton, Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, and Blacktown City Council at Whalan Reserve. We're seeking volunteers from parishes and organisations in the Diocese of Parramatta. If you are interested in supporting this amazing celebration of Aboriginal culture, community and resilience, please visit parracatholic.org/events/naidoc-week-2025 for more details.

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. 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

Children's Liturgy Workshop: 24 July

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 24 July at 7-8:30pm. Please RSVP via parracatholic.org/events/OFW by 18 July. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Expressions of Interest now open for Australian Catholic Youth Festival

The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Australian Church at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne from 30 November to 3 December 2025! Join

thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable festival featuring inspiring guest speakers, artists, and musicians. For more details and to express your interest by 25 August 2025, see parracatholic.org/connect/acyf or email hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

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

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

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal Office

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, to offer advice and assistance regarding marriage annulments and dissolution of marriages. Interviews are preferably conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews in special circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal Office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

Around the Diocese and beyond

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 <u>secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au</u> by 9 June 2025. For more information you may contact 9631 3316

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...

Draw a picture of someone you know who is filled with the Holy Spirit - it could even be yourself!



Rosters for 14th and 15th June 2025

The MOST HOLY TRINITY **MASS ROLE** VOLUNTEER 6pm Saturday Reader 1 Janine Hanna (Vigil) Reader 2 **Bob Hanna** Communion **Anne-Marie Torrens** Charlie Felice 8am Reader 1 Michelle Rodrigues Sunday Reader 2 **David Rodrigues** Communion Michelle Rodrigues Eric Dias 10am Reader 1 Clyde Fernandes Sunday Reader 2 Fiona Bylsma Communion Rosemary Chung Mary Vijila Michael Williamson 6pm Reader 1 Sunday Reader 2 Isa Urbano Communion Fran Sharp

Next week's readings

14 and 15 June - The MOST HOLY TRINITY

First Reading: Proverbs 8: 22-31
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 8: 4-9
Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-15
Gospel: John 16: 12-15



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 emeraina.

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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