



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 15 June 2025

The Most Holy Trinity, Yr C (1)



Reflections for this week's readings

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

The Most Holy Trinity.

This Sunday's Gospel is a tiny part of the long discourse that Jesus gave to his disciples before he was about to leave them. It is often referred to as the farewell discourse of Jesus who is anxious to prepare the disciples to face the world when he is no longer visibly with them. This discourse takes up four chapters (13 –17) of John's Gospel. However, it is in the tiny part, which is today's Gospel, that Jesus reveals clearly the Most Blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and the profound love relationship between the three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Gospel begins with Jesus telling his disciples that there is much that they are not capable of understanding yet, until they receive the Consoler whom Jesus will send to be with them forever, as he had promised them previously. This Consoler, the Holy Spirit, will reveal the truth of all that Jesus had said and done.

When Jesus says, "all that the Father has is mine," he is saying that he shares everything with the Father in love. It is in this sense that the Father and Jesus are one. Love is the uniting factor, and this love between Father and Son that is the Holy Spirit. I would like to emphasize here that the Holy Spirit is not a dove or just a voice or vision in the night. The Holy Spirit is a real person who is the love of the Father for the Son, and who equally shares in the love of Father and Son.

The mystery of the Trinity is the mystery of love. It is not, therefore, to be primarily the subject of study or discussion, but above all a mystery of love to be shared in by us with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As the Son became man to fulfil the Father's plan of salvation through the infinite love of Jesus for humanity, and just as the Holy Spirit is sent by the Father at the request of the Son to fulfil the Father's plan of universal love for humanity, so also is every disciple of Jesus sent to fulfil the Father's plan by working towards the realization of Jesus' command, "love one another as I have loved you".

Jesus said to his disciples (Mt 5:13-16), "you are the salt of the earth.... you are the light of the world" meaning that it is up to us, his disciples, to continue his mission to fulfil the Father's plan, which is simply to embrace the whole of humanity in an eternal hug of love by the Most Holy Trinity. We, the disciples of Jesus, must first feel the tremendous outpouring of love of the Trinity in the life of each one of us, so that we may indeed salt of the earth and light of the world.

Prayer of Bl. Elisabeth of the Trinity (OCD): "O my God, Trinity whom I adore, let me entirely forget myself that I may abide in you, still and peaceful as if my soul were already in eternity; let nothing disturb my peace nor separate me from you, O my unchanging God, but that each moment may take me further into the depths of your mystery!

Fr Anthony Scerri OCarmis

Parish News

Lectio Divina – Weekly Sessions

We will be starting our Lectio Divina sessions on Wednesday 18th June at 6:00pm in the Red Room. "Lectio Divina", a Latin term, means "divine reading" and describes a way of reading the Scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us. The practice of Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures has been a fruitful source of growing in relationship with Christ for many centuries and in our own day is being rediscovered by many individuals and groups. The Word of God is alive and active and will transform each of us if we open ourselves to receive what God wants to give us. To prepare, please click on the links: [Introduction to Lectio Divina](#) / [Lectio Divina June 2025 Readings](#).

Fundraising & Social Club

The Parish established a Fund Raising and Social Committee with the following objectives:

- To contribute to Parish Life
- To promote a sense of belonging and networking among parishioners
- To foster friendships
- To organise Social Events including, but not limited to the Annual Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Annual Dinner Dance, Raffles, etc

- To raise funds which will enable the Parish to undertake major repairs and maintenance
- Work closely with and report to the Finance Committee

John Cassar was appointed as Chairperson of the Committee and Basli Sathi as his assistant. Other members of the Committee include Daphne Dominic (Youth Co-ordinator), Roslyn Khattar, Kim Vu, Rosemary Chung, Pauline Cassar, Carmel Gauci, Andrew Gauci, Moira Peter, David Churchill, Catiano Paulo, Ray Eltakchi and Gennie Cosgrove.

The Committee met last Monday and formalised a Calendar of Events.

- 20 July 2025 - Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- September – Youth Activity TBA
- 8 October – Outing by train to Woy Woy
- October – Youth Activity TBA
- December – Christmas Raffle
- 20 February 2026 – Parish Dinner Dance and Raffle
- March – Youth Activity TBA
- Outing TBA
- June – Youth Activity TBA

We trust that the new committee receives the full support of parishioners. If anyone has any suggestions for the new committee, please let any member of the committee know or otherwise drop a note in the suggestion box.

Ministers of the Word -Roster

The new roster for July – September will be released shortly. If you would like to join the readers' roster, please email ocarmswenty@gmail.com with your name and preferred mass time as well as any weekends you are not available.

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, Victoria Grandy, Rita Ientile, Victoria (Vicky) Borg

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Mary & Frank Teuma, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Lawrence & Sinfarosa Dias, Inacio Sacramenta & Ilda Boccaro, Anna & Simao Dias, Antony Pinto, Tom Sample, Charlie, Emily, Perlito, Phyllis Gauci, Tom Grandy, Rosemary Marsh, Ron & Pat Thompson, Allen & Shirley Ross, Duyen Tran, Charlie Zammit, Dominic Ientile and all poor souls in purgatory

Special Intentions for: Norman de Luca, Ngoc Tran, Trinity Gabriel Vennam

Thanksgiving: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Infant of Prague, St Anthony of Padua, St Jude

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: **\$3,147**

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$775
Loose cash: \$675
Direct Deposits: \$550
Tap & Go: \$1,147

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal \$1,323

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

ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, religious

MEMORIAL 21 JUNE 2025

The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

SOLEMNITY 22 JUNE 2025

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Positions Vacant

- ♦ Sacramental Program and Special Religious Education Coordinator: St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie.
- ♦ Safeguarding: Healing and Support Counsellor: Diocese of Parramatta
- ♦ Training & Development Specialist – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta
- ♦ Senior Facilitator – Parish Engagement Lead: Diocese of Parramatta
- ♦ Cathedral Parish Coordinator: St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

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

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/

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.

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:

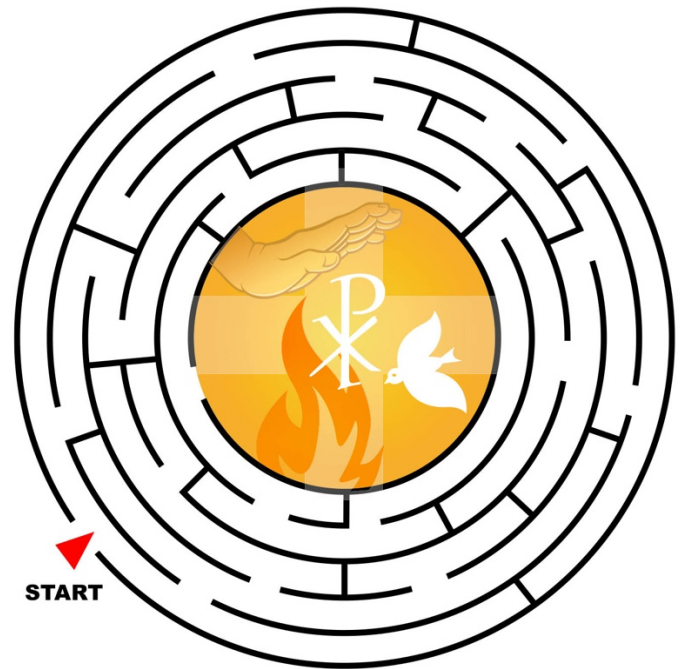
August 16: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/>

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

Journey of Hope Jubilee Concert: 26 July

The [Ateneo Alumni Association of Australia](#) (AAAA) invites all to the “Journey of Hope” Jubilee Concert to showcase an inspiring afternoon of music that speaks to the soul and a beautiful message of hope. The concert will take place on Saturday, 26th of July 2025 12:30pm-3pm at [Club Burwood Group - Club Burwood RSL, Club Burwood & Croydon Park Club](#), Entertainment Dome, 97 Shaftesbury Rd, Burwood. Tickets are \$25 each and all proceeds will go to the AAAA Scholarship Program for scholars in the Philippines in collaboration with the [Tanging Yaman Foundation](#) and Peregrinus which features members from the Filipino Chaplaincy Young Adults Choir. Link to book tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/CZXKB>. For more info contact: Ian Epondulan on 0401 161 264 or ian_ube@hotmail.com

Kids Corner...



Find your way to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Rosters for 21ST and 22ND June 2025

The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST - Corpus Christi

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Angela Carlino Trish Maldigri Caz Learmmonth
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Jeremy Angelo Joshua Angelo Colleen Weatherall Cat Paulo
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Jay Dass Marina Peter Marina Peter Skip Fernandes
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Ramona Grimm Bimy Baby Jovan Titus

Next week’s readings

21 and 22 June - The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST - Corpus Christi

First Reading: Genesis 14: 18-20
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 109: 1-4
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26
Gospel: Luke 9: 11-17



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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