



**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 22 June 2025

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, Yr C (1)



They all ate as much as they wanted
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Reflections for this week's readings

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

Feast of Corpus Christi

St Juliana of Cornillon (1222–1258) had visions that inspired her deep love for the Eucharist. Because of her devotion, the Church established the Feast of Corpus Christi, which means “the Body of Christ.” This feast, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, commemorates the belief that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. The Catholic Church and many other Christian denominations celebrate it.

Karl Rahner, a Jesuit theologian, once said that this is a strange feast. That’s because it celebrates something we already honour every day in church—the mystery of the altar. The Church holds a special procession to highlight what is received daily at Mass: the holy bread of eternal life. Each day, God prepares a sacred meal for us—the Lord’s Supper. In 1545, the Council of Trent declared that the Blessed Sacrament should be carried through the streets to express our faith publicly.

Today’s first reading tells us about Melchizedek, the king of Salem, who brought bread and wine as an offering. The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 109) is a prophecy about the priesthood of Jesus, who is like Melchizedek. In the Gospel reading, Jesus broke bread and gave it to his disciples to share with the crowd. This reminds us of what happens at Mass every day: we celebrate a sacred meal where Jesus is received, his Passion is remembered, our souls are filled

with grace, and we are given a foretaste of the glory to come.

Chris Anthony (Parishioner)

Parish News

Lectio Divina – Weekly Sessions

What a wonderful turn out we had for our very first Lectio Divina session last Wednesday evening! We invite you to join us for these weekly sessions. For more information or 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: Rita Ientile, Victoria (Vicky) Borg

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Martin & Stella Galea, Shamouni Franji, Ibrahim & Gabby Baniy, Milia Khattar, Mo Chinh, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Charlie Sultana, Carmelo Danastas, Pearl Scott, Borleen Mary and Susai Mary, Charlie Zammit, Dominic Ientile and all poor souls in purgatory

Special Intentions for: Norman de Luca, Ngoc Tran, Max Harris

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: \$3,881

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	\$850
Loose cash:	\$1,239
Direct Deposits:	\$710
Tap & Go:	\$1,082

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
Account Name: Wentworthville Catholic Church
Reference: [Your Surname] PURPOSE OF YOUR DONATION

Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

The NATIVITY of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SOLEMNITY	24 JUNE 2025
The Most SACRED HEART of Jesus SOLEMNITY	27 JUNE 2025

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Positions Vacant

- ♦ Faith Educator – Confraternity of Christian Doctrine
- ♦ Cathedral Parish Coordinator: St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
- ♦ Healing and Support Counsellor – Safeguarding
- ♦ Training & Development Specialist – Safeguarding
- ♦ Senior Facilitator – Parish Engagement Lead

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

Public Lecture "Shaping a Culture of Encounter in a Fragmented World" by Prof Leo Lefebure: 26 June

How can religious and interreligious leaders work with political and cultural leaders in shaping a constructive culture of encounter? Georgetown University professor and author Leo Lefebure will explore this question on Thursday, 26 June at 6.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Register: tinyurl.com/2efk584d

CYP LIFTED Retreat (18-35s): 27-29 June

All young people from the Diocese of Parramatta are warmly invited to join us for this transformative experience. This 3-day retreat will be held at the Collaroy Centre, 22 Homestead Ave, Collaroy. Cost applies. Learn more and express your interest: parracatholic.org/events/cyp-lifted-retreat-june/

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage Commissioning Mass: 6 July

Join us on 6 July for 6pm Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, as we pray for the youth pilgrims who will travel overseas for this year of Jubilee, as Pilgrims of Hope.

CYP LIFTED Retreat (Year 10-12s): 8 July

Catholic Youth Parramatta hosts an annual LIFTED Retreat, a spiritually enriching weekend designed to connect, support and nourish the young people of the Diocese of Parramatta. This retreat is open to Year 10-12 students (ages 16-17), and will be held on 8 July (10am-3pm) at Don Bosco Youth & Recreation Centre, 10 Mamre Rd, St Marys. Register: parracatholic.org/events/cyp-lifted-retreat-8-july/

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.

Rome from Home (Youth and Young Adults): 2 August

A retreat for young adults aged between 13 and 35, who want to grow in faith, find community, and be inspired on their journey. To be held on Saturday 2 August (12:30pm – 6pm) at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong, 36-40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong. Register by 26 July: <https://parracatholic.org/events/rome-from-home/>

MET Natural Fertility Couples hoping to Conceive Seminar: 2 August

MET Natural Fertility is holding a free seminar for couples hoping to conceive on Saturday 2 August from 1pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Hear about Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy. We will have couples present to share their amazing stories of how their fertility has been restored and they've achieved pregnancy. To register, visit parracatholic.org/natural-fertility

Expressions of Interest now open for Australian Catholic Youth Festival: Closes 25 August

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, 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 enrol, please contact the Of Worship on ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795 before Mon 4 Aug.

Across our Parishes

Glenmore Park Parish Corpus Christi Blessed Sacrament Procession: 22 June

All are welcome to Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park, for their Blessed Sacrament Procession for the Solemnity of Corpus Chrsi on Sunday 22 June after 10am Mass. You are encouraged to wear white with comfortable footwear for the procession. Please bring a water bottle, flower petals and a plate (finger food only) to share afterwards.

Holy Hour for Vocations: 27 June

The next Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations will be held on Friday 27 June at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill, from 7pm to 8pm. Join us afterwards for refreshments and discussions. For further information, please contact the parish office on parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au

Marsden Park Parish 2025 Dinner Dance: 26 July

Don’t miss out on the 2025 St Luke’s Marsden Park Dinner Dance on Saturday 26 July from 7pm to 11pm at St Luke’s Catholic College, Marsden Park. Tickets are now available at \$100 per adult with onsite child minding for kids over 3 years old. For tickets, email stlukesfundraisingteam@gmail.com

Catholic Creative Retreat for Women, Rouse Hill: 5 July

Join us for a refreshing Catholic Creative Retreat where we’ll explore the beauty of brush lettering and the power of creativity in prayer. Held on 5 July from 12:30pm, concludes with 5:30pm Mass at Our Lady of the Angels Parish Rouse Hill, 1 Wellgate Avenue, Kellyville. Fee applies. Register: tinyurl.com/4t38n2c9

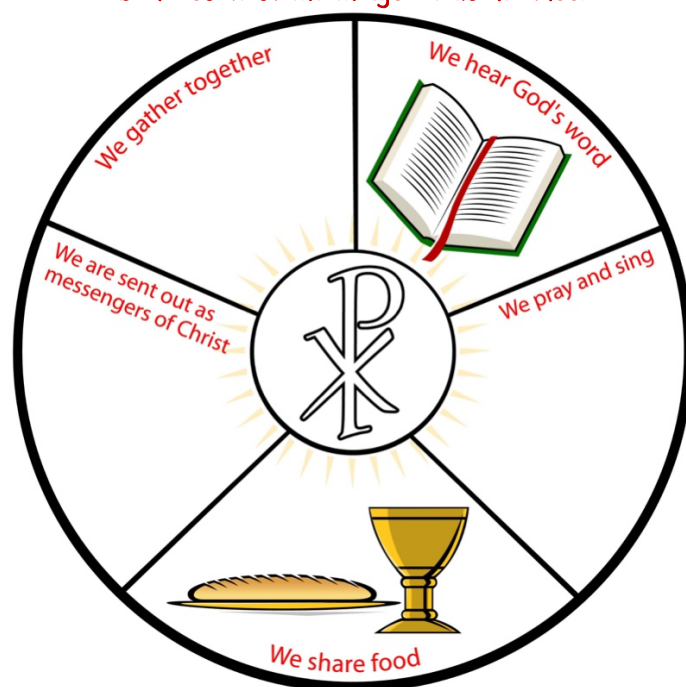
Young Adult Faith Formation: 6 July

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 6 July at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt at 7pm. Fr Tom Green will talk about and lead discussion on Blessed Franz Jägerstätter. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza, and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477 004 678.

Kids Corner...

We celebrate this Sacred Meal

Draw some of the things we do at mass.



Rosters for 28th and 29th June 2025

Sts Peter & Paul - Solemnity

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Anne-Marie Torrens Angela Carlino May Pepin
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Isabella Dias Coretta Dias Cathy Rossiter Roslyn Khattar
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Carmel Gauci Skip Fernandes David Touma Rosemary Chung
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Nelissa Almeida Eliana Almeida Isa Urbano

Next week’s readings

28 and 29 June - Sts Peter & Paul - Solemnity

VIGIL

First Reading:	Acts 3: 1-10
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 18: 2-5
Second Reading:	Galatians 1: 11-20
Gospel:	John 21: 15-19

DAY

First Reading:	Acts 12:1-11
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 33: 2-9
Second Reading:	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18
Gospel:	Matthew 16: 13-19



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

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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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