



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 29 June 2025

Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul, Yr C (1)



On this rock I will build my Church
Sts Peter and Paul

Reflections for this week's readings

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

"You are the Christ, Son of the living God."

"I ran a good race and fought a Good Fight"

Dear Sisters and Brothers, in this modern, fast-moving world, we often forget the Lord we serve and become engaged in worldly matters. The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul reminds us that our dear Lord never takes His eyes off us.

St. Peter & St. Paul were often called the 2 Pillars of the Holy Catholic church and our faith. Peter was the rock upon whom the church was built, and Paul was the apostle to the Gentiles the non-believers, but what's interesting is that both men were sinful, both were weak, Fragile, and filled with so many human limitations. Peter was known as the denial king, and Paul the cruellest persecutor of the believers, but amid limitations and imperfections, they were called to spread the faith, and they strengthened the Christian community. This is the message on the solemnity of our lives.

This sacred day calls upon all of us to reflect on two towering pillars of faith, St. Peter and St. Paul, whose lives were marked not merely by their achievements but by their profound transformations. Their stories remind us that the

journey of faith is not about perfection; it is about resilience, repentance, and renewal. St. Peter, the fisherman who faltered under pressure yet rose to be the rock upon which the Church was built, and St. Paul, a former persecutor of Christians who became one of the faith's greatest champions, exemplify the boundless grace of God that transforms and uplifts.

One Important point I would like to share with you, my dear friends.

First, the feast of these wonderful followers of Christ reminds us that God can work through **Fragile, Weak, Sinful** people to establish his kingdom. My dear friends, allow God to show His strength in your weakness. Since we are weak, we are sinners, and we are not perfect, but the good news is like Peter and Paul, we are loved and chosen by God; admitting our limitations does not diminish our strength, my dear friends, I would like to invite you to use your weakness as a stepping stone to build and spread Gods kingdom here on earth never allow your weaknesses affects your greatness you are still great amidst of your imperfections.

The lives of these two men motivate me personally to focus and magnify on my strengths, not on my weaknesses, even when I fall, sin, and walk away from our lord at times, the catholic church, has a greatest gift of the sacrament of confession, which brings us back to Christ in Eucharist which I share with my 2 lovely Kids on our everyday challenges and I embrace teaching and share with them the goodness of our Lord Jesus on our lives.

Today's Gospel invites us with Deeper questions from our Lord Jesus: Who do you think I am in your lives today? I pray that every one of us has the same courage as Peter had to respond to Jesus, Lord, you are my Personal Saviour and my Master.

St. Peter and St. Paul "PRAY FOR US AND THE ENTIRE WORLD"

God Bless – Basli (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 at 6:00pm every Wednesday. For more information or to prepare, please click on the links: [Introduction to Lectio Divina](#) / [Lectio Divina June 2025 Readings](#).



Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Presentation at Mass

This church, our church, is dedicated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The universal church celebrates her feast day on 16 July each year. We will be celebrating the Feast on Sunday, 20 July.

The Fund Raising and Social Committee is inviting all parishioners to join us on that Sunday, 20 July to celebrate this great feast. We are having a get-together after the 10.00am mass for some snacks and a cup of tea or coffee. Therefore, parishioners who will be attending the celebration are asked to contribute some finger food and desserts for this event. If your surname begins with a letter between A and M please bring along a plate of finger food and if your surname begins with a letter between N and Z, please bring along a plate of dessert.

We are also raffling a statue, which is on display in the Narthex of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Tickets are \$25 each. The proceeds from the raffle will go towards the completion of the audio/visual system in the church. So please be generous and contribute to this important project. Thank you.

Ministers of the Word - Roster

The new roster for July – September has been released. We thank all new volunteers for joining this important ministry. If you would like to join the readers' roster going forward, please email ocarmswenty@gmail.com with your name and preferred mass time as well as any weekends you are not available and you will be added to the next roster; Oct – Dec.

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 lentile, Victoria (Vicky) Borg, Louise Banno,

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Martin & Stella Galea, Thomas Sample, Nga Tran, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Mary & Frank Camilleri, Doreen Camilleri, Joseph Teuma, Louis Teuma, Joe & Maria Vella, Rosa Titian, Sonia Spittle, Jesse & Kevin McManus, Carmel Cini, Louis D'Souza, Charlie Zammit, Dominic lentile and all poor souls in purgatory

Special Intentions for: Norman de Luca, Ngoc Tran, Isa Urbano, Sample family, peace in the world and victims of wars

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: \$4,430

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$1,200

Loose cash: \$725

Direct Deposits: \$930

Tap & Go: \$1,575

Parish Online Banking: If you would like to pay fees or to donate, our online banking details are:

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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/

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Blue Mountains. Complete the anonymous survey by Friday 25 July by visiting www.surveymonkey.com/r/V9J5Y5Z or by scanning the QR code.

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/

Bishop Vincent presents Mauricio López: 23 July

One of Latin America's most influential lay leaders, Mauricio López Oropeza, will be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta as part of its "Bishop Vincent Presents" series. Mauricio will offer powerful insights on synodality, justice, and the Church's mission in a changing world. The free public lecture will be held on Wednesday 23 July at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 6pm. To register and learn more, please visit parracatholic.org/lopez

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/>

Across our Parishes

Caritas Australia appeals for support for amputees in Gaza – June 2025

The UN described Gaza as being “home to the largest cohort of child amputees in modern history”. As of April, the UN reported that 4,500 people have been made amputees due to the current conflict.

In response, Caritas Jerusalem is working to support those affected by the loss of limbs, as part of a program supported by Caritas Australia’s Gaza Emergency Appeal. We urgently need your support. Please donate to Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.

Young Adult Faith Formation: 6 July

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue 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.

Penrith Parish Winter Wonderland Holiday Prog.: 6-9 July

St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith, are hosting a Winter Wonderland Holiday Camp in the July school holidays from Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 July for boys and girls aged Kindy to Year 4. Please refer to the attached for more information on activities, cost and how to register your child.

Carmelite Missionaries



“Synodal Pilgrimage of Hope”

Speaker
Sr. Sheila Francia Barret, CM
Councillor - Carmelite Missionaries

10 JULY 2025 Thursday
9:30 am - 2 pm

Morning tea & Lunch provided

Registration until 8 July 2025
Registration fee: donation

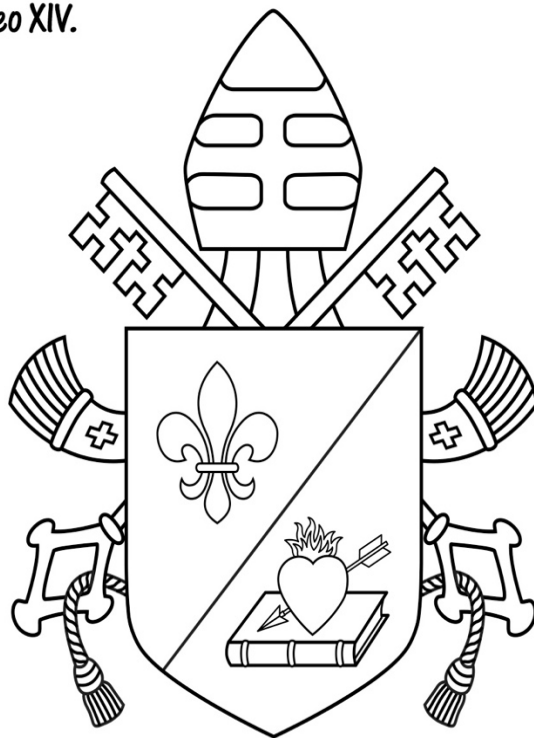
Venue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall 193 St. Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW 2566

CARMELITE MISSIONARIES
Blessed Francisco Palau Community

Registration by text or call.
Sr. Ines 0468462814
Sr. Jill 0481373124
Tere A. 0410185770

Kids Corner...

Jesus anointed Peter as the leader of his church and said to him, “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven”. As the leader of the Catholic Church, the Pope has on his papal crest the keys of Peter. Colour in the papal crest of Pope Leo XIV.



Rosters for 5th and 6th July 2025

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Bob Hanna Janine Hanna Anne-Marie Torrens
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	David Rodrigues Michelle Rodrigues Pauline Cassar Ron Aquilina
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Youth Minister Youth Minister Clyde Fernandes Carmel Gauci
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Isa Urbano Bimy Baby Fran Sharpe

Next week's readings

5 and 6 July – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:	Isaiah 66: 10-14
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalms 65: 1-7, 16, 20
Second Reading:	Galatians 6: 14-18
Gospel:	Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20



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

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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

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