



**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 3 August 2025

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr C (1)



**You worry and fret about
so many things**
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17
Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11
Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

"One's life does not consist of possessions" (Lk 12:15)

With those words, Jesus reaffirmed what He tries to teach throughout His ministry. You may be aware that more than half of His parables dealt directly with this concept of "possessions and ownership."

Stewardship, of course, makes it clear that what we may have, possess, or own is merely a gift for which we are the caretaker, the steward. Yet, this remains one of the main stumbling blocks to a stewardship way of life.

We live in a society that places great emphasis on possessions — the car we drive, the house we live in, the latest technological advancements. This attitude has been prevalent to humankind for thousands of years. The way the Lord addressed it in His time is still quite applicable today. He cautions us that the measure of our life is not found there, however. The parable of the rich man with the good harvest makes it all absolutely clear. The Lord closes the parable by saying, "Thus will it be for all who store up treasures for themselves, but are not rich in what matters to God" (Lk 12:21). Stewardship challenges us to get our priorities correct and to understand that what may seem important in this life is not important in the next.

Reflection: Catholic Steward (catholicsteward.com)

Parish News

Lectio Divina – Weekly Sessions

We invite you to join us for the weekly Lectio Divina sessions at 6:00pm every Wednesday in the "Red Room". For more information or to prepare, please click on the links: [Introduction to Lectio Divina](https://ocarm.org/en/lectio-divina/2094-lectio-divina-july-2025)
<https://ocarm.org/en/lectio-divina/2094-lectio-divina-july-2025>



Clergy Annual Leave – Fr Janu

Fr Janu will be taking leave from 2 August until 5 September 2025 (inclusive). He will be visiting Timor to spend time with his family and do some pastoral work whilst there.

During this time, Fr Alby will be Acting Parish Priest and will have the Carmelites to support him with Pastoral Care for the community.

We ask you to keep Fr Janu in your prayers for his safe travels, fruitful break and to return to our parish renewed in faith, filled with the Holy Spirit and ready to serve the needs of our community.

First Holy Communion 2025

Thank you to all families who attended the information evening. We are blessed to have an incredibly large cohort preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel this year. Preparation workshops will begin in September.

Due to the large number of children registered; an additional liturgy date and time will be arranged. Further information will be shared with registered participants.

For any children yet to register, please do so asap following this link: [Sacramental Process for Children 2025](#), if you are experiencing issues with the online form, please collect an enrolment form from the parish during office hours.

Please pray for...

Those who are sick (Healing and Peace), especially: Rita Ientile, Victoria (Vicky) Borg, Ngoc Tran, Thelma Blakeman, Louise Banno, Nada, Charbel & Sussan and all those suffering from cancer.

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Sandra Walker, Teresa Bigeni, Raymond & Shamouni and Family, Joseph Tannous, Fr Mike Beard, Maria Michael, Martin & Stella Galea, Charlie Zammit, Dominic Ientile, 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,

Special Intentions for: Norman De Luca, Conroy Family, Lawrence Blakeman, Patrick Tran, Thuy Tran, Ngoc Tran

Thanksgiving: Rosy Sharma, St Anthony

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Weekly donation to the Parish: \$3,560

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$530

Loose cash: \$680

Direct Deposits: \$1,010

Tap & Go: \$1,340

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

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End of Financial Year – Tax Receipts

If a receipt for Planned Giving is required for the financial year ended 30 June, please contact Gennie in the office (02 9631 8302).

Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

St John Vianney, priest 4 AUGUST 2025
MEMORIAL

The Transfiguration of the Lord 6 AUGUST 2025
FEAST

St MARY of the CROSS, virgin 8 AUGUST 2025
SOLEMNITY (Australia)

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Positions Vacant

- Training & Development Specialist – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta
- Facilitator – Family Engagement: Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta

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

Catholic Outlook Magazine Winter 2025 edition out now!

Our special tribute edition of the *Catholic Outlook Magazine* is out now! This edition gives thanks for the remarkable papacy of Pope Francis and welcomes the new pontificate of Pope Leo XIV with a range of tributes and reflections. Pick up your free copy from parishes and offices across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains today or read it online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine

HOPEFEST: 8-10 August

HOPEFEST is a Diocesan Jubilee of Hope three-day experience for all ages hosted by St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens. Experiences will include praise & worship, a local pilgrimage from Stanhope Parish to the Franciscan Shrine in Kellyville, community activities, life & faith workshops and opportunities to celebrate the sacraments.

Register

via:

<https://parracatholic.org/events/hopefest/>

Diocesan Homelessness Week Memorial Service – Wrapped in Love: 8 August

You're warmly invited to a Memorial Service during Homelessness Week on Friday 8 August 2025, 6:30pm–7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. Together, let us honour and remember those who have died while experiencing homelessness or hardship, through prayer, reflection and a spirit of compassion. Whether you want to commemorate a friend or stand in solidarity, all are welcome. This heartfelt gathering is hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta, St Patrick's Cathedral, Catholic Care, and other community partners. You can find more information at parracatholic.org/events/homeless-memorial-service

Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings – 2025-26 Social Justice Statement: 13 August

"Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings" are quarterly online gatherings for everyone interested in social justice, care for creation, or global peace. The next gathering on Wednesday 13 August from 6.30pm to 8pm will break open the 2025-2026 ACBC Social Justice Statement: "Signs of Hope on the Edge – Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill-Health", which will be launched on the same day. To receive a Zoom link, please RSVP to met@parracatholic.org

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, see parracatholic.org/connect/acyf or email hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

Volunteer Communicators Network

Are you savvy with a camera, writing or social media? We want to hear from you! Share your interest with us to support our storytelling in *Catholic Outlook*, our websites and social media. Name/contact details are required: parracatholic.org/communicators

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 Office for Worship on ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795 before Mon 4/8.

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.

Across our Parishes

Catholic Catechism and Spiritual Warfare: 16 August

Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, will be hosting a talk by Fr Jose Francisco Syquia from the Archdiocese of Manila on a variety of Catholic topics on Saturday 16 August 2025 at 3:30 pm. The talk will be followed by the Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm which will be celebrated by Fr Syquia. For further information and to RSVP, please click on the link: <https://forms.gle/KBGM6qjt2DsdG8uS7>.

Fr Joseph Lam book on Pope Leo XIV

Fr Joseph Lam, Parish Priest at the Parish of Baulkham Hills, has produced a new book that explores the traces of St Augustine in the words and messages of the successors of St Peter since 2005: Benedict XVI, Francis and Leo XIV. The book is \$45, with proceeds to help the renovation of the old heritage building at Baulkham Hills. To pre-order the book, please contact admin@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au.

Mary MacKillop Feast Day celebrations: 8 August

The Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre in Norwest warmly welcomes you to celebrate their patronal feast day on Friday 8 August at 10am. Mass will be celebrated, followed by morning tea. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please RSVP for catering purposes to bookings.sjc@sosjspirit.org.au.

Noël! Noël! at St Patrick's Cathedral

General tickets are now available for the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra's much-loved Noël! Noël! concert at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Join us for an unforgettable evening of festive music in our beautiful church on Tuesday 16 December, 7.30pm. Tickets will sell quickly, so grab yours today by visiting [Noël! Noël! at St Patrick's Cathedral](#)

Kenthurst Parish Dinner Dance: 19 September

All are welcome to attend St Madeleine's Dinner Dance on Friday 19 September at 6pm at the Dural Club, 662A Old Northern Road, Dural. Cost is \$120 and includes a three-course dinner. To enquire about tickets or how you can [donate to the silent auction \(goods, services or monetary contributions\)](#), please contact Sally Coppini on stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com or 0407 942 986.

Baulkham Hills Parish Community Fete: 21 September

Join the Baulkham Hills Parish for their Community Fete on Sunday, 21 September 2025 from 10am-4pm, at St Michael's Primary School, Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills. There will be delicious food, music, entertainment, games and activities for all!

Nagasaki Peace Day Prayer and Mass for Peace: 9 August



The Japanese Catholic Community of Sydney invite you to join them in commemorating the 80th anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki with prayer and Mass for peace on Saturday 9 August at 11am at Holy Name of Mary

Parish, Hunters Hill. Registration is required for event preparation and catering purposes by 2 August by scanning the QR code. For more information, please contact Michi on jpcathsyd@outlook.com

Kids' Corner...



Rosters for 9th and 10th August 2025

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Anne-Marie Torrens Elena Fernandes Bob Hanna
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Jeremy Angelo Joshua Angelo Pauline Cassar Ron Aquilina
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Trinita Kishore Shayna Peter David Touma Skip Fernandes
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Mark Attwood Nelissa Almeida Isa Urbano

Next week's readings

9 and 10 August – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Wisdom 18: 6-9

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 32: 1, 12, 18-20, 22

Second Reading:

Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

Gospel:

Luke 12: 32-48



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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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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