

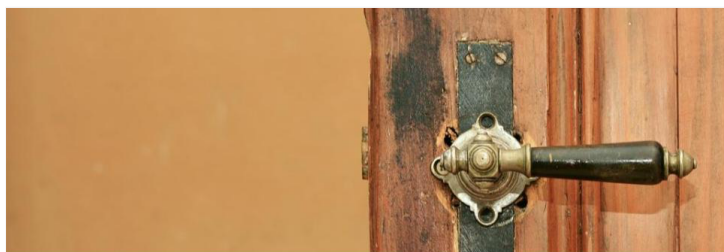


Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 24 August 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr C (1)



**Try your best to enter by
the narrow door**
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading: Isaiah 66: 18-21
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116
Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13
Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30

The Challenge of Following Jesus

Following Jesus is challenging. The readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C remind us of this. Jesus attracted many people with His message of love and healing. People wanted to hear His words and see His miracles. However, when He spoke about taking up a cross and the difficulties of being a disciple, some people turned away. They were not ready for the hard parts of following Him.

Many people had their reasons for following Jesus. Some hoped for healing, others wanted freedom from Roman rule, and some sought relief from strict religious practices. While these are good desires, they missed the full meaning of discipleship. Jesus called His followers to do the Father's will, not just to fulfill their personal agendas.

We might also have our own reasons for being part of the Church. Maybe we want to see positive changes in society, enjoy being part of a community, or admire the Church's teachings. These are all good things, but they are not the whole picture. True discipleship means knowing Jesus personally and following His teachings, even when it is hard.

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us that following Jesus is not just about the benefits. It also involves sacrifice and commitment. There will be tough times and challenges that test our faith. We might face rejection,

misunderstandings, or even persecution. But if we truly love Jesus, we will stay committed to Him.

Being a disciple means making sacrifices. It might mean giving up our comfort, changing our plans, or putting others first. Jesus asks us to follow Him, even when it leads to a cross. This requires effort and sometimes pain, but it also brings true joy and peace.

On this 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we are reminded to examine our motives for following Jesus. Are we looking for what we can get, or are we willing to give our all for Him? Jesus invites us to a deep and true relationship with Him. This relationship requires commitment and a willingness to face difficulties.

As we reflect on these readings, let's ask for the strength to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. Let us be ready to take up our cross and follow Him, knowing that He is with us every step of the way. The journey might be tough, but it leads to eternal life with Him.

Reflection Source: youngcatholics.com

Parish News

Lectio Divina – Weekly Sessions

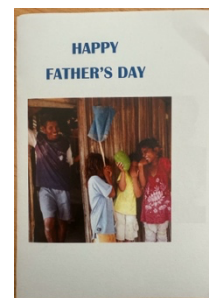
We invite you to join us for the weekly Lectio Divina sessions at 6:00pm every Wednesday in the "Red Room". For more information or to prepare, please click on the links: [Introduction to Lectio Divina](http://www.carmelites.org.au/5138-lectio-divina-august-2025)
<https://www.carmelites.org.au/5138-lectio-divina-august-2025>



Father's Day Raffle

The East Timor committee will be having a fundraiser for Father's Day. They will be selling Father's Day cards after all weekend masses. The cards will cost \$5 each. With each card you have a chance to be in the draw for a \$50 Bunnings voucher. There will be 6 to give away.

Thank you from the East Timor committee



Liturgy Corner

How may the readings be adapted in the Liturgy of the Word for children?

The Liturgy of the Word for Children allows children to gather and celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at Mass, adapted to meet their needs and level of understanding. It seeks to encourage the children's full, conscious and active participation in the Mass and complement parents' efforts to raise their children in the practice of the faith.

The Vatican *Directory for Masses with Children* provides guidance about celebrating the Liturgy of the Word for

Children. Firstly, an adapted version of the Lectionary (the book of readings proclaimed at Mass) can be used. This *Lectionary for Masses with Children* uses a simpler translation of the Bible. On some occasions, it may only include the first or second reading, or shortened forms of the readings. All of this is done with the intention of focusing on what children can more readily understand.

In addition, ministers preparing and leading celebrations of the Liturgy of the Word for Children may choose to focus on particular readings. The Gospel, however, must always be proclaimed and be experienced as the high point of the Liturgy of the Word, just as it is with an adult assembly. The selection and proclamation of the readings is crucially important, as “when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 29).

Please pray for...

Those who are sick, healing and peace, especially: Rita Ientile, Victoria (Vicky) Borg, Dinh Toan Hoang Family, Phuoc Nguyen Family

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Charlie Sultana, Charlie Zammit, Mercy Bhuyan, John Miranda, Valda M Cox, K.V. & Elizabeth George, Anthony, Monica & Catherine Kong, Ko Win Nai, Harris & Sharma, , Robert Joseph Morgan, Maria Margaretha Soatini, Martin & Stella Galea, Dominic Ientile, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma,

Special Intentions for: Norman De Luca, Thuy Tran, Ngoc Tran, Jamie Jijo

Thanksgiving & Birthdays: Margaret Jajendran, Miriam & Manoj Peter + family, Marc Urbano, Owin Pinto & Family, Tarini Pakkianathan, Hannah Fernandez, Aloysius Family, St Christopher for a safe journey

Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

Weddings:

Angela Macri & George Karkour (30/09)

Sonia Ramia & Jacob Silwanis (20/09)



May God bless your marriage always!

Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

St Monica

MEMORIAL 27 AUGUST 2025

St Augustine, bishop, doctor

MEMORIAL 28 AUGUST 2025

The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr

MEMORIAL 29 AUGUST 2025

Church Calendar

Cleaning Day Thursday, 4 September 2025

St Vincent de Paul Meeting Thursday, 4 September 2025

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Weekly donation to the Parish: \$3,496

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$856

Loose cash: \$930

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Tap & Go: \$1,165

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Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Positions Vacant

- Training & Development Specialist – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta
- Facilitator – Family Engagement: Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta
- Parish Secretary: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

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

Bishop Vincent Presents Dr Nora Nonterah: 2 September

In the next iteration of the *Bishop Vincent Presents* series, the Diocese of Parramatta will welcome Dr Nora Nonterah, a leading African theological ethicist from Ghana. She will be presenting on Tuesday 2 September at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. As a lay woman and recent delegate to the Synod on Synodality in 2023 and 2024, Dr Nora will offer a powerful reflection on leadership, discipleship, and the wisdom of women in the Church. Register today by visiting <https://parracatholic.org/events/nora/>

Bishop Vincent Presents Cardinal Stephen Chow SJ: 15 September

The second of two *Bishop Vincent Presents* public lectures in September will feature Cardinal Stephen Chow SJ, Bishop of Hong Kong and one of the most senior Church leaders in Asia. He will be presenting on Monday 15 September at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta on the topic of 'Bridge Building'. With a background in psychology and education, and a deep pastoral heart, Cardinal Chow brings wisdom, courage, and compassion to the challenges facing the Church in our time. Register today by visiting <https://parracatholic.org/events/cardinalchow/>

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 Aug 2025, see parracatholic.org/connect/acyf or email gwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training: 1-3 September

The next sessions of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on the following days at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre:

Monday 1 September for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 9.30am to 2.30pm

Tuesday 2 September for Renewal training (Modules 4 and 5) from 10am to 1.39pm

Wednesday 3 September for Refresher training (Module 6) from 10am to 12noon.

Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Mass for Musicians: 24 September

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we invite all those involved in Music Ministry across the Diocese to join us for our Mass for Musicians. Join us on 24 September, 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. We ask that you arrive at 7pm and are seated by 7:15pm. To register your attendance and the number of guests you are bringing, please [RSVP via our website](#) by Friday, 19 September. If you are unable to register via the form, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795.

Registrations now open for 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 time 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:

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

15 November: <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.

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

Pray for our Pilgrims!

Please pray for the adults from our Diocese and beyond who will embark on the Jubilee of Hope pilgrimage from 7 to 25

September. May God bless their journey, deepen their faith, and guide their steps as they trace the footsteps of the early Church and join the celebrations in Rome. Let's ask the Holy Spirit to inspire and protect them throughout this transformative experience.

Kids' Corner...

Write or draw someone who is not considered an important person. Then fill in the missing letters.

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Rosters for 30th and 31st August 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Anne-Marie Torrens Elena Fernandes Charlie Felice
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	David Rodrigues Michelle Rodrigues Cathy Rossiter Roslyn Khattar
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Jay Dass Daphne Dominic David Touma Marina Peter
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Ramona Grimm Mark Attwood Isa Urbano

Next week's readings

30 and 31 August – Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:	Sirach3: 17-20, 28-29
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 67: 4-7, 10-11
Second Reading:	Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24
Gospel:	Luke 14: 1, 7-14



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

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