

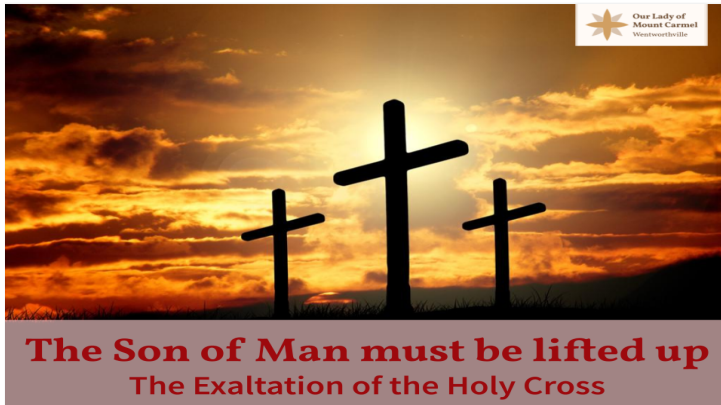


**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 14 September 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



The Son of Man must be lifted up
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 77: 1-2, 34-38
Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11
Gospel: John 3: 13-17

God's Love

While I was in Uni, I accompanied a friend of mine to an eye hospital to remove a foreign particle. This was way before all the technology we have now. The nurse had to inject him in his eye with his eye open. When he told me this outside the ward, I froze, thinking of the pain and the fear that accompanies the pain. He added that the nurse kept telling him, "Just trust me, I will make it as easy as possible for you". I asked if she could not do it with just tablets, and he responded that the medical advice was to undergo this little pain or else lose his eye. His cure was not cheap.

There were no words of comfort I could offer him as we walked out of the hospital, but I recollected a childhood story I had read about how the three Fatima seers sacrificed and offered all the pain for sinners.

In the first reading, God instructs Moses to make a serpent of brass. There is nothing in looking at a brass serpent that will cure snake bites; it was a test of their faith: "Would the Israelites obey God?" and all who looked were healed. God was preparing man for the costly price of salvation through pain and suffering

The second reading talks about the obedience of Christ to His Heavenly Father, taking the form of a servant to the point of death on a cross.

In the Gospel, Christ comes along and says that He will be lifted up like the serpent in the Old Testament. One of the few instances where the same word is applied to evil and to good. Another is the lion (the antichrist) and the Lion of Judah.

Just as the brass serpent resembled the serpent that bit the Israelites but had no poison, so our Lord on the cross, whose appearance was marred and disfigured beyond any human being, would look as if he was full of the poison of human guilt but had no sin in Him.

Salvation does not come cheap; the lesson is that unless there is a cross in our lives, there will never be a resurrection. We, too, must take up our crosses and follow Christ. But we are not alone. Just as that nurse promised my friend, "Just trust me, I will make it as easy as possible for you". The Lord promises to be with us as we walk with our crosses. We can look to him to gain courage, healing from our inequities and eternal life.

The cross is the knowledge and wisdom of God

David and Michelle (*Parishioners*)

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://carmelites.org.au/item/1568-lectio-divina-for-september-2025)
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First Holy Communion Workshops

The 3-week workshops for children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion is in their second week. There are two workshop available:

- Group 1: Mondays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM (starting Monday, 1st September)
- Group 2: Wednesdays from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM (starting Wednesday, 3rd September)

Please ensure that you and your child attend **either the Monday or Wednesday group** consistently throughout the 3 weeks. We look forward to supporting your child on this important step in their faith journey.

The celebration of the First Holy Communion masses will be held on 2 Saturdays, **25 Oct 2025 and 1 Nov 2025**. Parents of children receiving their First Holy Communion are kindly asked to **nominate their preferred date** using the survey form sent to your email.

Please complete the form by 15 September 2025.

Ministry Formation Workshops

Our parish holds formation workshops to support liturgical ministers in their ministry. Workshops will be held in a number of ministries over the coming months. The first is a workshop for **all Altar Servers** (current and new) on **Saturday 20 September at 10:00 am**. This workshop is also a perfect opportunity for children and adults who would like to start in this ministry.



Join our Ministry Formation Workshops

Altar Servers
Saturday 20 September, 10:00 am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Wednesday 15 October, 7:00 pm or
Saturday 18 October, 9:30 am

Ministers of the Word
Saturday 18 October, 10:45 am or
Wednesday 22 October, 7:00 pm

Music Ministers
Thursday 13 November, 7:00 pm

Photos: Alphonsus Fok/Diocese of Parramatta

Liturgy Corner

The Liturgy of the Word for Children

Our parish celebrate the Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10:00 am Mass. It allows children to gather and celebrate in a way that is 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 priest will invite **all** children who want to participate in the Liturgy of the Word for Children to come forward. Once they are gathered, the priest will dismiss the children and leaders, who will process to the "Red Room" for their celebration.

The Liturgy of the Word for Children will then be celebrated as the rest of the assembly celebrates the Liturgy of the Word as usual. As the assembly is engaged in the Prayer of the Faithful, the children, having completed their celebration, will prepare to make their way back into the church.

As the second collection and Offertory take place, the children will return to their families as we celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist together.

Please pray for...

Those who are sick, healing and peace, especially: Rita Ientile, Victoria (Vicky) Borg, Antoinette De Silva

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Charlie Zammit, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary and Frank Teuma, Josephine & Adolf Tabone, Carmel Mills, Georgia

Sultana, Michaelangelo Cassar, K. V George & Elisabeth George, Aram and Arshaloos Sarkees, Alan and Teresa Cardoso, Joe & Monica Fernandes, Albert Attard, Fabreese Fernandes' MR. Rajendran

Special Intentions/Thanksgiving: Norman De Luca, Ngoc Tran, Ngoc Tran, Truy Tran, Lawrence Blakeman, Jasmine, Jamaica and family, Coretta and Eric Dias (wedding anniversary), Janine,

Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

Weddings:

Sonia Ramia & Jacob Silwanis (20/09)
Chloe Birch & Christopher Brazell (26/09)



May God bless your marriage always!

Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

Our Lady of Sorrows

MEMORIAL 15 September 2025

Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr and Cyprian, bishop, Martyr

MEMORIAL 16 September 2025

Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr, Paul Chong Ha-sung & companions, martyrs

MEMORIAL 20 September 2025

Church Calendar

First Holy Communion Workshops: *Mon, 15 Sept, 6:00 pm*
Wed, 17 Sept, 3.30 pm

Altar Servers Workshop *Sat, 20 Sept, 10 am*

Cleaning Day *Thursday, 18 Sept after 9 am mass*

St Vincent de Paul Meeting *Thursday, 18 Sept, 10 am*

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Weekly donation to the Parish: \$4,346

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$960

Loose cash: \$901

Direct Deposits: \$1,210

Tap & Go: \$1,275

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

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Reference: [Your Surname] PURPOSE OF YOUR DONATION

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal – supporting our senior priests as they continue to serve (reminder).

This Father's Day, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers - the priests who nurture our faith. Even



after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services, and serving as chaplains in aged care. Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QRcode. Thank you.

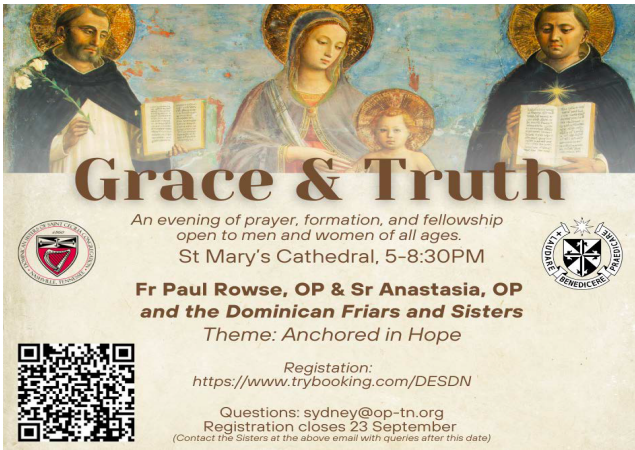
Mass for Musicians: 24 September

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.

Around the Diocese

Grace and Truth Evening

Men and women (18 years and older) are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on Tuesday 30 September for the next Grace and Truth evening on the theme “Anchored in Hope”. The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Fr Paul Rowse, OP and Sister Anastasia, OP. The event will run from 5-8:30PM, starting in the St Mary’s Cathedral Crypt and moving to the Cathedral Hall. Cost: \$20. Registration closes 23 September. <https://www.trybooking.com/DESDN>. For more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at sydney@op-tn.org.



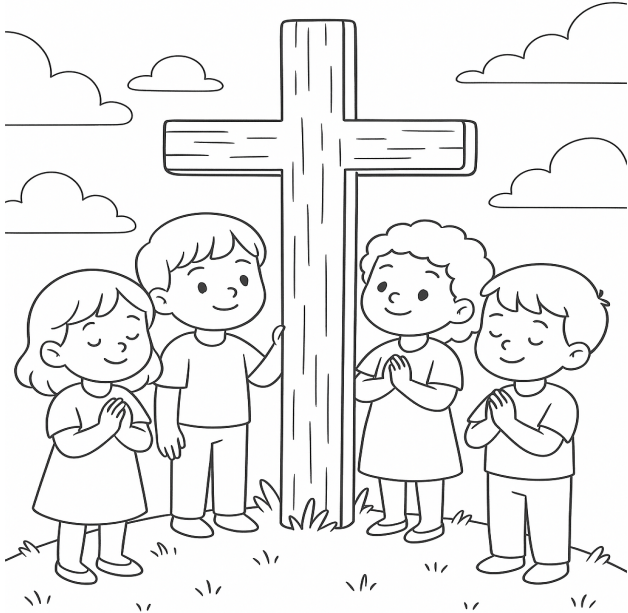
Jubilee Year of Hope Reflection Day at Mary MacKillop Place
Wednesday 17 September
9:30am – 2:10pm

The Sisters of Saint Joseph invite you to join us for the next Jubilee Year of Hope Reflection Day, themed “Recognising signs of hope among us, and being sources of hope for others in need.” Drawing on *Lumen Gentium* (The Light of the World) and the wisdom of Vatican II, this day invites reflection on how every person is called to live holiness and

hope in the ordinary moments of life. All people, at all stages of faith, are welcome. Morning tea provided, BYO lunch, no cost. RSVP to ministries@mmp.org.au.

Kids Corner

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



“O Holy Cross, be my strength and my guide.”

Rosters for 20 th & 21 st September 2025		
25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1	Anne-Marie Torrens
	Reader 2	Elena Fernades
	Communion	Antoinette Zammit
8am Sunday	Reader 1	Cat Paulo
	Reader 2	Cecilia Cotter
	Communion	David Rodrigues Michelle Rodrigues
10am Sunday	Reader 1	Shayna Peter
	Reader 2	Basli Sathi
	Communion	Rosemary Chung Skip Fernades
6pm Sunday	Reader 1	Bimy Baby
	Reader 2	Ramona Grimm
	Communion	Fran Sharpe

Next week’s readings

20 and 21 September – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:	Amos 8: 4-7
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalms 112: 1-2, 4-8
Second Reading:	1 Timothy 2: 1-8
Gospel:	Luke 16: 1-13



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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Online at www.olmcwenty.org.au

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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. 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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