



**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 12 October 2025

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr C/1



**One of them turned back,
praising God**
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading: 2 Kings 5: 14-17
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97: 1-4
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8-13
Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

It is both just and nice to be thanked

When Moses kept his hands up high Israel was winning and when he let them down Israel was losing. In my teens I could not grasp the significance of this strange act in this passage; perhaps I was focusing too much on the raising and lowering of hands and the horrible violence involved, while I should have focused more on the fact that even when Moses got too tired, first he persisted even more, then he accepted Aaron's and Hur's help to hold his hands up until the mission was accomplished and Israel won the battle. This reminds us to persist in our prayers and in doing good deeds and also of the need to both help others in need and not to refuse assistance whenever we need help to achieve anything worthwhile.

Psalm 120 stresses on the pivotal fact that no matter who or what threatens our peace of mind or security, we are never alone, for God is our constant protector; so let us face each challenge in life positively, knowing that we can never be in better hands.

This part of Paul's letter to Timothy, ch.3:14, relates to what should be our behaviour in both the physical building and the spiritual order of the church. When we are in church we must always remember that we are in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and we must not only behave respectfully but also, whichever function or ceremony we perform should conform with the official liturgy and not our own invention. It is also as important to remember to behave as Catholics wherever we are and in whatever we do at all times and to adhere to the teaching of the Church, especially when we are tempted to

suggest our personal twist on any fundamental teaching of our Faith.

In Luke's Gospel the episode of the ten lepers points to a number of reminders, the most popular is, of course, about being appreciative: "Were not the ten made clean?" Jesus Lamented.

Jill, one day complained to Jack, her husband: "I spend hours in the kitchen preparing and cooking meals and you never show any appreciation!" Jack promptly replied: "But I do, my dear! Don't I always finish off all the food on my plate to the very last morsel? Is that not showing appreciation?!" – No, it is not Jack! – a 'thank you' or an occasional hug are definitely more fitting! Here we also see Jesus' respect for authority and for priests in particular: "Go show yourselves to the priests." He, as God did not need anyone's permission or approval to perform a good deed, yet He insisted that the healed lepers should follow the law and show the priests that they were healed and may mix again with society. Does this remind you of Covid, restrictions, jabs and the various rules?

Jesus also is warning us not to dismiss anyone just because they are in any way different from us. This resonates another quotation from Jesus: "The first shall be last and the last shall be first".

Here He points out to the irony that among the ten it had to be a Samaritan, regarded as an outsider, who came to Him to say 'thank you'.

Above all this part of the Gospel echoes today's Psalm: Jesus, as our protector is in charge of both our soul and body. He is Divine Mercy itself, He embraces humanity with Infinite Love irrespective of race or creed, for God created us ALL to His own image and so did Jesus die for us ALL!

Frank Zammit (Parishioner)

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://www.carmelites.org.au/5173-lectio-divina-october-2025-pdf)
<https://www.carmelites.org.au/5173-lectio-divina-october-2025-pdf>

Sunshine, Scenery & Spirit – A Day at Woy Woy



With sunshine above and joy in our hearts, the young and the old boarded the train to Woy Woy, blessed with beautiful views and warm company. More than just a trip,



it was a day of faith, friendship, and shared joy — a treasured memory for the OLMC family.

Blessing for HSC Students

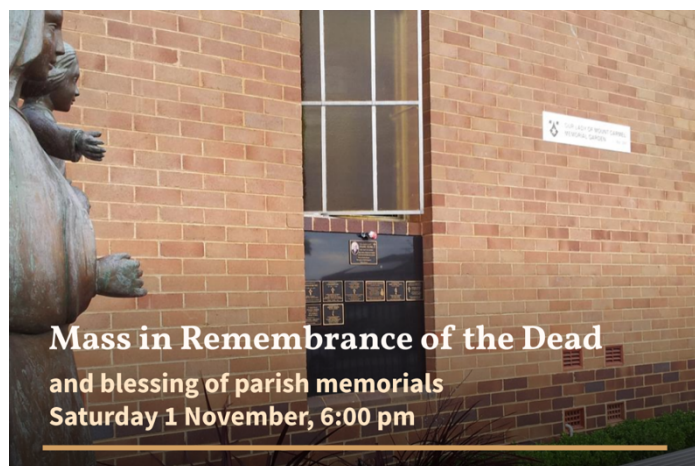
A special blessing for students sitting HSC exams to be held during the **10 am mass on Sunday, 12 October 2025**.

HSC STUDENTS LIST 2025			
FIRST NAME	SURNAME	FIRST NAME	SURNAME
Jemma	Adamek	Samira	Heikek
Matthew	Alderman	Moksh	Jain
John Steven	Araullo	Violet	Joseph
David	Azar	John	Justin Paubui
Luke	Buhagiar	Ovian	Kantheruban
Marisol	Carey	Winston	Kennedy
Aurelia	Chawa	Jayden	Lawrence
Gevin	Chithraanjan	Isaac	Matthews
Ann Sapna	Clivin	Sebastian	Mayonado
Gabriella	Cnetcuti	Charlize	McDonald
Jake	Crawley	Bradley	Medows
Sam	Crotty	Luga	Odello
Will	Crotty	Nishant	Pakkianathan
Dwayne	D' souza	David	Pinto
Raylene	Dcruz	Tracy	Rodricks
Serena	Dias	Raphael	Ryan
Chloe	Elias	Johnathan	Sarayar
Jonah	Fenech	Aryan	Sawant
Sean	Fitzaibbons	Jacob	Tamaro
Ryan	Fong	Marselle	Toledo
Thomas	Francis	Daniel	Touma
Michael	Gabrael	Lourdes	Touma
Charlie	Georges	Elisha	Zammit

Please keep them in your prayers.

Celebrations for All Souls Day

This year, All Souls Day will fall on a Sunday. Our annual blessing of the plaques in our parish memorial garden will be celebrated at the conclusion of the 6:00 pm Saturday evening Mass on 1 November. We invite all parishioners, especially those whose loved ones are remembered in the garden, to join us.



Mariam Virtual Pilgrimage

Save the date for a Miriam Virtual Pilgrimage after the 9 am anointing mass on Friday, 7 November 2025:

Meditating on Mary's life, particularly her experiences at the Annunciation, Wedding Feast at Cana, the foot of the Cross, and with the early Church, provides inspiration and guidance for our lives.

Liturgy Corner

Ensuring a Safe, Hope-Filled and Welcoming Church as Liturgical Ministers

Our 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. It is an expectation, and moral imperative, that all parishioners engaged in voluntary roles - including liturgical ministry - complete and maintain mandatory safeguarding training.

As such, **from 1 January 2026, only parishioners who have current safeguarding training in place will be included in the rosters for each liturgical ministry and be able to serve in ministerial roles.** Parishioners' ability to participate in ministries will be verified against a mandatory training register. If you think you may wish to help out in the parish in some way in the future, we recommend completing the training so that you can volunteer without delay.

The Diocese of Parramatta provides the required safeguarding training, which is valid for two years (after which, renewal training is required). Visit olmcwenty.org.au/safeguarding to access the online training platform. Alternatively, a face-to-face training opportunity will be held on **Saturday 15 November, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm** in the Parish Centre. Information about registering for this training will be provided soon.

We understand that this training requires the giving of your time, but hope you also share our desire to ensure that we do everything we can to ensure that young and vulnerable people are safe in our parish. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Please pray for...

Those who are sick, healing and peace, especially:

Patric Tran, Vicky Borg, Torsten Berger, Mark Cotter.

Recently Deceased: Maria Kathy, Joseph Grech, Doreen Cavan

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Martin & Stella Galea, Charlie Zammit, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary and Frank Teuma, Josephine & Adolf Tabone, Eily McMunn, Johanna Weatherall, Greg Carrozza, Rose Attard, Rosie Attard, Fabreece Fernanders, Albert Attard, Arthur Lopez,

Special Intentions/Thanksgiving: Ngoc TRAN, Truy Tran, Lawrence Blakeman, Norman de Luca, Gritz Michael Conroy, Sheelu & Bargav ([25th Wedding Anniversary](#))

Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

Baptisms:

Elias Anthony Takchi (11/10)
Jacob Hoang Tran (12/10)
Brandon Vinh Tran (12/10)
Marley Managreve (19/10)
Makoa Managreve (19/10)

May they grow in faith, love, and the grace of God!



Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

St Teresa of Jesus, (of Avila), virgin, doctor

Memorial 15 October 2025

St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr

Memorial 17 October 2025

St Luke, evangelist

Feast 18 October 2025

Church Calendar

Formation Workshops for:

Extraordinary Ministers of

Holy Communion

Ministers of the Word

Music Ministers

Cleaning Day

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

First Holy Communion

Celebrations

Wed, 15 Oct, 7 pm

Sat, 18 Oct, 9:30 am

Sat, 18 Oct, 10:45 pm

Wed, 22 Oct, 7 pm

Thurs, 13 Nov, 7pm

Thurs, 16 Oct 9:30 am

Thurs, 16 Oct, 10 am

Sat, 25 Oct, 11 am

Sat, 2 Nov, 11 am

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Weekly donation to the Parish: \$4,010

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$1,291

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Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 26 October

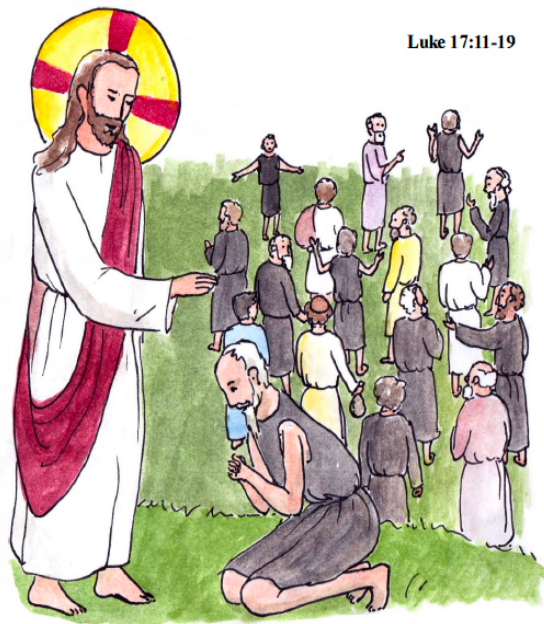
Join us for the [annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass](#) to be held on Sunday 26 October at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (10 years and over) will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your name, numbers attending and any dietary requirements. Family and friends are welcome. RSVP to marriage@parracatholic.org or call 0488 000 211 by 20 October.

Kids' Corner

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How many lepers walked away without saying 'Thank you' when Jesus healed them?

Luke 17:11-19



Count how many of the people who are walking away are wearing dark grey clothes.

Rosters for 18th & 19th October 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Ann-Marie Torrens Elena Fernandes Caz Learmonth
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Coretta Dias Isabella Dias Eric Dias Colleen Weatherall
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Marina Peter Fiona Bylsma David Touma Skip Fernandes
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Nelissa Almeida Eliana Almeida Isa Urbano

Next week's readings

18 and 19 October – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 17: 8-13

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 120:

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14- 4: 2

Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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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

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

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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 (include Children's Liturgy of the Word), 6pm

Weekday Masses

Monday - Thursday and Saturday: 9am

Friday: 9:15am (except 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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