

## Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 26 October 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr C/1



### Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading:
Responsorial Psalm:

Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-19 Psalm 33: 2-3, 17-19, 23 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Second Reading: Gospel:

Luke 18: 9-14

The first reading and the Psalm for the 30th Sunday are comforting and faith building for all of us.

We all; no matter what age/ stage we are in our journey; have had a legitimate reason and need for the help of the Father.

Have you ever been feeling desperate about a life challenge and clouded in your thoughts because of it?

Calling out to God is the only thing that you can manage! Do you notice that after "the dust settles" you look back and see that indeed as the first reading promises that God has intervened.

Not always in the way you expect either. We all benefit from the knowledge that our Heavenly Father hears us.

How awful it is to hear people denying the absolute fact of Almighty God.

They must be dead inside themselves. Imagine living a life with no help from God.

" The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord " Amen.

John and Trish Maldigri (parishioners)

### **Parish News**

### **Parish Social & Fundraising Committee:**

### 2025 Christmas Raffle tickets on sale soon!!

Our Parish is once again holding a Christmas Raffle to raise much-needed funds.

🎁 First Prize: A huge 75-inch smart TV!

Tickets on sale: commencing Weekend of 8–9

November

Draw date: Sunday 21 December after the 10am Mass

Why a raffle? While weekend collections support regular needs, extra funds are essential to maintain our church, support services like baptisms and funerals, and improve facilities.

Recently, we spent \$32,000 on audio upgrades and are now looking into visual display systems—which may cost over \$70,000.

Parish income has not kept up with inflation, with 2025 income falling \$25,000 short of where it should be to match CPI increases.

Please support the raffle and help us continue offering quality spiritual and community services.

For more information, please refer to a separate attachment to this bulletin, a message from the chairman of OLMC Parish Social and Fundraising Committee.

### Save the Date!

### 🏌 Parish Dinner Dance – Friday, 13 February 2026

Last year sold out! Book early — limited to 220 guests. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

### 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

### November- Mass Intentions for the Deceased

During the month of **November**, we remember and pray for **all our deceased loved ones**.

A **Memorial Book** is placed at the **front of the altar** with the names of those we are asked to pray for.

If you would like the name(s) of your deceased family or friends to be included in the Memorial Book, please use the November Mass Envelopes, available from the Narthex.

To avoid disappointment, please print names clearly.

A Please note:

As we offer prayers at every Mass during November for all the deceased whose names have been submitted, **Mass Intentions specifically for the deceased are not accepted during this month**. However, **Mass Intentions for the living** and for those who have **recently passed away** will still be accepted.

Let us unite in prayer for the repose of all souls.

### **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.



### **Liturgy Corner**

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

Safeguarding Training Requirement for Liturgical and Volunteer Ministries

From 1 January 2026, only parishioners with current safeguarding training will be included on rosters and permitted to serve in liturgical or volunteer ministries. This is part of our parish's commitment—alongside the Diocese of Parramatta and the Carmelite Friars—to ensuring the safety of children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

Safeguarding training is **mandatory**, valid for **two years**, and can be completed online at

olmcwenty.org.au/safeguarding

↑ A face-to-face training session will also be held: Saturday 15 November | 10:00 am – 3:00 pm | Parish Centre

Registration details coming soon.

If you wish to serve now or in the future, please ensure your training is up to date

### **Parish Finances**

### Thank you for your generosity

Weekly donation to the Parish: \$3,654
Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$780
Loose cash: \$825
Direct Deposits: \$800
Tap & Go: \$1,249

Parish Online Banking: If you would like to pay fees or to

donate, our online banking details are:

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### Please pray for...

### **Recently Deceased:**

Larry (Wenzy) Zammit; Lawrence Farrugia, Anh Thi, Fr Jurschik SJ (in India)

## Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):

Willam Weatherall, Pearl Nagaraj, Edgardo Perez, Regina Miranda, Charlie Zammit, Josephine & Adolf Tabone, Charlie Vella, Charlie Sultana, Martin and Stella Galea, Mary & Shaji John, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Grace Mangion, Regina, Elias & Sam; Emily Chary Perlito, Seshayyan & Rejieenamma, Incy Sebastian & Philomina Incy, Sante & Antonia Mennilli, Lina & Luigi Corti

Those who are sick (in need of healing and peace), especially: Patric Tran, Vicky Borg, Torsten Berger, Marie Layt, Rita Ientile, Patrick Kelly

Special Intentions/Birthdays/Thanksgiving: Ngoc Tran, Truy Tran, Patrick Tran, Norman de Luca, Rosine & Michelle; Lawrence Blakeman, Gritz Michael Conroy, Jazmine and Jamaica, Michael Perez (Birthday), Mia Condurache (Birthday)

### **Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC**

### **Baptisms:**

Dominic Tallon (26/10) Lily Egan (2/11)



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

### **Funerals:**

Larry (Wenzu) Zammit (5/11) May he rest in peace.



## **Celebrating our Catholic Calendar**

Sts Simon and Jude, apostles

Feast 28 October 2025

**All Saints** 

Solemnity 1 November 2025

### **Church Calendar**

First Holy Communion Celebrations Anointing mass followed by Miriam Virtual Pilgrimage Cleaning Day

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Sat, 1 Nov, 11 am

Fri, 7 Nov, 9 am Thurs, 30 Oct 9:30 am Thurs, 30 Oct, 10 am

### **Diocese of Parramatta Notices**

### Positions Vacant – at Diocese of Parramatta

- Senior Employment Relations Advisor
- Administration and Projects Coordinator

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

## Registrations now open for Diocesan Retreat Opportunities

The Diocese is hosting one final retreat opportunity 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 the final retreat on 15 November. Visit

https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/ for more details.

Download promotional material for 15 November.

### Mass and prayers for Deceased Clergy: 12 November

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its annual Mass for our deceased clergy on Wednesday 12 November at 9:15am at Holy Name of Mary Parish, Rydalmere, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Rookwood Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ. We encourage each parish to offer a Mass for the deceased priests and deacons who have served in your own parish on the same day, to unite in prayer for this special intention.

### **Around the Parish**

## Winston Hills Parish Seven Surprises of the Eucharist Presentation: 30 October

St Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills, is pleased to announce the next event in its 'Faith Seeking Understanding' series. Dr Robert Haddad will present on the topic "Seven Surprises of the Eucharist" on Thursday 30 October at 7.45pm, with optional Mass at 7pm. All are welcome to attend and there is no need to RSVP. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9639 6516 or email <a href="winstonhills@parracatholic.org">winstonhills@parracatholic.org</a>.

### Kids' Corner

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Look in the mirror to find out!

Luke 18:9-14

### Rosters for 1st & 2nd November 2025

All Souls' Day		
MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday	Reader 1	Angela Carlino
(Vigil)	Reader 2	Trish Maldigri
	Communion	Antoinette Zammit
8am	Reader 1	David Rodrigues
Sunday	Reader 2	Michelle Rodrigues
	Communion	Cat Paulo
		Cecilia Cotter
10am	Reader 1	Trinita Kishore
Sunday	Reader 2	Jamelle Touma
	Communion	Mary Vijila
		Rosemary Chung
6pm	Reader 1	Jada Khadi
Sunday	Reader 2	Michael Williamson
	Communion	Jovan Titus

### Next week's readings

1 and 2 November – The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 12: 42-45
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 62: 2-6, 8-9
Second Reading: Philippians 3: 20-21
Luke 7: 11-17



### 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

On Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @olmcwenty

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. John Powell, O.Carm (in Aged Care)

**Parish Secretary: TBA** 

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

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals** 

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