

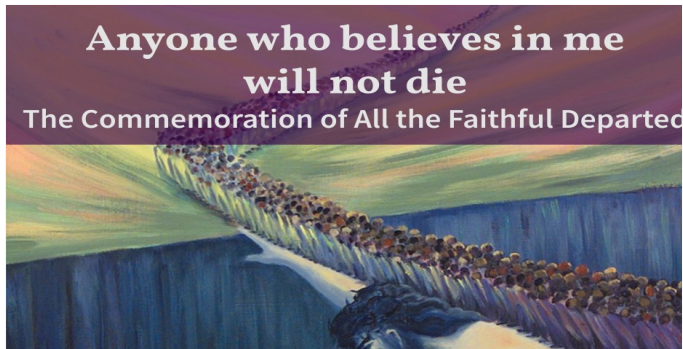


**Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel**  
Wentworthville

## Carmel Bulletin

**Sunday 2 November 2025**

**The Commemoration of all the Faithful  
Departed (All Souls Day), Yr C/1**



### Reflections for this week's readings

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

November always begins with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls and is a month wholly dedicated to the memory of those who have died. The readings for today remind us of where our life's journey is leading, and our need to remember those who have gone before us. The Gospel story gives us an example of Jesus' compassion for those who are in pain. He sees the suffering mother, feels her pain and restores her only son to her. The crowd is filled with awe and joy, recognising the presence of God amongst them. We all understand the mother's pain; and we can rejoice with the mother when something wonderful happens for her, as she too feels hope in the presence of God.

Isaiah gives us a beautiful image of God's promise of salvation for all. He speaks of God preparing a wonderful and joyous eternal banquet for everyone on earth, where He has removed all sadness and shame. Isaiah rejoices in our hope in the Lord and the promise of salvation for all. These are comforting words, especially when we are remembering and praying for our loved ones. The Psalm continues these thoughts. The writer describes God as our light, our strength, guiding and supporting us on our journey to the "land of the living" where we will see the goodness of God. St Paul also describes God as pouring love into our hearts so that we are filled with a joyful trust in the promise of God for reconciliation and salvation.

Today is All Souls Day when we remember not just all our loved ones, all those who have died with no special feast day, those souls who are still in Purgatory, but all people who have died. As Catholics we believe that our prayers will assist those souls still in Purgatory to be able to enter the joy of Heaven; that we are united with all those who have died. This lovely feast day has its origins in the Old Testament traditions of praying for the dead and owes its place in the modern calendar to St Odilo (998 – 1030) who commanded all Cluniac monasteries to follow this tradition and pray especially for all those who have died, on November 2<sup>nd</sup> each year. Some people may visit the graves of loved ones on this special day if they can, or others might enter a deceased person's name in the Memorial Book or attend the blessing of the plaques in our parish memorial garden. Or we might simply remember and pray quietly for the souls of all the departed.

*Janine. (Parishioner)*

### Parish News

#### Parish Social & Fundraising Committee:

##### **Parish 2025 Christmas Raffle**

**First Prize:** 75-inch Smart TV

**Tickets on Sale:** Weekend of 8–9 November

**Draw:** Sunday, 21 December after the 10am Mass

Funds raised will support ongoing church maintenance and improvement projects, including upgrades to our audio and visual systems.

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

(See the message from the Chairman of the Social & Fundraising Committee on the notice board.)

##### **Save the Date – Parish Dinner Dance 2026**

**Date:** Friday, 13 February 2026

**Note:** Limited to 220 guests – last year sold out!

Book early and join us for an evening of fun, food, and community celebration.

 *Thank you for your generosity and continued support!*

### 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](#)

### **Month of November – Praying for Our Deceased Loved Ones**

During the month of November, we lovingly remember and pray for all our deceased family members and friends.

### Please Note:

- Throughout November, prayers will be offered at every Mass for all the deceased whose names have been submitted.
- Therefore, **Mass intentions specifically for the deceased will not be accepted** during this month.
- **Mass intentions for the living and for those who have recently passed away** will still be accepted.

Let us unite in prayer for all our departed loved ones, trusting in God's mercy and love.

**May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.** 🕊️

## Liturgy Corner

### Mandatory Safeguarding Training

As outlined in recent weeks, it is essential that all ministers have current Safeguarding training. The requirements may vary according to your circumstances, and there can be different options for ensuring you fulfil these requirements.

*If You Have Never Completed Diocesan Safeguarding Training:* Either attend the face-to-face workshop in our parish on **Saturday 15 November**, or Complete Modules 1, 2 and 3 online.

*If You Work for Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese:* Your annual Safeguarding Mandatory Training covers Modules 1 and 2 - send your certificates to the Parish Office. You can then complete Module 3 online.

*If You Completed Diocesan Safeguarding Training at least two years ago:* Complete Modules 4 and 5 online or check our bulletin regularly for notices about Modules 4 and 5 training around the Diocese. We will try to organise a face-to-face workshop for early next year.

*If you have completed Safeguarding Training not provided by the Diocese of Parramatta within the past twelve months:* You may be able to seek recognition of this training towards non-compulsory modules only - visit the site listed below for more information.

**To register for the workshop on 15 November**, complete online modules, or find out more about Safeguarding Training requirements, visit <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/>

**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.

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.

## Parish Finances

### Thank you for your generosity

<b>Weekly donation to the Parish:</b>	<b>\$4,113</b>
<b>Planned Giving (cash/c cards):</b>	\$855
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## Please pray for...

### Recently Deceased:

Torsten Berger (Germany), Larry (Wenzu) Zammit, Fr Jurschik SJ (in India),

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

Refer to the November listing in the Memorial Book

**Those who are sick (in need of healing and peace), especially:** Patric Tran, Vicky Borg, Norman De Luca, Alexandra

**Special Intentions/Birthdays/Thanksgiving:** Ngoc Tran, Truy Tran, Patrick Tran, Norman de Luca, Jazmine and Jamaica, Miguil Urbano (*Birthday*)

## Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

### Baptisms:

Lily Egan (2/11)  
Elea Cecy (16/11)  
Harlow Micallef (22/11)  
Antonios Proufas (23/11)

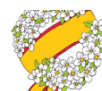
*May they grow in faith, love, and the grace of God!*

### Funerals:

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

### Weddings:

Analyn Tigley & Roel Prondoso (22/11)



# Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

St Charles Borromeo, bishop  
Memorial

4 November 2025

## Church Calendar

Anointing mass *Fri, 7 Nov, 9 am*  
Miriam Virtual Pilgrimage *Fri, 7 Nov after 9am mass*  
Cleaning Day *Thurs, 13 Nov 9:30 am*  
St Vincent de Paul Meeting *Thurs, 13 Nov, 10 am*

## Diocese of Parramatta Notices

### Annual Bishop Vincent Vatican II Lecture: 12 November 2025

How does Vatican II continue to inform the work of becoming a synodal church? Recently back from meeting Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Vincent will unpack his annual lecture on Vatican II on Wednesday **12 November, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at St Patrick’s Cathedral Hall, Parramatta.** Register for limited seating and share with others via <https://tr.ee/xzetr5kVl>- OR get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### 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

### The FaithFeed ECHO – Emerton Parish: 14 November

An evening of music, creativity, and praise & worship at Holy Family Parish, Emerton, 252–254 Luxford Rd, Emerton from 6:30pm to 9:00pm on Friday 14 November. The FaithFeed ECHO (TFF ECHO) is a vibrant, welcoming space that echoes the God of love working within, around us and among us. Whether you’re in your 20s, 30s, 40s—or simply young at heart – you’re most welcome. Details via [https://tr.ee/XTJqW\\_InNz](https://tr.ee/XTJqW_InNz) OR get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## Kids’ Corner

All Souls Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

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TKGLRMANNOTPUQNRSTOT  
TUHVEWMXOYLZOARBD



*What can we do for the souls suffering in Purgatory?*

*Use every other letter to fill in the blanks  
and you will have a little prayer you can say for them-  
every day!*

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Rosters for 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2025		
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		
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 Roslyn Khattar Ron Aquilina
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Daphne Dominic Joachim Sathi David Touma Skip Fernandes
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Mark Attwood Nelissa Almeida Isa Urbano

## Next week’s readings

### 8 and 9 November – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 45: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17  
**Gospel:** John 2: 13-22





## Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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*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

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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

By request

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