



**Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel**  
Wentworthville

# Carmel Bulletin

**Sunday 16 November 2025**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr C/1**



**Your endurance will  
win you your lives**  
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Reflections for this week's readings

**First Reading:** Malachi 3: 19-20  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 97: 5-9  
**Second Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12  
**Gospel:** Luke 21: 5-19

This week's gospel from Luke describes Jesus' prophecy about the destruction of the Jerusalem temple & the signs of the end times, warning against deception & panic while urging followers to stand firm in their faith during persecution.

It includes warnings that worldly structures & institutions are temporary, however, true faith in God provides the endurance needed to overcome persecution, by holding onto our faith, we will be spiritually redeemed.

It is also a reminder as followers to not be misled by false prophets or those who falsely claim to be the Messiah.

Events like wars, uprisings, famines & natural disasters will occur but are not immediate signs of the end itself. Whilst these difficult times are inevitable, God's presence provides hope & strength. We will eventually gain eternal life through steadfast faith, not by avoiding suffering. I remember Fr Bernard saying once that God does not burden us with things beyond what we can endure. This is especially relevant in these current times where our faith can be constantly tested.

In times of persecution Jesus assures us we will be given the wisdom to defend ourselves.

The core message of this passage is a call to endurance, to not panic, to hold firm in our faith. To focus on God & eternal life rather than becoming too fixated on temporary human institutions that will eventually be destroyed.

Angela Calino (*parishioner*)

## Parish News

### Parish Social & Fundraising Committee:



#### Parish 2025 Christmas Raffle

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

**Other prizes** include skincare and cosmetic products hamper, coffee maker machine, toaster and electric jug, vouchers, and many more...

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.)

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

*Come and share a plate with your community family at this Christmas draw! Everyone's welcome — bring your smile, your appetite, and your holiday spirit.* 🌲🌟



#### 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

### 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 (anniversaries of death) will not be accepted** during this month.
- Mass intentions for the living and for those who have recently passed away** will still be accepted.

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

# Liturgy Corner

## Mandatory Safeguarding Training

From **1 January 2026**, only parishioners who have **current safeguarding training** will be included on the **rosters for all liturgical ministries** and able to serve in any **ministerial roles**.

All participation in ministries will be **verified against the parish's mandatory training register**.

If you think you may wish to assist in the parish in any capacity in the future, we **encourage you to complete the safeguarding training now** so that you can volunteer without delay when opportunities arise.

We understand that this training requires the giving of your time, but we hope you share our commitment to ensuring that our parish remains a **safe and welcoming place for everyone**, especially for our **young and vulnerable** members.

Thank you for your **support, cooperation, and dedication** to our parish community.

## Parish Finances

### Thank you for your generosity

Weekly donation to the Parish:	<b>\$3868.00</b>
Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	\$820.00
Loose cash:	\$963.00
Direct Deposits:	\$890.00
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**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:** Stephen ZAMMIT

**Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):** Please refer to the November Memorial Book at the Altar

**Those who are sick (in need of healing and peace), especially:** Vicky Borg

**Special Intentions/Birthdays/Thanksgiving:** Ngoc Tran, Truy Tran, Patrick Tran, Norman de Luca,

## Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

### Baptisms:

Elea Cecy (16 November)

Harlow Micallef (22 November)

Antonios Proufas (23 November)

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



## Weddings:

Analyn Tigley & Roel Prondoso (22 November)



## Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

**St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious**

*Memorial*

17 November 2025

**The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Memorial*

21 November 2025

**St Cecilia, Virgin, martyr**

*Memorial*

22 November 2025

## Church Calendar

Cleaning Day

Thurs, 27 Nov 9:30 am

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Thurs, 27 Nov, 10 am

## Diocese of Parramatta Notices

### Positions Vacant

- Catholic Chaplain – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains
- Parish Secretary (*permanent part-time*) – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville

**More details at:** [parracatholic.org/jobs](http://parracatholic.org/jobs)

## Bishop's Christmas Appeal – supporting Catholic Care Grief and Loss Counselling



Christmas is drawing near, and with it the promise that God is with us. For many in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, that promise is needed right now. Many individuals and families are carrying grief, stress and uncertainty – wrestling with the rising cost-of-living, unstable work and the heartbreak of losing a loved one. Your generosity is the way to open the doors of hope for the broken-hearted ensuring that no one in our community grieves alone. Please give generously at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan the QR code. Thank you.

## Diocesan Advent Week Scripture Reflection Evening; 26 November

In what way would you say I'm 'awaiting' God's presence this Advent? How do I see myself in Advent Scripture stories this year? Register for the Diocesan Advent Scripture Reflection Evening w/ Dr Debra Snoddy on Wednesday 26 November 2025 – 6:30PM to 8:30pm. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-advent-scripture-night-26-november/> or get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## Noël! Noël! at St Patrick's Cathedral: 16 December

Step into the splendour of the season with *Noël! Noël!*, the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra and Choir's much-loved Christmas tradition at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. This uplifting concert weaves together Baroque masterpieces, timeless carols, and festive songs from across the centuries, performed with the Brandenburg's signature energy and joy. Join us on **Tuesday 16 December** for a night of reflection, celebration, and pure musical delight: a radiant reminder of the beauty, hope, and spirit of Christmas. Buy tickets now from <https://www.brandenburg.com.au/live-concerts/events/noel-noel-2025/>

## Jesus Light of the World Communities "Breakthrough" Retreat: 22 November

Join the Jesus Light of the World Communities for their "Breakthrough" Retreat on Saturday 22 November from 1pm to 5.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall, 11 Walz Street, Rockdale. The guest speaker is Brian Welsh, a Catholic lay evangelist with a powerful gift of preaching. Afternoon tea will be provided. Bookings are essential. For enquiries, please contact Helen on 0433 455 114, Esperance on 0407 749 182 or email [jlowcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:jlowcommunity@gmail.com)



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To help you go deeper in your prayer life and spiritual journey, you are invited to attend the Advent Mission Event Retreat online available from 29 November with unlimited streaming until the end of Advent. To find out more and register, go

to: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent>

Register now on the website or for more

information, email: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)

## Kids' Corner

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time, Yr C/1

#### Word Search: "Jesus Keeps His Promise!"

Find the hidden words:

**JESUS, TEMPLE, HOPE, COURAGE, FAITH, TRUST, PRAY, LOVE**

TRUSTCOURAGE  
EMPLEFAITHPR  
JESUSLOVEOHO  
PRAYHOPESUSJ

How many can you find? (Circle or highlight them!)

#### Prayer:

*Dear Jesus, when the world feels scary, help me to remember You are always with me.*

*Give me courage and hope every day. Amen.*

### Rosters for 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

#### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year C/1

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	<b>Reader 1</b> <b>Reader 2</b> <i>Communion</i>	Angela Calino Trish Maldigri Anne-Marie Torrens
8am Sunday	<b>Reader 1</b> <b>Reader 2</b> <i>Communion</i>	Cat Paulo Cecilia Cotter Eric Dias Collen Weatherall
10am Sunday	<b>Reader 1</b> <b>Reader 2</b> <i>Communion</i>	Clyde Fernandes Marina Peter Skip Fernandes Rosemary Chung
6pm Sunday	<b>Reader 1</b> <b>Reader 2</b> <i>Communion</i>	Eliana Almeida Bimy Baby Jovan Titus

### Next week's readings

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Yr C/1

**First Reading:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 121: 1-5

**Second Reading:** Col 1:12-20

**Gospel:** Luke 23: 35-43





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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

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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:** TBA

**Finance Officer:** Gennie Cosgrove

### Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School

**Principal:** Olimpia Pirovic

**Phone:** 8832 1100

## Liturgy times

### Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6:00pm (*Vigil*)

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am (include Children's Liturgy of the Word), 6:00pm

### Weekday Masses

Monday - Thursday and Saturday: 9:00am

Friday: 9:15am (except first Friday of the month)

### Reconciliation

Saturday: after the 9:00am 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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