



**Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel**  
Wentworthville

## Carmel Bulletin

**Sunday 30 November 2025**

**First Sunday of Advent, Yr A/2.**

**You do not know the day  
when your master is coming**

First Sunday of Advent



### Reflections for this week's readings

**First Reading:** Isaiah 2:1-5  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 121: 1-2, 4-5, 6-9  
**Second Reading:** Romans 13:11-14  
**Gospel:** Matthew 24:37-44

The start of Advent begins a period of hope, preparation and anticipation. Of these themes, hope is particularly apparent throughout the four weeks of Advent.

This week, we are encouraged to be hopeful, and to believe darkness will not prevail, the light of the world overcoming this darkness. We are urged to be alert and ready.

Being disciples requires vigilance, attention and a readiness to act at any moment. This does not suggest we should live in fear; rather we should live with purpose. We should be attentive to the presence of Christ in our daily lives.

Perhaps to put this into action, we could pray to be better able to recognise the Lord's face when He appears in our lives, especially in the interruptions and frustrations that may throw us off balance.

*Anne-Marie Torrens (Parishioner)*

### 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](#)

## Parish News

### 🎄 St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Vinnies is seeking **cash or gift card donations** (Coles, Woolworths, Aldi, etc.) for their Christmas Appeal. Please place your donation **in the blue Vinnies boxes or under the Christmas Tree** in the Parish Centre (from 7 December 2025). 📺

Vinnies is unable to accept hamper items this year, but **cash or gift cards** help them provide exactly what families need—especially those doing it tough. ❤️

Thank you for your generous support. 🙏

### Parish Social & Fundraising Committee:

#### 🎄 Parish 2025 Christmas Raffle 🎄

**First Prize:** 📺 A stunning 75-inch Smart TV

**Other Prizes Include:** A luxury skincare & cosmetics hamper, coffee maker, toaster & electric jug set, gift vouchers, and many more festive surprises!

Your support helps fund important parish maintenance and improvement projects — including upgrades to our church's audio and visual systems.

🌟 **Thank you** for your generosity so far! We have added even more prizes, so there are plenty of opportunities to increase your chances of winning. Please support the raffle and help us continue offering quality spiritual and community care.

*See the message from the Chairman of the Social & Fundraising Committee on the parish notice board.*

🎄 **Raffle Draw:** Sunday, 21 December — immediately after the 10am Mass

Join us for a joyful community gathering!

Bring a plate to share and enjoy Christmas cheer with your parish family. Everyone is welcome — bring your smile, your appetite, and your holiday spirit! 🌟😊🎄

### Save the Date – Parish Dinner Dance 2026

📅 **Friday, 13 February 2026**

Please note: Attendance is limited to **220 guests**, and last year sold out quickly!

Be sure to book early and join us for an evening of fun, delicious food, and community celebration. 🙏 **Thank you for your generosity and continued support.**

### Recycle Bottles and Cans for Cash:

♻️ **Recycle Cans & Bottles for Cash** — Support East Timor Families in need and East Timor Committee Mission Work. We are collecting recyclable cans and bottles (**please no wine bottles**) to raise funds for our community's mission work with families in East Timor.

- Please bring your recyclable items to church.
- Place them in the **two bins** located at:
  - The **back of the church**

- The **front of the church**
  - Your contribution helps support families in need.
- Thank you for your generous support!**

## Liturgy Corner

### Celebrating Advent at Home

An easy way to continue our community's celebration of Advent in your own home is to prepare an Advent wreath. You may wish to make your own, or purchase a wreath set from a local store - Church Stores (in Wenty), the St Patrick's Cathedral Gift Shop and CMP Religious Store in Granville are all nearby.

The Church's *Book of Blessings* provides a prayer for you to bless your wreath at home. Visit [olmcwentyliturgy.org/wreath](http://olmcwentyliturgy.org/wreath) for an outline of this short ritual that you can download or use on a device such as a phone or tablet, as well as supporting material for each week.

Lighting the candles of the wreath can be a part of a family's prayer before an evening meal during Advent. When lighting the first candle this week, pray the Collect Prayer for today's Mass, which is provided below:

*Let us pray.*

*Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming,  
so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

### Formation and Training Workshops - Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our recent Ministry Formation Workshops and Safeguarding Training. We appreciate the commitment that you make to live out your faith and support our parish community.

Please send your **training completion certificate** to the **Parish Secretary** so the register can be updated

### Christmas singers needed

We're looking for people who would like to sing at our Christmas Mass During the Night on Christmas Eve at 9pm. Choir practice will be on Monday 1, 8, 15 and 22 December from 7:15 – 8:30pm in the church. If you enjoy singing and would like to take part, then please come along. Contact

Robert for more information by visiting [olmcwentyliturgy.org/contact](http://olmcwentyliturgy.org/contact)



## Parish Finances

### Thank you for your generosity

<b>Weekly donation to the Parish:</b>	<b>\$3,412.00</b>
<b>Planned Giving (cash/c cards):</b>	<b>\$673.00</b>
<b>Loose cash:</b>	<b>\$899.00</b>
<b>Direct Deposits:</b>	<b>\$810.00</b>
<b>Tap &amp; Go:</b>	<b>\$1,030.00</b>

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

**BSB:** 067 950      **Account Number:** 000 00602  
**Account Name:** Wentworthville Catholic Church  
**Reference:** [Your Surname] **PURPOSE OF YOUR DONATION**

### Please pray for...

**Recently Deceased:** Polly Solomons, Mary Khamis, Stephen Zammit, Larry Zammit

**Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):** Please pray for all the members of our families and friends listed to the November Memorial Book at the Altar

**Those who are sick (in need of healing and peace), especially:** Vicky Borg, Thelma Blakeman, Norman de Luca

**Special Intentions /Thanksgiving:** Ngoc Tran, Truy Tran, Patrick Tran,

## Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

### Funerals:

Polly Solomons (3 December, 11 am)  
*May she rest in peace!*



### Baptisms:

Elijah Noah (30 November)  
Xander Cifarelli (14 December)  
Paari Nathan (14 December)  
*May they grow in faith, love, and the grace of God!*



### Weddings:

Eve & Toriek (27 December)  
*May our Lord grant them happiness and love*



## Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

**St Francis Xavier, priest**  
*Memorial*

3 Dec 2025

### Church Calendar

Anointing Mass	Fri, 5 Dec 9.00 am
Cleaning Day	Thurs, 11 Dec 9:30 am
St Vincent de Paul Meeting	Thurs, 11 Dec 10 am
Advent Penitential Service	Wed, 17 Dec 7.00 pm
OLMC Christmas Morning Tea	Sun, 21 Dec 11 am
OLMC Raffles Draw	Sun, 21 Dec 11 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.

## Kids' Corner

### *It's Time to get Ready for Christmas!*

Advent is here! In a few weeks it will be Christmas, so it's time to start getting ready!



During Advent we remember Jesus' first coming, and get ourselves and our homes ready to celebrate His birthday.

Lighting the candles on an Advent wreath helps us to remember that Jesus, the light of the world, is coming. We start with one candle, and every week light one more, so that the closer we get to Jesus' coming the brighter it gets.



In Advent we also think about Jesus' second coming. In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people to be prepared for that time. We must never let ourselves forget that this world and this life are only temporary and that we have something much greater to look forward to: Jesus and Heaven!



### Rosters for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

#### Second Sunday of Advent Year A/2

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Bob Hanna Janine Hanna Caz Learmonth
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Jeremy Angelo Joshua Angelo Cat Paulo Cecilia Cotter
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Kezia Sathi Jamaica Lopez Rosemary Chung Mary Vijila
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Nelissa Almeida Jada Khadi Fran Sharpe

### Next week's readings

#### 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Yr A/2

<b>First Reading:</b>	Isaiah 11: 1-10
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	Psalm 71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Romans 15: 4-9
<b>Gospel:</b>	Matthew 3: 1-12





## 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.*

### Connect with us

Online at [www.olmcwenty.org.au](http://www.olmcwenty.org.au)

On Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @olmcwenty

Email [ocarmswenty@gmail.com](mailto: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: 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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