



**Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel**  
Wentworthville

## Carmel Bulletin

**Sunday 07 December 2025**

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

**Prepare a way for the Lord;  
make his paths straight**  
Second Sunday of Advent



## Reflections for this week's readings

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

**Prepare the Way at home:**

**Welcoming Christ into our lives this advent**

John the Baptist, a voice crying out in the wilderness with urgency, honesty and hope. For families and parishioners today, his message is not a distant echo from another time. It is a personal invitation to look at our own lives and our communities through the lens of renewal. John is calling people to wake up, to clear away whatever blocks the path to God and to step more intentionally into the life they were made for. This call is as real now as it was then.

Families live in their own kind of wilderness at times. Busy schedules, constant noise, competing priorities and the pressure to keep everything together can make it easy to lose sight of what matters most. John's voice breaks through that chaos with a reminder that God desires to meet us right where we are. His call to repentance is not about guilt. It is about possibility. It is God saying **YOU** are not stuck. **YOUR** family can grow. **YOUR** relationships can heal. **YOUR** home can become a place where grace has room to breathe.

For parish communities, John's challenge to avoid complacency is just as important. It can be tempting to settle into familiar routines and assume that showing up is enough. But John invites us to deeper engagement, to examine what needs changing in our hearts and in our parish life. He pushes us to create spaces where all people

feel welcomed, seen and encouraged to draw closer to Christ. He reminds us that being a disciple is not passive. It is active, intentional and always open to conversion.

In an age when many voices compete for our attention, John the Baptist calls us back to the One voice that leads to life. His message encourages us to be people who bring hope into everyday interactions, who model forgiveness in our homes and who carry the light of Christ into our communities.

As the season of Advent unfolds, this passage invites us to lean into its spirit of expectation and preparation. Advent reminds us that God is drawing near and that our hearts and homes can make room for God's arrival in new and surprising ways. John's message urges us to clear the clutter that keeps us from noticing God's presence, to trust that renewal is possible and to live each day with a readiness for Christ who comes to heal, to guide and to transform. God is at work even now. The path can still be made straight. And each of us has a part to play in preparing the way for Christ in our world today.

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## 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: <https://ocarm.org/en/item/6761-lectio-divina-december-2025>

## Parish News

### Parish Secretary

The recruitment of the Parish Secretary is progressing well, and we expect to have the role fulfilled at the start of January 2026. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Vinnies is seeking **cash or gift card donations** (Coles, Woolworths, Aldi, etc.) for their Christmas Appeal commencing this weekend. Please place your donation **in the blue Vinnies boxes or under the Christmas Tree** in the Parish Centre. 📦

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 🎄

Your chance of winning a prize is getting closer- **just 3 more weeks to go...**

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

**Other Prizes Include:** Hampers, appliances, gift

vouchers, and many more festive surprises including creative woodworks by our very own parish priest! Your continued support helps fund important parish maintenance and improvement projects — including upgrades to our church's audio and visual systems.

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

### **Join us for a Christmas Community Gathering -on 21 December 2025 after 10 am mass!**

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**

**Venue:** Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Hall, Greystanes

**Price:** \$70 per adult and \$35 for children under 12 yrs.

Book early to avoid disappointment and join us for an evening of fun, delicious food, and community celebration. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

 **Thank you for your generosity and continued support.**

### **Recycle Bottles and Cans 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, e.g. scholarship.

**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. 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.

When lighting the second candle this week, pray the Collect Prayer for today's Mass, which is provided below:

*Let us pray.*

*Almighty and merciful God,  
may no earthly undertaking hinder those  
who set out in haste to meet your Son,  
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom  
gain us admittance to his company.*

*Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.*

*Amen*

### **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. If

you enjoy singing and would like to take part, then please come along for the Choir practice on Monday 8, 15 and 22 December from 7:15 – 8:30pm in the church. 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>	\$3,913.00
<b>Planned Giving (cash/c cards):</b>	\$983.00
<b>Loose cash:</b>	\$1,035.00
<b>Direct Deposits:</b>	\$630.00
<b>Tap &amp; Go:</b>	\$1,265.00

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**Account Name:** Wentworthville Catholic Church  
**Reference:** [Your Surname] **PURPOSE OF YOUR DONATION**

## **Please pray for...**

**Recently Deceased:** Polly Solomons, Mark Cawana, Shane Vaz, Graham Leonard, Mihail Lambros, Francis Zek

**Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):** John, Tony & Louis Touma, Rhonda Parnis, Michael Begini, Joseph Teuma, Louis Teuma, Mary Frances Vella, Mary & Frank Teuma, Joyce Cini, Carmel Cini, Tony & Antonia Cini, Rose Titian, Doreen Camilleri, Mary & Frank Camilleri, Joe & Maria Vella, Sonia Spittle, Jesse & Kevin McManus, Lewis Camilleri, Joseph Grech, Charlie Zammit, Joyce Azzo Pardi, Hilda Basnayake, Emanuele Terlizzi, Fauyd Terizzi, Kieren, Fred Griffin,

Massimo Bertolli, Alesandro Terlizzi, Rosa Bertolli, Joe Joseph, Catherine Acong  
**Those who are sick (in need of healing and peace), especially:** Vicky Borg, Thelma Blakeman, Norman de Luca, Bernard Deady, Samantha Thorn, May Joseph  
**Special Intentions /Thanksgiving:** Ngoc Tran, Truy Tran, Patrick Tran, Thanksgiving In honour of St Anthony

## Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

### Baptisms:

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

**The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity** 8 Dec 2025  
**St Lucy, virgin, martyr, Memorial** 13 Dec 202

### 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

### Grab your FREE copy of the Catholic Outlook Magazine!

The latest quarterly edition of the *Catholic Outlook Magazine* is out now, keeping you connected with exciting news and events in the Diocese of Parramatta. In this Advent/Summer edition, you will find:

- Bishop Vincent's Christmas message
- The Migrant Jubilee cross visiting Western Sydney
- Reflections for the Advent and Christmas season

Pick up your copy from your church or parish office today!  
Also available online via [catholicoutlook.org/magazine](https://catholicoutlook.org/magazine)

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



Thank you for helping heal broken-hearts this Christmas. Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Christmas Appeal raised over \$685 to support Catholic Care's counsellors to continue bringing comfort and hope when it's needed most. Your kindness provides professional

counselling, tailored care plans and the training that equips our team to serve with wisdom and compassion. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit [parracatholic.org/appeal](https://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you.

## Kids' Corner

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 7th, 2025**

*The one who is coming after me is mightier than I.*

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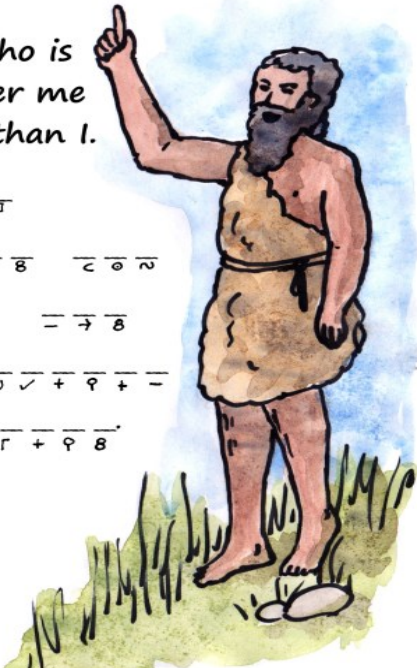
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*What did Saint John the Baptist say about the one who was coming after him? Use the code to find out!*

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### Rosters for 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	<b>Reader 1</b> <b>Reader 2</b> <i>Communion</i>	Angela Carlino Trish Maldigri May Pepin
8am Sunday	<b>Reader 1</b> <b>Reader 2</b> <i>Communion</i>	Coretta Dias Isabella Dias Eric Dias Ron Aquilina
10am Sunday	<b>Reader 1</b> <b>Reader 2</b> <i>Communion</i>	Joachim Sathi Jaz Dass Mary Vijila David Touma
6pm Sunday	<b>Reader 1</b> <b>Reader 2</b> <i>Communion</i>	Michael Williamson Isa Urbano Jovan Titus

### Next week's readings

**13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Yr A/2**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 145: 6-10,  
**Second Reading:** James 5: 7-10  
**Gospel:** Matthew 11: 2-11





## 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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