

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 4 January 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord



Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

The appearance of the Magi is foreshadowed in the first reading (Isaiah 60:1-6) as similar gifts of gold and frankincense are mentioned in both passages. This parallel shows the change that Jesus' birth brings: the start of the strengthening of God's people.

However, He no longer sees only the people of Israel as His own; now He **includes believers from every race and nation**. St Paul, in the 2nd Reading, encourages the Jews to unite with the gentiles to embrace their new identity as Christians.

It is important to remember that the Magi were not Jews. They came from the east to pay homage to Jesus, not as a Saviour, but as a King. Yet, the Father still led them to Jesus through the star. ***Our King does not discriminate between those who are of the faith, and those who have yet to know Him.***

This mission of revealing Jesus Christ to all the world now falls onto us. The Catholic Church is missionary by nature. As members of the Church, we must be missionary disciples in our own unique ways. Our **actions** must show God our Father at work in us: Are we patient when facing difficult co-workers or family members? Do we carry out acts of mercy to those in need? Can we outdo one another in showing love (Romans 12:10)? In our lives, we will meet

those who do not know God our Father. Our actions will reveal Christ to them.

Finally, as St Paul says in the second reading, we must remember that those without our faith are still co-heirs to God's inheritance. They are no less deserving of His transformative love. Let us, then, in ways both big and small, help all come to know this love and enable them to embrace their identity as children of God, our Father.

Questions for personal reflection

In your previous celebrations of Christmas, how have you shown non-Christians that they are not outside His salvation?

How would you like to change the way you celebrate Christmas and bring across the message that salvation is for all?

(Excerpt from Office for the New Evangelisation's Advent to Christmas reflection)

Lectio Divina – Weekly Sessions

Our weekly Lectio Divina to reflect on God's Word together is commencing again.

Join us at the Lectio Divina sessions this **Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Red Room**.

For more information or to prepare, please click on the links: - [Lectio Divina](#)



Parish News

Happy New Year

As we begin a New Year, we thank God for the gift of our parish community and the blessings we share.

The New Year invites us to place our trust once more in God's loving care. May the days ahead be filled with hope, compassion, and a deep sense of God's presence in our lives and in our parish.

On behalf of the parish community, **Fr Albi, Fr Anthony, and Fr John** wish you a **Happy New Year**, filled with **peace, love, and hope**.

Fr Janu (Parish Priest)



Recycle and convert to Cash:

Your generosity truly makes a difference — **please keep the cans and bottles coming!** to support families in East Timor and the ongoing mission work of the East Timor Committee. We will provide **quarterly updates** on the funds raised.

Parish Social & Fundraising Committee:

Tickets Available! 🎉

Reach Out – Community & Friendship Dance Dinner

17 Friday, 13 February 2026

Venue: Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Hall, Greystanes

Cost:

- \$70 per adult
- \$35 for children (under 12)

Join us for a wonderful evening of entertainment, dancing, delicious food, and joyful community celebration! 🎵🌟

Tickets on sale after Mass from 3 January 2026.

Watch this space for the full program and highlights of the night!

Liturgy Corner

Mandatory Safeguarding Training:

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their Mandatory Safeguarding training certificates. For those who haven't yet completed the training or submitted your certificate, please do so as soon as possible if you wish to continue volunteering in any parish ministries.

The online training can be accessed [Safeguarding Training | Diocese of Parramatta](#)

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

To be reported in next week's Carmel Bulletin

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

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Please pray for...

Recently Deceased: Albert Shields, Shayne Vaz, Anna Kulyna

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Mary & Frank Teuma, Joyce Cini, Tony & Antonia Cini, Charlie Zammit, Denzil Fernandes, Lawrence Dias, Sinrara Dias, Cyril Almeida, Julia Almeida, Jennifer Edwards, Frank Bodle; Alex Jozef Sarayar, Leanne Yella; Jhonny Mardini, James Weatherall, Lena & Paul Galea, Paul & Mary Penza, Arthur Lopez, Abraham Poothambran

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

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving: Jazmine & Jamaica,

Ngoc Tran, Thuy Tran, Amelia Tran, Ashley & Helen Bakes

Weddings: Vanessa & Dylan (25th Anniversary)

Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

Baptisms:

Carmel Doris Sua (11 Jan 26)

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



Funerals:

Albert Edward Shield (8 Jan 2026)

May he rest in peace.



Weddings:

Mary Jenat Elvis & Ramanan Jegatheeswaran (18 Jan 2026)



May our Lord grant them happiness and love

Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

Church Calendar

Lectio Divina

Wed, 7th Jan 2026 6 pm

Church cleaning

Thurs, 8th Jan 2026 9.30 am

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Thurs, 5 Feb 2026 10 am

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Diocesan World Day of the Sick: 11 February

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on 11 February 2026 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. To register, please visit parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-world-day-of-the-sick-mass/

Kids' Corner

The Epiphany of the Lord

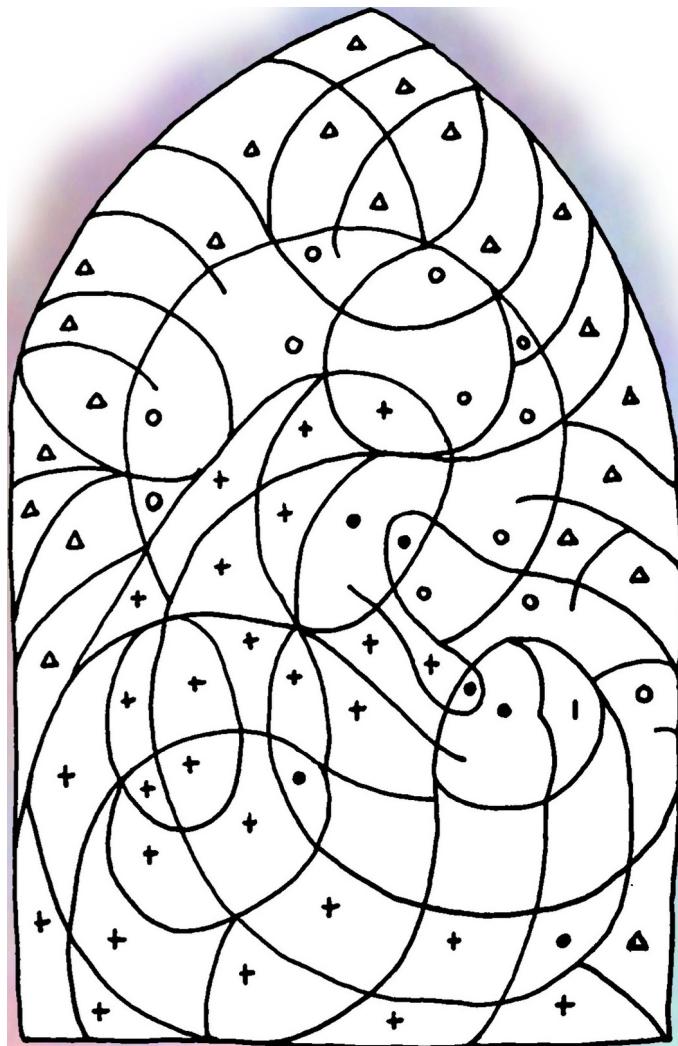
At the beginning of the new year, we celebrate both Mary, the Mother of God and the Epiphany, which is when the wise men came from far away to worship baby Jesus.

Imagine that you are living a long time ago in Bethlehem and your parents have invited a poor family to stay at your house: a mother, a father and a new baby.

One day something amazing happens: some rich men from a faraway country come to see the baby and bring expensive treasures for him! **Do you know who the family is now? Who is the baby?**

The baby is Jesus, of course, and the mother is Mary. She holds Jesus on her lap so the wise men can bow down to Him and worship Him. Mary cooperated with God to bring Jesus into the world so that we could all see and love and worship Him.

Can you thank Mary today for bringing Jesus to us?



Whose feast is in on New Year's Day? Colour in the spaces to see! Here's the code:

△	Pink	+	Blue	○	Yellow
■	Brown	●	Skin colour		

Rosters for 10th & 11th January 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Angela Carlino Trish Maldigri <i>Charlie Felice</i>
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Jeremy Angelo Joshua Angelo <i>Eric Dias</i> <i>Roslyn Khattar</i>
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Jay Dass Marina Peter <i>Rosemary Chung</i> <i>Daphne Dominic</i>
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Nelissa Almeida Eliana Almeida <i>Isa Urbano</i>

Next week's readings

10th & 11th January 2026: the Baptism of the Lord

First Reading:	Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 28: 1-4, 9-10
Second Reading:	Acts 10: 34-38
Gospel:	Matthew 3: 13-17



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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

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 morning tea

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

By request

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