

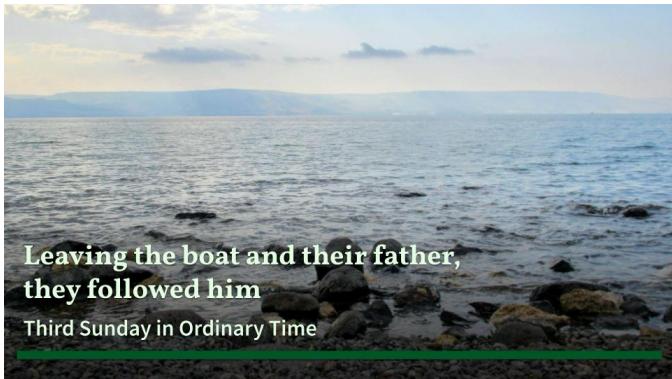
# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

## Wentworthville

## Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Reflections for this week's readings

**First Reading:** Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 26:1, 4, 13 - 14

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:10 – 13, 17

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:12 – 23

**"I will make you fishers of men"**

The prophet Isaiah announced a future of liberation and great joy for all of Galilee, through the image of light that dispels the darkness in which the people walk. The Gospel, quoting verbatim the same passage of the prophet Isaiah, presents Jesus as the Light, thus fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy. He is the light that was promised to dispel the darkness of sin and to free people from the obscurity in which they enclosed.

In today's Gospel, we hear about the call of the first four disciples of Jesus - Peter, Andrew, James and John. He invites these four fishermen, saying, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of people." It can be noted that all four of them immediately abandon their nets and boats, as well as their family, to follow Jesus. They don't wait or ask any questions. They do not know the consequences of their quick decision. Yet what we find in their spontaneous response is the total abandonment and wholehearted commitment to Jesus and His call.

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to remember that our personal vocation is founded on God's original and free choice. His invitation towards us, therefore, is an invitation to make a final decision to let Him conquer or re-conquer us to mark a turning point in our lives.

Let us ask the Lord, for us and the whole Church and us, for the gift of a true conversion of our hearts, enabling us

to receive Christ as the only Light to follow. Christ is the only one who really dispels the darkness within and around us.

Pope Francis Says "The Sunday of the word of God is meant to help the people of God grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures"

*Basli - Parisher*

### Lectio Divina – Weekly Sessions

You are warmly invited to join us this Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Red Room for the weekly *Lectio Divina*, a prayerful reflection on God's Word as we listen, reflect, and pray together.



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

### Recycle and convert to Cash:

Your generosity is making a remarkable difference in supporting families in East Timor and the ongoing mission of the East Timor Committee.



Thanks to your continued support, we are making great progress—please keep the cans and bottles coming! Updates on the funds raised will be shared quarterly.

### Parish News

#### Parish Social & Fundraising Committee:

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

#### Tickets Available!

Less than 4 weeks away – Community & Friendship Dance Dinner

**Friday, 13 February 2026**

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

**Cost:** \$70 per adult

• \$35 for children (under 12)

**Tickets on sale after every Mass in the Narthex.**

Get in quick! Tickets are being sold quickly.

There will be live entertainment and catered by Buddy Catering Services.

**The Committee is looking for sponsorship of items to be raffled during the event. All contributions are welcome.**

## Liturgy Corner

### Mandatory Safeguarding Training:

All volunteers and Ministers in our parish are required by the NSW Children's Guardian ACT 2019 to complete Safeguarding Training, if you wish to volunteer and have not completed the Cycle 1 training (Modules 1-3), there is a face to face Safeguarding Training available at Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Wednesday, 11 February, at 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Follow the link to register: <https://parracatholic.org/events/mandatory-safeguarding-training-cycle-1-modules-1-3-11-february/>

## Parish Finances

### Thank you for your generosity

**Donations to the Parish for the week of Monday 12/1/2026 to Sunday 18/1/2026 totalling \$2,711.00**

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Planned Giving (cash/c cards): | \$626.00   |
| Loose cash:                    | \$1,105.00 |
| Direct Deposits:               | \$520.00   |
| Tap & Go:                      | \$460.00   |

**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:

**Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):** Mary & Frank Teuma, Joyce Cini, Tony & Antonia Cini, Doris Vella, Anthony Kong, Monica Kong, Valda M Cox, Yupar Win, Catherine Kong, Ko Win Naing, Navin Thakkar, Reena Rajam, Charlie Zammit, Gwendoline Weatherall, Pedro Los Banos, Rachael Sumagui.

**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, Chinh Tran, Norman De Luca, Jabbour Family and for all the suffering souls.

**Weddings:** Kim & Nam (37 years)

## Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

### Baptism:

Sky Dagher-Rivas (25 Jan 2026)



## Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

### St John Bosco, Priest

Memorial

31<sup>st</sup> January 2026

### Church Calendar

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Lectio Divina              | Wed, 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 6 pm      |
| Church cleaning            | Thurs, 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 9.30 am  |
| Anointing Mass             | Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 9.00 am |
| Baptism Preparation        | Thurs, 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 6.30pm  |
| St Vincent de Paul Meeting | Thurs, 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 10 am    |

## Diocese of Parramatta Notices

### Annual Diocesan Red Mass: 3 February

Fr Robert Riedling, Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, cordially invites members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families to the annual Red Mass. Join us on Tuesday 3 February at 7pm, refreshments will be served following the Mass. Please RSVP by Friday 30 January to [enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au) or call (02) 8839 8400.

### 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/](https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-world-day-of-the-sick-mass/)

### The Diocesan Youth Leader's Weekend

A new initiative to commence soon!

**Date:** Saturday, 31 January and Sunday, 1 February

**Time:** 11:30am-5pm each day

**Location:** St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish Hall Kenthurst.

The weekend will focus on theological formation, with particular attention to **Christian Leadership**. Participants will explore how to develop a clear vision, mission, and core values for youth ministry, guided by insights from **two guest speakers**.

Across both days, participants will also enjoy shared meals, opportunities for community building, and rich prayer experiences.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite young people from your parish (18+) whom you recognise as having the potential to grow into leaders within youth ministry.

**To register:**

<https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-youth-leaders-weekend/>



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

## Project Compassion Donation Envelopes: How do I use them?

This Lent, like we did in 2025, there is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the six weekly envelopes used in previous years. This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home.

You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready. Thank you for *Uniting Against Poverty* with us this Lent.

**UNITE   
AGAINST  
POVERTY**  
this Lent

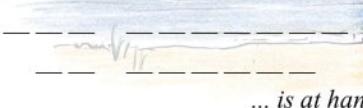
## Kids' Corner

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**E O D I T**  
14 11 8 5 1  
**H M E A**  
2 10 17 15  
**N E O K**  
18 3 9 4



What did Jesus say as He began to preach by the sea?  
Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks.

Repent, for...



... is at hand.

## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

We wish to thank all our friends and supporters for their continued assistance to all our appeals, particularly our Christmas Appeal 2025.

We received a total of \$4,000.00 (including gift cards) – a wonderful response for which we are extremely appreciative. We were able to assist approximately 30 families specifically over the Christmas Season.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year. May God watch over and keep you in His loving embrace during 2026.

*Vinnies Wentworthville Conference*

### Rosters for 31<sup>st</sup> January & 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

| MASS                    | ROLE  | VOLUNTEER  |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| 6pm Saturday<br>(Vigil) | <b>Reader 1</b><br><b>Reader 2</b><br><i>Communion</i>                    | Trish Maldigri<br>Angela Carlino<br>Ann Zahra  |
| 8am<br>Sunday           | <b>Reader 1</b><br><b>Reader 2</b><br><i>Communion</i>                    | Michelle Rodridges<br>David Rodridges<br><i>Cat Paulo</i><br><i>Cecilia Cotter</i>         |
| 10am<br>Sunday          | <b>Reader 1</b><br><b>Reader 2</b><br><b>Children</b><br><i>Communion</i> | Kezia Sathi<br>Jamaica Lopez<br>Joachin Sathi<br><i>Mary Vijila</i><br><i>Marina Peter</i> |
| 6pm<br>Sunday           | <b>Reader 1</b><br><b>Reader 2</b><br><i>Communion</i>                    | Michael Williamson<br>Jada Khadi<br><i>Isa Urbano</i>                                      |

### Next week's readings

**31<sup>st</sup> January & 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time:**

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>First Reading:</b>      | Zeph 2:3; 3:12 - 13     |
| <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> | Psalm 145:7 - 10        |
| <b>Second Reading:</b>     | 1 Corinthians 1:26 – 31 |
| <b>Gospel:</b>             | Matthew 5:1 - 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.

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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 3:30pm

Parish Office is closed Friday, Saturday, 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:** Diane Vella

**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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