

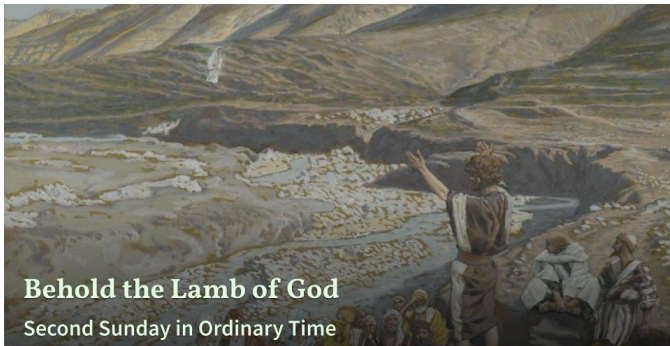


Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 18th January 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel: John 1:29-34

This insight that St. John the Baptist had regarding Jesus is quite inspiring, mysterious and amazing. He sees Jesus coming toward him and he immediately states three revealed truths about Jesus: 1) Jesus is the Lamb of God; 2) Jesus ranks ahead of John; 3) Jesus existed before John. How would John know all of this? What was the source of such profound statements about Jesus? Most likely John would have studied the Scriptures of the time and would have known the many statements about the coming Messiah spoken by the prophets of old. He would have known the Psalms and the Books of Wisdom. But, first and foremost, John would have known what he knew by the gift of faith. He would have had true spiritual insight granted by God.

This fact reveals not only the greatness of John and the depth of his faith, it also reveals the ideal we must strive for in life. We must strive to daily walk by authentic spiritual insight granted by God.

It's not so much that we must live, day by day, in some sort of an evident, prophetic and mystical state. It's not that we should expect to have superior knowledge over others. But we should be open to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit so as to gain a knowledge and understanding of life that is beyond what mere human reason can acquire by its own effort.

John was clearly filled with Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Reverence and Wonder. These Gifts of the Spirit gave him an ability to live a life sustained by the grace of God. John knew things and understood things that only God could reveal. He loved

and revered Jesus with a passion and submission of his will that could only be inspired by God. Most evidently, John's holiness came as a consequence of his union with God. Reflect, today, upon this exceptionally insightful statement from John regarding Jesus. John knew what he knew only because God was alive in his life leading him and revealing these truths. Commit yourself, this day, to an imitation of John's deep faith and be open to all that God wants to speak to you.

My precious Lord Jesus, give me insight and wisdom so that I may know You and believe in You. Help me, each and every day, to discover more fully the great and awe-inspiring mystery of Who You are. I love You, my Lord, and I pray that I may come to know and love You all the more. Jesus, I trust in You.

Extract from My Catholic Life

Lectio Divina – Weekly Sessions


Our weekly Lectio Divina to reflect on God's Word together has begun!

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](#)



Recycle and convert to Cash:

 Your generosity makes an outstanding difference supporting families in East Timor and the ongoing mission work of the East Timor Committee.

We are making great progress, **please keep bringing the cans and bottles!**

Quarterly updates will be provided on the funds raised.



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 early if you are planning to attend! as unsold tickets are disappearing very quickly.

There will be live entertainment on the night, and catering provided by Buddy Catering Services.

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

*We are waiting for **Eliza Coelho** to claim her prize for the Christmas Raffle.*

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

Donations to the Parish for the week of Monday 5/1/2026 to Sunday 11/1/2026 totalling \$4,173.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	\$1,331.00
Loose cash:	\$590.00
Direct Deposits:	\$600.00
Tap & Go:	\$1652.00

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

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Recently Deceased: Patrick Ashe, Chan Tran

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Mary & Frank Teuma, Joyce Cini, Tony & Antonia Cini, Doris Vella, Soewanto Tio, Roman Kanachowski, Liberta Travas, Anthony Kong, Monica Kong, Valda M Cox, Yupar Win, Catherine Kong, Ko Win Naing, Arthur Lopez, Sr Mary Augustine, Lawrence Dias, Sinfarosa Dias, Ibrahim Bainy.

Those who are sick (in need of healing and peace), especially: Vicky Borg, Thelma Blakeman, Norman de Luca, Andrew Herlinger and Vincenza (Vivian) Sultana.

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving: Jazmine & Jamaica, Ngoc Tran, Thuy Tran, Amelia Tran, Ashley & Helen Bakes,

Joseph Joy and Family, Denzil Fernandes and Tiara Peters Birthday.

Weddings: Vanessa & Dylan (25th Anniversary)
Alfred and Antoinette Zammit (57th Anniversary)
Dulangelie & Prinith (13th Anniversary)

Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

Weddings:

Mary Jenat Elvis & Ramanan Jegatheeswaran
(18 Jan 2026)



May our Lord grant them happiness and love

Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

St Agnes, martyr

Memorial

21st January 2026

St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor

Memorial

24th January 2026

Church Calendar

Lectio Divina	Wed, 21 st Jan 2026 6 pm
Church cleaning	Thurs, 22 nd Jan 2026 9.30 am
Baptism Preparation	Thurs, 15 th Jan 2026 6.30pm
St Vincent de Paul Meeting	Thurs, 5 th 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/

The Diocesan Youth Leader's Weekend

We are excited to share a new initiative we are starting this year! The Diocesan Youth Leader's Weekend.

Date: Saturday, 31 January and Sunday, 1 February

Time: 11:30am-5pm each day

Location: St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish Hall Kenthurst.

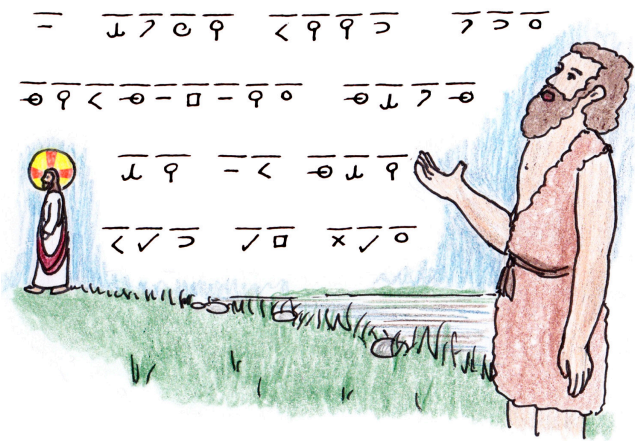
The focus will be on theological formation centred on the topic of Christian Leadership and understanding how to create a vision, mission, and core values for youth ministry with input from 2 guest speakers.

Both days will also include food, community-building activities, and prayer experiences. It will be completely free, with lunch included too!

Since there is not an active youth group at your parish at the moment, this is an opportunity for you to invite some young people from your parish who you believe have capacity to become leaders in youth ministry (18+).
 To register: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-youth-leaders-weekend/>

Kids' Corner

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 January 18th, 2026



What did Saint John the Baptist
 say about Jesus?
 Use the code to figure it out!

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Everybody thought that John the Baptist was a great preacher and prophet.
 Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save them.
 But John knew that was not his job.
 When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptised, John pointed at Him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the people that he was not the great one; Jesus was.
 Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us.
 If we are really good, then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus.
 John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptised. God wants some people to teach about Him by teaching and preaching to the people. But for most of us, the best way to teach others about God, is by living a good life and loving God.



If you really do your best to love God, then your life will be like St. John the Baptist.
 What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?

Rosters for 24 th & 25 th January 2026		
3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Janine Hanna Bob Hanna May Pepin
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Cat Paulo Cecilia Cotter David Rodridges Michelle Rodridges
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children <i>Communion</i>	Carmel Gauci Moiria Peter Daphne Dominic Rosemary Chung David Touma
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Ramona Grimm Mark Attwood Fran Sharpe

Next week's readings

24th & 25th January 2026: 3rd Sunday in ordinary time:

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



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

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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)

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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

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