

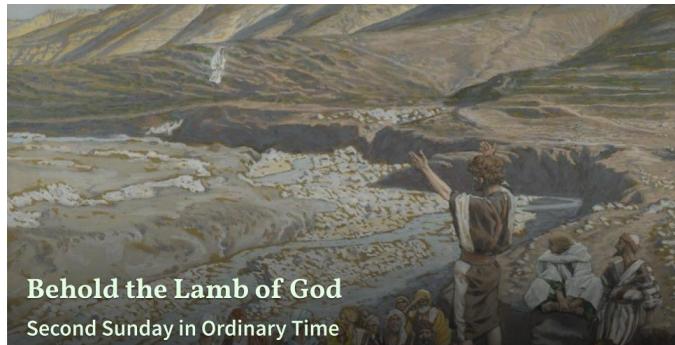
# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

## Wentworthville

## Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#)



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### 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)

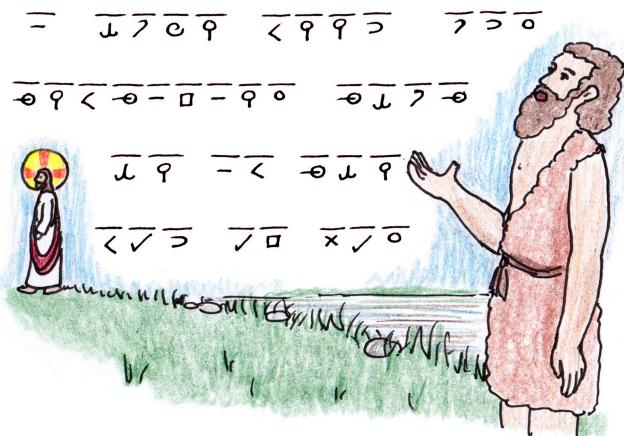
**Tickets on sale after every Mass in the Narthex.**



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

### Next week's readings

**24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



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**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

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