

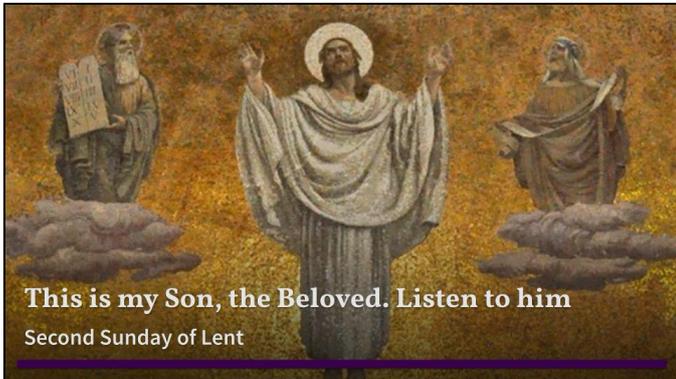
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 1st March 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent Year A



Reflections for this week's readings

- First Reading:** Genesis 12:1-4
- Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22
- Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 1:8-10
- Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

The Gospel Commences with the statement "six days later". Six days later from when? Jesus and his apostles had been in the region of Caesarea Philippi at that time. Simon had declared "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus responded with "You are Peter and on this Rock, I will build my Community." The time had been moving toward Jesus's going to Jerusalem and being arrested. The smaller group of three went to a high place and heard The Father's statement: 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'

Jesus' true nature was revealed to Peter, James and John and his friends had a very human reaction. It would have been a terrifying experience. We can totally understand the Apostle's reaction.

Jesus showed great care for his three close friends. The Gospel reading shares with us that Jesus came up and touched them. He said, 'do not be afraid.'

The human touch would have been very comforting and reassuring. Their friend's calm voice and presence would have calmed the three men.

There are times when we are all faced with uncertainty. We become concerned about what we hear in the media, about what is happening around the world, and concerned about problems we are facing close to us.

We can stand by what Matthew's Gospel reveals to us about the nature of our God. A caring God. Reaching out to give comfort.

Thank you, Jesus.

John and Patricia Maldigri, Parishioners

Lectio Divina – Weekly Sessions

You are most welcome to join us every Wednesday evening 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, please click on the link [Lectio](#)

[Divina](#)



Recycle glass and aluminium and convert to Cash!

Please continue bringing the cans and bottles!

Thank you for your generosity in

supporting students and their families in East Timor and the ongoing mission of the East Timor Committee. We are achieving outstanding progress.

Parish News

REPORT ON THE PARISH DINNER DANCE

We are pleased to announce that the Parish Dinner Dance was a resounding success, not only in raising funds for our visual system but also in OLMC Wenty community relation building.

We have raised *close to \$20,000* after expenses from this event.

The fund raised from this function was achieved through:

Dinner Dance Profit	\$6,130
Sale of 200 Yellow Envelopes	\$4,000
Sale of Memorabilia	\$1,635
Donations	\$5,230
Sale of woodcrafts	\$1,785
Raffle sales	\$1,160

Needless to say, that these funds will enable the Parish to now proceed with the completion of the visual system.

We would like to thank all those who in one way or another have contributed to this function and make it the success.

We also thank those who were very generous with their donations in funds and in kind especially the music band, Smooth Grooves and those who contributed prizes towards the raffle. All prizes have been claimed.

We look forward to other functions in the future. We also welcome any feedback on the event.

Liturgy Corner

Why we are Restoring Communion from the Chalice

Starting at the Mass of the Supper of the Lord on Holy Thursday, we will return to offering Communion from the chalice. This will be a return to what was common practice within our parish before COVID-19 restrictions were first put in place.

While Communion from the chalice was historically withdrawn from the assembly for many years, the Church reinforced its importance at the Second Vatican Council. As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (n 281) explains, "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds".

The command Jesus gave to his disciples was simple: "take this, all of you and eat it... take this, all of you, and drink from it..." To eat and drink both the Body and Blood of Christ allows us to enter fully into the ritual meal instituted by Jesus in the Last Supper.

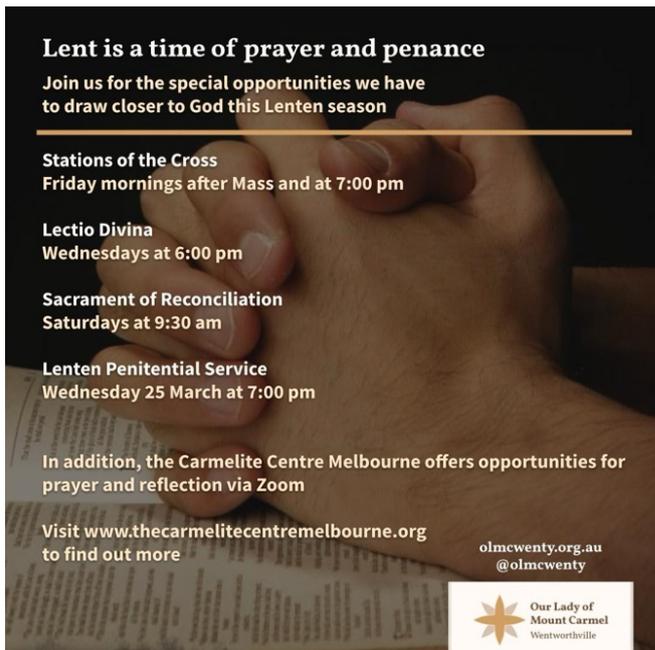
Can you help during Holy Week and the Easter Triduum?

We need the help of volunteers for a range of ministerial, preparation, pack up and support roles at different times over the week - there is sure to be a role that will suit you and help our community. If you can help, visit olmcwentyliturgy.org/triduum-volunteers to sign up. If you do not have an email address but still want to help, please call the parish office.

Help our community sing at our Easter Triduum Celebrations

If you would like to assist with leading our community's sung prayer at our Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Liturgy and Easter Vigil Mass, then we invite you to join the choir that will sing at these celebrations. Practice is on Mondays

from 7:15 - 8:30 pm in the church. Previous experience and/or training are not required. For more information, contact Robert at olmcwentyliturgy.org/contact.



Lent is a time of prayer and penance
Join us for the special opportunities we have to draw closer to God this Lenten season

Stations of the Cross
Friday mornings after Mass and at 7:00 pm

Lectio Divina
Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays at 9:30 am

Lenten Penitential Service
Wednesday 25 March at 7:00 pm

In addition, the Carmelite Centre Melbourne offers opportunities for prayer and reflection via Zoom

Visit www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org to find out more

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Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Donations to the Parish for the week of Monday 16/2/2026 to Sunday 22/2/2026 totalling \$3,765.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	\$875.00
Loose cash:	\$693.00
Direct Deposits:	\$700.00
Tap & Go:	\$1,497.00

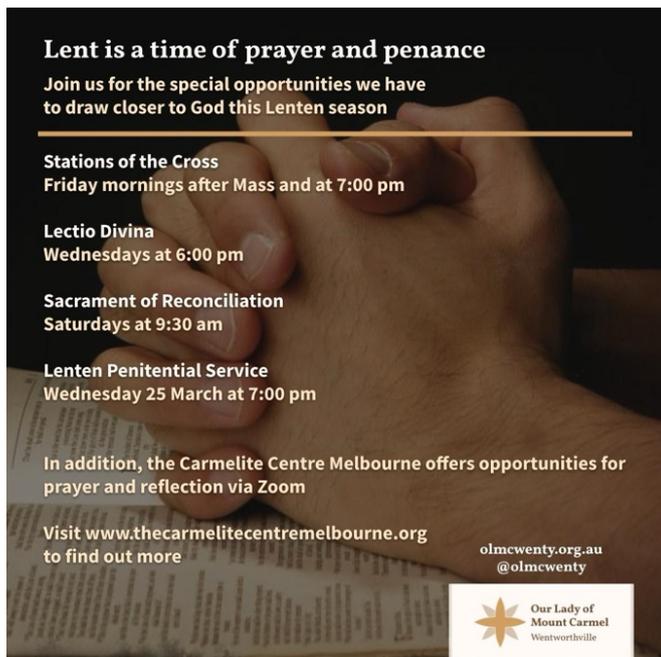
Parish Online Banking: If you would like to pay fees or to donate, our online banking details are:

BSB: 067 950 **Account Number:** 000 00602
Account Name: Wentworthville Catholic Church
Reference: [Your Surname] PURPOSE OF YOUR DONATION

Please pray for...

Funeral Notice for Bill Casey

We were saddened to learn of the sudden recent death of long-time parishioner Bill Casey. For many years Wilga and Bill ran pre-marriage weekends for couples being married in the parish. Bill was an artist of some repute. In 1993 he did a painting of the church which currently hangs next door in the Carmelite priory. He did a stained-glass window of Madonna and child in the glass interface between the narthex and body of the church. Sadly, it did not survive the renovations. Not to be deterred Bill created the lovely wooden cross sculpture which is mounted in the narthex. In recent years Bill and Wilga attended the 6pm vigil Mass on a Saturday night.



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Bill's funeral service will be at 11am Friday 6 March in the church.

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Mary & Frank Teuma, Joyce Cini, Tony & Antonia Cini, Doris Vella, Charlie Zammit, Henry Hart.

Those who are sick (in need of healing and peace), especially: Victoria (Vicky) Borg, Norman de Luca, Margaret Norton, Vincenza (Vivian) Sultana.

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving: Ngoc Tran, Thuy Tran, Joseph Tran, Patrick Tran, Thelma Blakeman

Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

Church Calendar

Lectio Divina Wed, 4th March 2026 6 pm
 Church cleaning Thurs, 5th Mar 2026 9.30 am
 Anointing Mass Friday, 6th Mar 2026 9.00 am
 Baptism Preparation Thurs, 12th Mar 2026 6.00pm

Stations of the Cross after 9am Mass and 7pm each Friday during Lent.

Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated on **Saturday, 23rd May 2026 at 6.00pm**. Please note the following dates in your diary:

Parents information night **21st April**.

Enrolment closing date is **24th April**.

Attend 3 compulsory Workshops, further notice on dates and times will be provided soon.

Enrolment forms are accessible through the website and from the Parish Office, Monday – Thursday 8.30am – 3.30pm.



Rite of Election

Congratulations!

A joyous celebration at St Patricks Cathedral on Sunday, 22 February for the following Catechumens receiving their Rite of Election Vinod Surinderkumar Chopra, Kyla Platt, Caitlin Ashworth, Hao Quan Cai and Tai Sing Tam, along with Catechumens from other Parishes within the Diocese of Parramatta.



Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Safeguarding

When should I complete my Safeguarding Training?

All Clergy, employees and volunteers in parish ministry are required by the NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019 to be current and complete with Safeguarding Training.

- If you are new to ministry, you must complete the Introductory Modules 1-3 (Cycle 1).
- If you completed Cycle 1 modules two years ago, you must complete Renewal Modules 4 and 5 (Cycle 2)
- If you renewed your Cycle 2 two years ago, you must complete a Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3)

Safeguarding Training Modules can always be completed online at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>. Face-to-face training opportunities can be found at [Find An Event Near Me | Diocese of Parramatta](#).

- **Wednesday, 11 March** 9.30-1.00pm-Safeguarding Training Cycle 2 Module 4-5. Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.
- **Saturday, 19 September** 9.30-1.00pm-Safeguarding Training Cycle 2 Module 4-5 . Our Lady Queen of Peace, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes

Rosters for 7 & 8 March 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent

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>	Carretta Dias Isabella Dias Colleen Weatherall Ron Aquilina
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children <i>Communion</i>	Jay Dass Janelle Touma Daphne Dominic Skip Fernandes Marina Peter
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Jada Khadi Michael Williamson Fran Sharp

Next week's readings

7 & 8 March 2026: 3rd Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42



**Our Lady of
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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

On Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @olmcwenty

Email 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 3:30pm

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

Safeguarding Officer: Moira Peter

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

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