



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 15th March 2026

4th Sunday of Lent Year A



The blind man came away
with his sight restored

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading:	1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 22
Second Reading:	Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel:	John 9:1-41

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a man blind from birth, a miracle that had never been heard of before: "Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind" (John 9:32). In the Old Testament, it is God who gives sight to the blind (Exod 4:11; Ps 146:8; Isa 29:18; 35:5; 42:7). By restoring sight to this man, Jesus shows that the saving power of God is at work in Him, the true Messiah and "light of the world" (John 8:12).

This passage also reveals two kinds of blindness. The man's physical blindness becomes the path to faith, while the Pharisees, though seeing with their eyes, close their hearts to the truth. They cling to the letter of the law about the Sabbath and miss the mercy of God before them. As St John Chrysostom notes, the blind man benefited from his blindness, but the Pharisees incurred a heavier punishment by remaining spiritually blind though they could see.

St Augustine reminds us that God delayed this man's healing so that "the works of God might be made manifest in him." So too in our lives: what God permits or delays can become the very place where His glory is revealed. In the first reading, David is anointed and "the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward" (1 Sam 16:13). In Baptism, we were anointed and

enlightened; the Spirit came to dwell in us. The Christian life is not easy—it is a battle against darkness—but like David, the Apostles, and the man born blind, we are called to stand firm and proclaim with him: "I was blind, now I see." May the Lord open our eyes to bear fruits of goodness, righteousness and truth (Eph 5:9).

Chris Anthony (a parishioner)

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](#)

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO LECTIO DIVINA ON WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH.



Parish News

Can you help during Holy Week and the Easter Triduum?

Thank you to the many volunteers who have already signed up to assist at our Holy Week and Easter Triduum celebrations. There are still different roles available. If you can assist, have a look in the parish centre today at what you can do and register.



Palm Sunday

Once again on Palm Sunday, we invite you to bring your own cutting of a branch, from any tree or plant, to use as we commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We would also greatly appreciate it if you can cut and bring some palms or some other branches for people who don't have any. As always, there will be baskets in the parish centre before Mass where you can drop off or collect cuttings.

Liturgy Corner

Approaching the Font of Life

Last Sunday, we celebrated the first scrutiny with our five elect - those in our parish preparing to be initiated into the Catholic Church at Easter. These scrutinies continue this and next weekend.

The scrutinies are a central ritual of this final period of purification and enlightenment prior to baptism. The Gospels of these Sundays are deeply tied to the scrutinies and the journey of faith - Jesus quenches thirst, enables us to see things as they truly are, and overcomes death. He does this for those he encountered, for each of us, and for our elect who approach the baptismal font.

The ritual of the scrutiny itself draws the elect, and each of us, into deeper conversion and encounter. The elect are called to reflect on the ways they can change their hearts even more deeply towards God. As a parish community, we support this healing and strengthening, both through our intercession and our own lived example of continuous conversion.

Easter Triduum Celebrations
 Join us as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus


Holy Thursday
 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm
 Night Prayer concludes adoration at 10:00 pm

Good Friday
 Stations of the Cross 9:00 am
 Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:30 am
 Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday
 Easter Vigil Mass 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday
 Masses at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

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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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East Timor Committee Updates

The East Timor Committee has been raising funds through raffles and Mothers Day & Fathers Day cards. Thanks to Parishioners in the past for their support and this year we have started a campaign of collecting cans and bottles in place of the previous fundraising activities. We seek your continuing support with bringing your 10c cans and bottles. Since commencement of collecting cans and bottles for the return and earn, we have returned **8,439** cans/bottles and earned a total of . This is within the twelve months since March 2025. Great work everybody! 4 students have completed their studies. The Committee members will provide updates to the Parish during Mass.

Celebrating Sacraments

Baptisms: Matthew Carswell, Normarni Achirem and Emilia Grech. *Sun, 22nd Mar 2026.*



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

Weddings: Annmaree Kenny and Daniel Khaziran Sat, 21st Mar 2026.



May our Lord grant them happiness and love

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Donations to the Parish for the week of Monday 2/3/2026 to Sunday 9/03/2026 totalling \$3,946.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	\$826.00
Loose cash:	\$970.00
Direct Deposits:	\$685.00
Tap & Go:	\$1,465.00

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
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Reference: [Your Surname] *PURPOSE OF YOUR DONATION*

Please pray for....

Deceased: Michael William (Bill) Casey

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Mary & Frank Teuma, Joyce Cini, Tony & Antonia Cini, Doris Vella, Charlie Zammit, Henry Hart, M Augustin Rethnam, Mary Vella, Anthony Kong, Monica Kong, Catherine Kong, Ko Win Naing, Valda M Cox, Norman & Lydia Rogrigues.

Those who are sick (in need of healing and peace), especially: Victoria (Vicky) Borg, Norman de Luca, Margaret Norton, Vincenza (Vivian) Sultana, Bernard & Julie Deady, Thelma Blakeman, Helen Lambert, Avis Cardoz, Antoinette D'Silva.

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving: Thelma & Lawrence Blakeman – 65th Wedding Anniversary, Ngoc Tran, Thuy Tran, Duyen Tran.

Margaret Rhonda Wright wishes to thank St. Jude for favour granted.

Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

St Patrick, Bishop

Solemnity 17th March 2026

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Solemnity 19th March 2026

Church Calendar

Lectio Divina Wed, 18th March 6 pm

Baptism Preparation Thurs, 9th April 6.00pm

Church cleaning Thurs, 26th Mar 9.30 am

Vinnie's Meeting Thurs, 19th Mar 10.00am

Confirmation – Parent information night
Tues, 31st Mar 7.00pm

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



Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

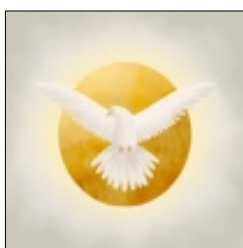
In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated on **Saturday, 23rd May 2026 at 6.00pm**. Please note the following dates in your diary:

Parents information night **Tuesday, 31st March at 7pm**.

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.



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:

- **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 21 & 22 March 2026

5th Sunday of Lent

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Elena Fernandes Anne-Marie Torrens Antoinette Zammit
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Cat Paulo Cecilia Cotter David Rodrigues Michelle Rodrigues
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children <i>Communion</i>	Trinity Kishore Clyde Fernandes Daphne Dominic Skip Fernandes Daphne Dominic
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Mark Attwood Ramona Grimm Jovan Titus

Next week's readings

21 & 22 March 2026: 5th Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 129

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45



**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

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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

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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