



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 29th March 2026

Palm Sunday Year A



Are you the king of the Jews?
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Reflections for this week's readings

- Entrance:** Matthew 21:1-11
- First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7
- Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
- Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11
- Gospel:** Matthew 26:14-27:66

This Sunday marks the end of Lent and the start of Holy Week. Let's reflect on our journey and repent. Did we fast, give alms, pray the stations of the cross, and sacrifice things we love during Lent? The news is gloomy, with war, fuel shortages, price hikes, rising interest rates, accidents, robberies, and natural disasters. We ask Jesus, 'How will we survive?'

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is celebrated with shouts of Hosanna. People were excited, expecting him to enter through the North gate, take the kingship from the Romans, and end their misery. They were disappointed when he entered through the gate of sacrifice, leading to the people yelling 'Crucify Him!' in the gospel, highlighting human fickleness and the painful journey Jesus chose as the suffering servant.

In the second reading, St Paul speaks of Jesus emptying himself and willingly taking up the cross to die for us. In the gospel, the people mock Jesus, saying, 'If you are truly the Son of God, come down from the cross and save yourself.'

Can the rain save itself if it's to water the earth? Can a mother save herself if she's to care for her young? Can a soldier save himself if he's to defend his country? How can God save Himself if He's to save humanity?

As St Paul says in the second reading, this is not the law of weakness, but the law of sacrifice. At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, from heaven to earth and under

the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father, Amen.

David & Michelle Rodrigues - 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](#)

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO LECTIO DIVINA ON WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL.

Parish News

Changed liturgy times this week

This week, due to the Easter Triduum celebrations, some of our regular liturgical events will be cancelled:

- ⇒ Morning Mass on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday is cancelled.
- ⇒ The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Good Friday at 9:30 am, but not on Holy Saturday.
- ⇒ There's no 6:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday (the Easter Vigil is instead at 7:30 pm) or Easter Sunday.

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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Can you help at our Easter Triduum celebrations?

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help. This weekend is your last chance to volunteer - sign up in the Narthex.

Are you coming to Mass on Holy Thursday?

Bring your Project Compassion box to the basket when you enter the church. We'll present the boxes as part of our gift presentation.

Car Park Closure

As the Easter Vigil Mass next Saturday begins with the Service of Light and procession, the Garfield Street car park will be closed for this Mass. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect your Planned Giving Envelopes that are now available in the Narthex.

Enrich Your Easter Triduum Experience with Prayer

As we celebrate the most holy days of the Church's year, we have prepared a collection of prayer celebrations that can help you to continue your observation and celebration of these days at home. They are simplified versions of the Church's official prayer ritual, The Liturgy of the Hours, which is prayed throughout the world, particularly in religious communities such as our own Carmelite community in Wentworthville. To access, visit olmcwentyliturgy.org/triduum-prayer.

East Timor Committee

Our Parish has been fortunate to have generous and supportive members who have enabled us to support students in East Timor in obtaining scholarships to pursue higher education and contribute to their communities. Annually, we sponsor 6 students, out of the 6 students we sponsored, 3 completed their studies and graduated.

Rita Salsinha, a graduate of a Bachelor of Education, now works as an English teacher at a Technical Vocational Training school, helping students improve their English language skills. She's proud to support her family and contribute to education in her community. She thanks all donors for helping her achieve this significant milestone.

Alarico Soares, a recent graduate of Bachelor of Nursing, is actively applying for jobs and hopes to start his career as a nurse this month. He aims to improve healthcare services, particularly in rural areas. Alarico expresses gratitude to all donors and supporters of the scholarship program, acknowledging the opportunity they've given him.

Maria de Jesus do Carmo Marcal, a graduate of her Bachelor of Health Studies, has started working at a health clinic in Suai. She expressed gratitude to all donors who supported her, saying she wouldn't be who she is without the scholarship program.

Three new students will replace the graduates. We'll display their information and photos in the Narthex.

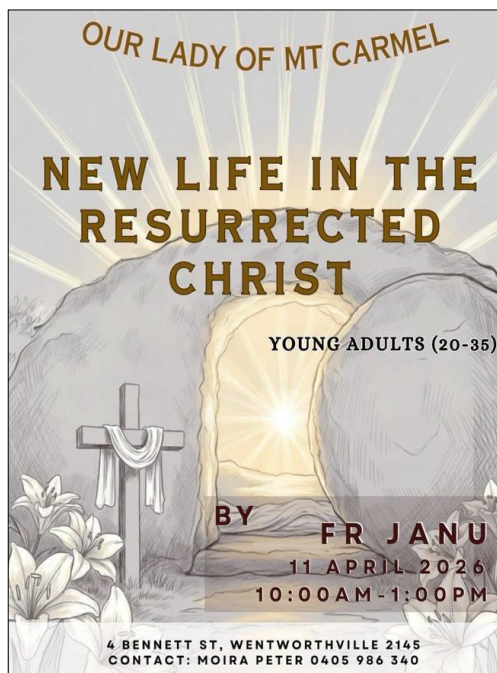
We appreciate your ongoing generous support for our East Timor students throughout the year.

Teresa Maldigri

Chair of East Timor Committee

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for an early morning start to assist at the church for the large number of youth participating in the Good Friday Walk from St Patricks Blacktown to St Patricks Cathedral Parramatta. **Must have** a valid Working with Children Check and completed the Mandatory Safeguarding Training. Please enter your name and phone number on the form located in the Narthex.



Liturgy Corner

Silenzio, per favore

If you are ever fortunate to visit Rome, you will no doubt visit many churches. There was one church in Rome (perhaps it still is so) where visitors were politely reminded on repeat through the PA system, "Shhh... silenzio. Shhh... silenzio, per favore" (silence please).

While we often speak and sing, our participation in the liturgy also calls on us to engage in silence. Silent prayer is a way in which we encounter the Divine. We know the prophet Elijah recognised the presence of God, not in the fire, wind or earthquake, but in sheer silence.

Silence is also a powerful act of honour and reverence. Australians stand in silence on ANZAC Day to honour the fallen. Moments of great awe literally leave us speechless, unable to adequately express our thoughts and feelings in words.

The Easter Triduum celebration also calls us to observe silence. Eucharistic Adoration at the Altar of Repose, our observance of Good Friday, and the hours of Saturday leading into the Easter Vigil, invite us to reflect on the passion and death of Christ more intensely in the silence of our hearts.

As we both engage in prayer and honour the death of Christ over the coming days, we encourage you to enter into silence. While we may run into people we haven't seen in a while, and want to connect with others, please allow our church and parish centre to be spaces where our community can enter into this sacred time.

Celebrating Sacraments

Baptisms: Matthew Carswell and Emilia Grech.
Sun, 22 March 2026.



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

Weddings: Annmaree Kenny and Daniel Khaziran Sat, 21 March 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 16/3/26 to Sunday 22/3/26 totalling \$3,748.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$927.00

Loose cash: \$981.00

Direct Deposits: \$560.00

Tap & Go: \$1,280.00

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: Mo Chinh, William Sherd, Bill Casey, Philomena Hawking.

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Mary & Frank Teuma, Joyce Cini, Tony & Antonia Cini, Doris Vella, Charlie Zammit, Henry Hart, Carmelo Sultana, Martin Galea, Anthony Kong, Monica Kong, Catherine Kong, Ko Win Naing, Valda M Cox, Yupar Win, Angela Wang.

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

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving: Ngoc Tran, Thuy Tran.

Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

Church Calendar

Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Wed, 1 April 7.30pm

Church cleaning due to Good Friday Weds, 1 April 9.30 am

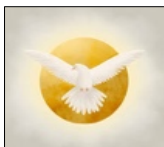
Lectio Divina Wed, 8 April 6 pm

Church cleaning Thurs, 16 April 9.30 am

Baptism Preparation Thurs, 9 April 6.00pm

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.**

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

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday April 3rd. This collection assists the missionary work by providing welfare assistance to local Christians, health, education, employment and housing. Please click on the link for more information and to donate:

<https://franciscans.org.au/holy-land-commissariat/>

CYP Good Friday Night Walk | 3 April

The annual **Good Friday Night Walk** pilgrimage is attended by 1000+ young people from across Western Sydney each year. Beginning late on Good Friday night and continuing into the early hours of Holy Saturday, participants journey together in prayer, reflection and reverence as we retrace the steps of Christ during the Easter Triduum.

Registration is compulsory, via parracatholic.org/gfnw. If you are interested in supporting as a volunteer, please contact [Sebastian Duhau](mailto:Sebastian.Duhau@parracatholic.org).

Roster 4 & 5 April 2026		
Easter Sunday		
MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Reader 3 Reader 4 Communion	Trish Maldigri Angela Carlino Anne-Marie Torrens Elena Fernandes Caz Learmonth Charlie Felice
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Reader 3 Reader 4 Communion	Carretta Dias Isabella Dias Cat Paulo Cecilia Cotter Roslyn Khattar Eric Dias
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Reader 3 Reader 4 Children Communion	Marina Peter Shayna Peter Basli Sathi Moira Peter Daphne Dominic Rosemary Chung David Touma
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Reader 3 Reader 4 Communion	Jada Khadi Michael Williamson Eliana Almeida Nellissa Almeida Fran Sharpe Isa Urbano

Communion – Eucharist 1, 2 and 3

We will commence offering Communion of both kinds at every Mass from Holy Thursday onwards.

Next week's readings

4 & 5 April 2026: Sunday of the Resurrection

First Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17,22-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 alt. 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Gospel: John 20:1-9 alt. Matthew 28:1-10



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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

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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

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals By request

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