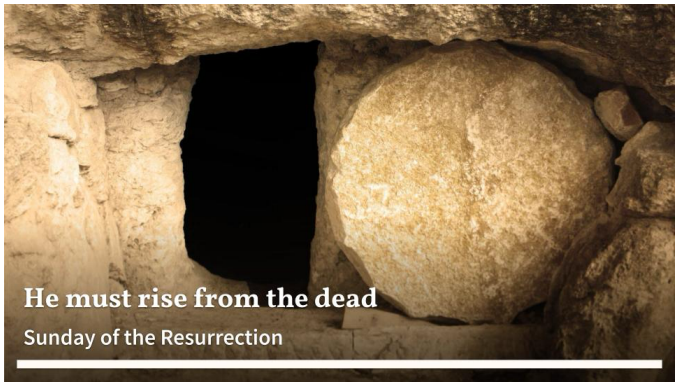
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 5th April 2026

Sunday of the Resurrection



Reflections for this week's readings

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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He is Risen Alleluia

We read about Peter disowning Jesus Christ in the last few weeks leading up to the easter resurrection of Jesus Christ in front of the authorities.

In today's first reading, we see a different Peter, filled with zeal, preaching to a bunch of Gentiles about Jesus. He was telling them that Jesus was meant for them too, that his death and resurrection were meant for them, that it could change their lives. It was a moment of witness and the Holy Spirit, a moment of baptism and forgiveness (Acts 10:1-48). 2nd reading "Think of what is above," St. Paul wrote, "not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Col 3:2-3).

Look up! That's what Saint Paul means. Look beyond death and the fear that comes with it! Think of Christ at the right hand of the Father, think of your place there! That's the hope, the joy, the courage Saint Paul wants us to have. An eternal perspective, an Easter perspective, knowing in hope our destiny in Christ, knowing in hope our eternity, call it the wisdom of Easter.

The Gospel we read about Mary Magdalene discovering the empty tomb and realising that Jesus has risen. She went to search for him in her sorrow, Sadness, and confusion, and in her search, she encountered the angel and then Jesus himself, this beautiful moment reminds us that even in our difficult times, when we searching for answers, Jesus is always near, he meets us were we are, offering us comfort and Hope just as he did with Mary Magdalene.

We are so blessed to celebrate this with good clothes, plenty of good food and good houses to stay safe and secure with family and friends, but my Heart goes out to people in war zones, countries that are being refugees in their own country, families displaced, struggling for their basic needs, such as water, food, and a safe place to stay at this I Pray that this people experience the presence of the same resurrected Jesus Chris who is same Yesterday, Today and forever - Amen

Pope Francis quoted "*The way of the cross alone defeats sin, evil and death, for it leads to the radiant light of Christ's resurrection*"

Basli - Parishioner

Happy Easter

Alleluia! He is risen!

As we celebrate the joy of Easter, we are reminded that the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation of our faith and the source of our hope.

Easter is not just a past event. It is a present reality, and we are called to be an Easter people-full of hope and life. Easter invites each of us to renew our trust in God's promises and to embrace the new life offered to us through Christ.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed your energy, time and talent to our Lenten journey and Easter celebrations.

To our liturgical ministers, choir members, altar servers, sacristans, readers, and extraordinary ministers, hospitalities, media ministers, volunteers —thank you for your generosity and commitment to Our Parish. May the risen Christ bless you for your kindness and dedication to Our Parish.

Let us carry the joy of the Resurrection into our homes, our workplaces, our Families and our community. And let us continue to walk together as a parish family of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville, supporting one another and bearing witness to the Good News in our daily lives.

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter.
Fr Janu (Parish Priest) On behalf of the Carmelites Community Wentworthville and Parish Team

Lectio Divina – *Weekly Sessions*

The Lectio Divina have restarted, 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

Parish News

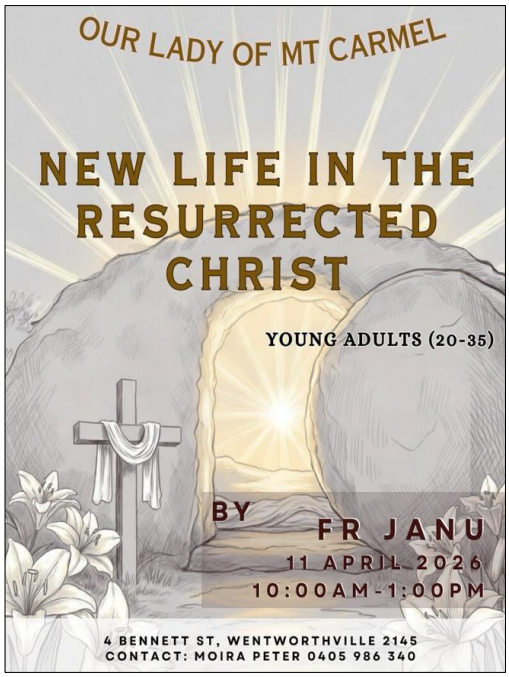
Catechumens 2026

A warm congratulations! To our Catechumens **Caitlin Ashworth, Kyla Platt, Vinod Surinderkumar Chopra, Tai Sing Tam and Hao Quan Cai.**
Wishing you all God's blessings on taking this significant step in your journey of faith.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect your Planned Giving Envelopes that are now available in the Narthex. If you have not found yours there, please call the parish office.

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



Celebrating Sacraments

Baptisms: Anna Eltakchi Sat, 11 April and Isaiah Jovin Sun, 12 April *2026.*
May they grow in faith, love, and the grace of God!

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity

Donations to the Parish for the week of Monday 23/3/26 to Sunday 29/3/26 totalling $4,413.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	$849.00
Loose cash:	$1,319.00
Direct Deposits:	$740.00
Tap & Go:	$1,505.00

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Please pray for….

Recently Deceased: Mo Chinh, William Sherd, Philomena Hawking, Nazzareno Bezzina, Louise Banno, Yovan Soosaipillai, Graham, Rita Josephine.
Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Mary & Frank Teuma, Joyce Cini, Tony & Antonia Cini, Doris Vella, Anthony Kong, Monica Kong, Catherine Kong, Ko Win Naing, Valda M Cox, Yupar Win, Angela Wang, Joan & Edward Deady.
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, Dan Deehan.
Special Intentions /Thanksgiving: Ngoc Tran, Thuy Tran, Amelia Tran.

Celebrating our Catholic Calendar

Church Calendar

Lectio Divina	Wed, 8 April 6 pm
Church cleaning	Thurs, 16 April 9.30 am
Baptism Preparation	Thurs, 9 April 6.00pm

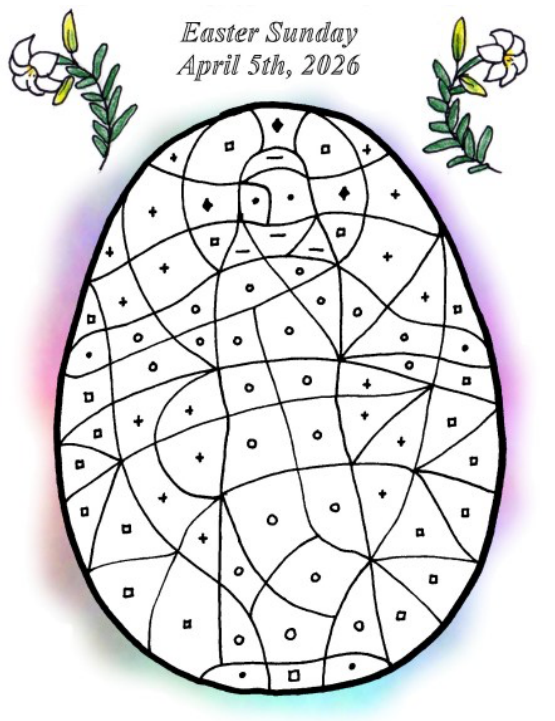
Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

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.

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.

Kid's Corner

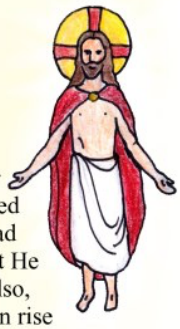


The two men on the road to Emmaus didn't know the man who came and walked with them on Easter morning. Use the colour code below to see if you can figure out who it was!

♦ Red	+ Purple	• Skin-colour
▫ Yellow	– Brown	∘ White

Roster 11 & 12 April 2026		
Second Sunday of Easter		
MASS	**ROLE**	**VOLUNTEER**
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Angela Carlino Elena Fernandes Bob Hanna May Pepin Caz Learmonth
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Jeremy Angelo Joshua Angelo Michelle Rodridges David Rodridges Ron Aquilina
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Jay Dass Clyde Fernandes Daphne Dominic May Vijila David Touma
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Nellissa Almeida Eliana Almeida Isa Urbano Kim Vu Fran Sharpe

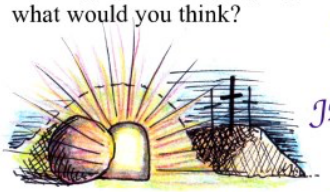
Alleluia!



Today is the biggest feast of the year! Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever- it gave them hope. Also, because He rose from the dead, now we can rise from the dead too after we die.

Imagine what it would be like to be one of Jesus' friends when He died on the cross. You were hoping that He would be the saviour that would overthrow the bad government and become the king, but now He was beaten and killed! How would you feel? What would you be doing after this horrible weekend was over? It would seem pretty hopeless, wouldn't it?

But then- some of the women come running and say that Jesus rose from the dead! Would you believe them? And then imagine that you are in the room with the other disciples with the doors locked and suddenly Jesus is standing in the room, saying, "Peace be with you!" Now what would you think?



Today is the day for rejoicing! JESUS IS ALIVE!

Answers to Easter True or False:
1.false 2.false 3.false 4.true 5.true
6.true 7.false

Next week's readings

11 & 12 April 2026 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

First Reading:	Acts 2:42-47
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalms 117:2-4, 3-15, 22-24
Second Reading:	1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel:	John 20:19-31

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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.

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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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