



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 12th April 2026

Second Sunday of Easter



Reflections for this week's readings

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

The episode of Doubting Thomas is one of the most popular stories in the New Testament and which many Christians know by heart. I myself can never forget it, for as a young man in Malta I played the part of Thomas many times in a dramatic presentation of The Passion of Jesus Christ. So, this episode always comes back to my mind when I think that something does not make sense in what as a Christian, I should believe.

Then on deep reflection I realise that God chose to create us comprising of body and soul. The brain, or mind, tends to believe only what it can see through the eyes or what a reliable person may reveal to it. So poor Thomas at that point may not have been mature enough to regard his own friends as sufficiently reliable to be believed. Perhaps he also found it hard to believe Jesus when he promised to rise back to life after three days – or he misunderstood the message completely.

So, the question is: Do we believe that Jesus and the prophets were and still are reliable people who can be trusted, or do we rely more on our mind to always make

full sense of what we learned from the Bible through the Church's teaching? And why the Church? Because it was to the disciples, the forerunners of the Church that on that occasion Jesus said: "Receive the Holy Spirit" and "As the Father has sent me, I also send you."

Most times it is rather the interpretation of what we believe that may vary from what the Church expects us to believe, for the individual experiences in life vary for each human being and these may impact greatly on our own interpretation of what we believe. And then a well-informed and sincere private conscience should come into play after discussing the particular issue with our confessor or spiritual director.

So, thank you Thomas for stimulating my own conscience to reflect more sincerely on what I believe and on what sometimes I perhaps find it easier to submit to my own interpretation of what I can get away with! "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Frank Zammit – Parishioner

The 50 days of Easter.....It's Not Over Yet

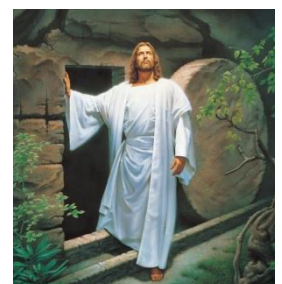
Easter isn't just a Sunday; it's a celebration of the 50 days of resurrection. While we often return to our everyday normal lives, after Easter Sunday, the Christian calendar sees it as just the beginning.

Easter is a 50-day season, this season is known as Eastertide or the Easter Season, which runs from Easter Sunday through to Pentecost Sunday.

The message of Easter—hope, victory over death, and new life—is intended to be a present-day reality, not just a historical event.

There are several reasons why we should continue to celebrate Easter. First, it's a season of hope. The Easter message is a "sign of victory" over despair and suffering, and that hope is needed long after the Easter weekend ends. Second, it's an opportunity to embrace the idea of resurrection and "death and rebirth" in our own lives, letting go of what no longer serves us. Third, it's a time to find joy beyond the Easter weekend. The season is designed to help us transition from the darkness of Good Friday into a "whole of our lives" perspective where God's love is alive.

The Resurrection story is still unfolding, and there's still much to celebrate.



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.

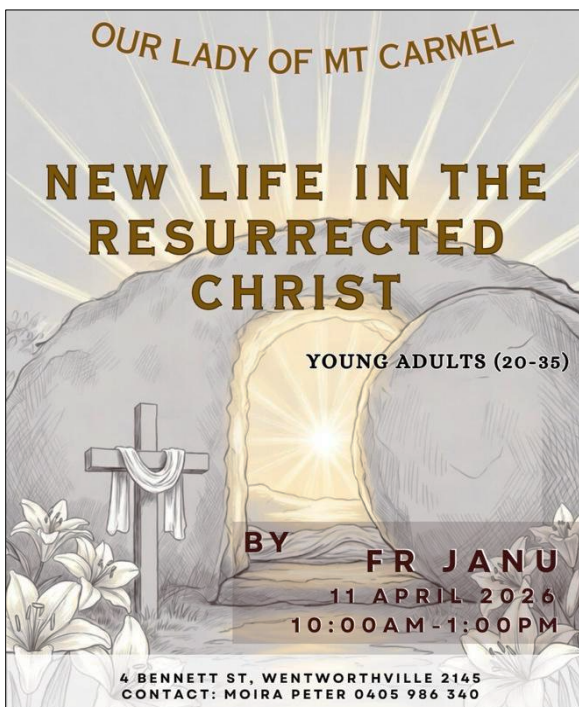
As we listen, reflect, and pray together. For more information, please click on the link [Lectio Divina](#)



Parish News

Planned Giving Envelopes

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



Celebrating Sacraments

Baptisms: Anna Eltakchi Saturday, 11 April and Isaiah Jovin Sunday, 12 April

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 30/3/26 to Sunday 05/04/26 totalling \$4,302.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$1,032.00

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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, Lawrence & Sinfarosa Dias, Inacio, Sacramento and Ilda Boccaro, Anna & Simao Dias, John & Regina Miranda, Theresa & Augustine Miranda, Louis D'Souza, Souls in Purgatory, Madeleine Borg, Pasqua Rosin, John Power, Raymond Aranha, Norm & Montana Azar.

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.

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving: Ngoc Tran, Thuy Tran, Thu Tran.

(Note: If you wish for your mass intention to be published in the Carmel Bulletin, please indicate your agreement by circling "yes" or "no" on the enclosed envelope.)

Celebrating our Catholic Calendar



St Martin I Pope, Martyr

Mon, 13 April

Church Calendar

Lectio Divina

Church cleaning

Baptism Preparation

Wed, 15 April 6 pm

Thurs, 16 April 9.30 am

Thurs, 14 May 6.00pm

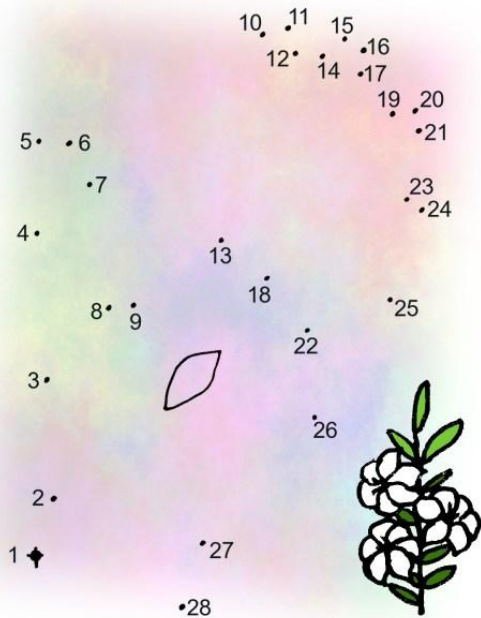
Celebrating Sacraments at OLMC

In preparation for the Sacraments please note the following dates in your diary:

Confirmation - Sat, 23 May at 6pm
1st Reconciliation - Tues, 18 August at 6pm
1st Holy Communion - Sat, 12 Sept at 11am & 2pm

Enrolments for Confirmation are closing on the 24 April. Forms available on the website or the Parish Office, Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 3.30pm

Kid's Corner



Saint Thomas wasn't there the first time Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. What did Thomas say he would have to see before he believed that Jesus was alive? Connect the dots to find out!

Roster 18 & 19 April 2026		
Third Sunday of Easter		
MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Anne-Marie Torrens Trish Maldigri Antoinette Zammit Charlie Felice Elena Fernandes
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Carretta Dias Isabella Dias Cecilia Cotter Eric Dias Cat Paulo
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Moira Peter Shayna Peter Janelle Touma Marina Peter David Touma Mary Vijila
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Jada Khadi Michael Williamson Fran Sharpe Kim Vu Isa Urbano

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, besides being the second Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. It is the special day when we remember the mercy of God.



Mercy is when a person treats another better than they deserve. God does not owe us anything, since everything we have comes from Him. When we sin we offend God, but because He is merciful He forgives us when we are sorry.

Jesus' dying on the cross was the biggest act of mercy. He gave up His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins and go to Heaven! Thank God today for all He has given you, especially giving up His life so that you can go to Heaven!



Here are some easy prayers you can say to ask God to be merciful to us:

***Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Have mercy on us!***

Jesus, I trust in You!

Next week's readings

18 & 19 April 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 15:1-2, 5, 7-11
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

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Open Monday to Thursday, 8:30am to 3:30pm

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Fr. John Powell, O.Carm (in Aged Care)

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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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