



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 26th April 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading:	Acts 2:14,36-41
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalms 22:1-6
Second Reading:	1 Peter 2 :20-25
Gospel:	John 10:1-10

Following Jesus the Good Shepherd 'is about trust'

Following the Shepherd is not just about belief, but **'it's about trust'**. It's about choosing to walk through the **"gate"** that is **Christ**: in our decisions, relationships, our struggles. And here is the promise Jesus makes: *"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."* Not just survival. Not just getting by. But a full, meaningful, grace-filled life—even in the middle of challenges. So, this week, let's make it practical:

- ✓ Take a few moments each day to be silent and listen for God's voice in prayer.
- ✓ Return to Him in the Sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist.
- ✓ Actively choose one concrete act of love or forgiveness.

We are also invited to pray for those whom he is calling to share in his shepherding mission.

Let us pause for a moment and lift our hearts in prayer:

'Heavenly Father, you are the eternal Shepherd who never ceases to care for Your flock. In Your love, you call men and women to serve You and Your Church. We ask You to raise up, generous and faithful servants - vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and religious life. Give them the courage to hear Your voice and the strength to follow where You lead. Bless our families and communities, that

they may nurture and support these callings. And help each of us to be attentive to the working of Your Holy Spirit in our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen'.

Dear friends, vocations do not come from nowhere - they are born in families and communities that are committed to sharing and spreading the love and concern of the Good Shepherd for His people. Perhaps the Lord is calling someone we know or calling someone here today. Let's encourage that call.

And we are reminded that the Good Shepherd never abandons His sheep. Even when we wander, He searches. Even when we fail, He restores. Even when we are wounded, He heals.

And so today, we respond like those in Acts: **"What must we do?" We listen, we turn back, we follow, because we trust him.**

Catiano (Cat) - Parishioner

ANZAC Day (April 25) often holds deep religious significance by coinciding with Easter, connecting the "sacrificial love" of soldiers to the death and resurrection of Jesus.



It emphasizes themes of self-sacrifice, mateship, and redemption, with early traditions designed to blend the ANZAC spirit with Christian values.

Sacrifice and Redemption: ANZAC Day is often viewed as a "martyr's day," where the sacrifice of soldiers is likened to the crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday—giving their lives for the freedom of others.

Easter Intersection: When ANZAC Day falls close to or within the Easter period, the themes of death, loss, and hope for new life are amplified. The sacrifice at Gallipoli is seen as a "great sacrifice" (like Christ's) for a nation.

Christian Origins of Tradition: The structure of many ANZAC services, including the dawn service, was influenced by Christian symbolism and liturgy.

Shared Themes: Both events focus on honouring selflessness and "sacrificial love" (giving oneself for others).

Peace and Remembrance: Like the Easter message of resurrection and peace, ANZAC Day is a time to pray for peace, especially in the face of the suffering and devastation of war.

Taken from The Catholic Weekly

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](#)

Liturgy Corner

Communion in Both Kinds

Decision from the Diocese of Parramatta and Public Health Authorities Specialists, self-intinction is not permitted except for concelebrating clergy, due to the high risk of contamination. Thank you for your understanding.

Parish News

East Timor Mothers' Day Cards

The East Timor Committee will be selling their annual Mothers' Day cards this weekend for \$5.00 each.

All profits from the sale of the cards will go towards supporting the Carmelite Mission in East Timor. Thanking you for your ongoing support.



ARISE Youth Group – OLMC Wentworthville Parish



Arise Youth Logo Competition

We're excited to launch a creative opportunity for all our youth! "Arise" is hosting a logo design competition, and everyone is invited to take part. This is your chance to shape the visual identity of our youth group, so let your creativity shine! Submit your original logo designs to ariseolmcyouth@gmail.com by 8th May. The winning design will be announced on 14th May.

We can't wait to see your ideas come to life!

Safeguarding in our Parish

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. It ensures that children, young people, and vulnerable adults are safe, respected, and protected in our parish community. All volunteers and ministry members are required to complete safeguarding training.

This can be completed online -

<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/> for access to the online modules. Face-to-face training sessions are also available at the following link: [Find An Event Near Me | Diocese of Parramatta](#)

For more information, please visit the Diocese of Parramatta Safeguarding website:

<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/>

Thank you for helping keep our parish a safe and welcoming place.

Our Commitment to Safeguarding at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wentworthville. We are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community, especially children and vulnerable adults, in line with the "Parramatta Way." The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to... Act with justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person; Act with justice, and ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount.

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

Parish Finances

Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated!

Donations to the Parish for the week of Monday 13/04/26 to Sunday 19/04/26 totalling \$3,657.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$893.00

Loose cash: \$934.00

Direct Deposits: \$620.00

Tap & Go: \$1,210.00

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

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Please pray for....

Recently Deceased: Nazzareno Bezzina, Louise Banno, Yovan Soosaipillai, Graham, Rita Josephine, Chinh Tran, Victoria (Vicky) Grandy, Ruth Zulu.

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): Mary & Frank Teuma, Joyce Cini, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary & Frank Camilleri, Doreen Camilleri, Joseph Teuma, Louis Teuma, Joe & Maria Vella, Rosa Titan, Soni Spittle, Jesse & Kevin McManus, Carmel Cini, Lewis Camilleri, Joseph Grech, Doris Vella, Anthony Kong, Monica Kong, Catherine Kong, Ko Win Naing, Valda M Cox, Yupar Win, Angela Wang, Vincenza Grunsel, Angelo Borg, Anna-Lena Lopez, George Bastawrous, Guliette Bastawrous, Samir

Bastawrous, Edward, Bastawrous, Soheir Gendy, Laura Gendy, Saida Nasser, Peter Nasser, All Souls in Purgatory.

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, Lucia Testa.

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving: Ngoc Tran, Thuy 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 Mark, <i>Evangelist</i>	26 April
St Peter Chanel S.M.	28 April
St Catherine of Siena T.O.S.D.	29 April
St Pius V, <i>Pope</i>	30 April
St Joseph, <i>the Worker</i>	1 May

Church Calendar

Lectio Divina	Wed, 26 April 6.00pm
Confirmation W/shop	Thurs, 30 April 3.30pm
Church cleaning	Thurs, 30 April 9.30am
Confirmation W/shop	Mon, 4 May 6.30pm
SVDP Meeting	Thurs, 7 & 21 May 10 am
Baptism Preparation	Thurs, 14 May 6.00pm

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Invitation To Celebrate 40 Years Of Our Diocese

[Attached is an invitation](#) from Fr Peter Williams AM VG to a special Mass of Thanksgiving and celebration of 40 years of our Diocese.

This will take place on the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, Sunday 31 May at 2pm at St Patrick’s Cathedral. For planning purposes we ask for you to [RSVP using this link](#). If you have any photos, stories or anecdotes you would like to share, please send to the [Comms Team](#).

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 Face-to-face Training Opportunities for May 2026

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on 2 May at St Joseph’s Parish, Kingswood. More training opportunities are available throughout May at different parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: 12 May

All liturgical ministers – readers, servers, extra ordinary

ministers are invited to join us for our [Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers](#).

Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at 7:30pm on 12 May 2026, at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta. Liturgical ministers are asked to please arrive by 7pm and be seated by 7:15pm. To register the number of guests and ministers attending please register by Thursday, 7th May. To register please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Roster 2 & 3 May 2026		
Fifth Sunday of Easter		
MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Elena Fernandes Angela Carlino May Peppin Caz Learmonth Bob Hanna
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Michelle Rodridges David Rodridges Cat Paulo Eric Dias Cecilia Cotter
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Keizia Sathi Jamaica Lopez Justin Carmel Gauci May Vijila Marina Peter
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Michelle Williamson Jada Khadi Fran Sharpe Kim Vu Isa Urbano

Next week’s readings

2 & 3 May 2026 – 5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Recycle glass, plastic and aluminium and convert to Cash!

Please continue bringing the bottles and cans!

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.





**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

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

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals By request

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