

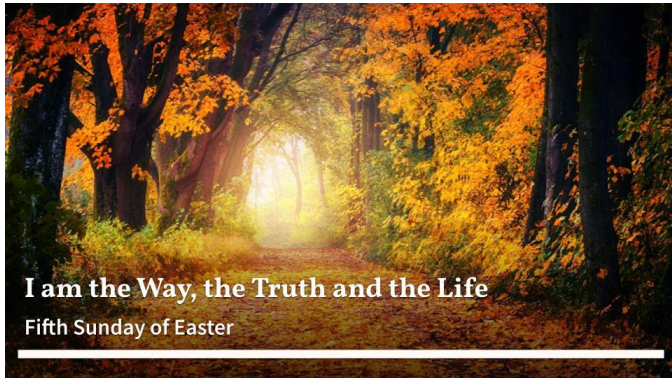


Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 3rd May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Reflections for this week's readings

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples **"Do not let your hearts be troubled."**

Why would they be troubled? What is it that is worrying them? In the days prior to these words, several events had taken place that, not unsurprisingly, were troublesome. Jesus had taken on the role of servant when washing the disciples' feet. He had announced that one of his trusted followers was to betray him. He would be leaving them soon. And finally, he had predicted that his favourite would deny him three times.

However, Jesus remained humble, with a calm willingness to be betrayed, tortured and crucified, and while these were troubling, the most concerning was the idea that Jesus would be leaving them in a short time.

Jesus knows he has dark times ahead; however, His words are aimed at allaying the disciples' troubled hearts:



"Do not let your hearts be troubled ... there are many rooms in my father's house ... I shall return to take you with me so that where I am you may be too."

Our world is currently filled with things that are troubling: wars, famine, poverty. Our country is also undergoing

many troubling things: cost of living increases, housing unaffordability, social division. No doubt our own families will have troubling issues: work stress, financial worries, concern about how to raise "good" children, communication breakdowns.

In today's world, it is pretty easy to feel lost or abandoned, worried by some or all these issues, struggling to know which way to turn. As long as we follow Jesus – the Way, the Truth and the Life – we will never be left to face our perils alone.

Anne-Marie - 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](#)

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

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!

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.



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.

Parish Finances

Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated!

Donations to the Parish for the week of Monday 20/04/26 to Monday 27/04/26 totalling \$3,590.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$945.00
Loose cash: \$730.00
Direct Deposits: \$570.00
Tap & Go: \$1,345.00

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: Cam Tran, Nazzareno Bezzina, Rosario Rathos, Fr Vincent Deguara, Margarida Gonsalves.

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):

Mary & Frank Teuma, Joyce Cini, Tony & Antonia Cini, Genowefa Kanachowski, Doris Vella.

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, Julie Walz.

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving: Ngoc Tran, Thuy Tran, Monica Fernandes, Sacred Heart of Jesus.

(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

Church Calendar

Confirmation W/shop	Mon, 4 May 6.30pm
Lectio Divina	Wed, 6 May 6.00pm
SVdP Meeting	Thurs, 14 & 28 May 10 am
Church cleaning	Thurs, 14 May 9.30am
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.

Nominations Open for the 2026 Papal & Diocesan Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Papal and Diocesan Awards, recognising individuals - both religious and lay - who have made outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and its community. *Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised?* Nominations close at midnight on 30 June 2026. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit parracatholic.org

Parish Team Employment – At Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes - Co-ordinator of Volunteers

Initially 15 hours per week onsite for a suitably qualified/experienced person:

Collaborating as a parish team member with a focus on promoting, organising and celebrating parishioner involvement in ministry/service

Overseeing the Safeguarding requirements for those in ministry/service whilst assisting processes for both practical and enriching ongoing formation.

For a role description and requirements for applying, please contact: parishoffice@olqp.org.au by 12th May 2026

Roster 9 & 10 May 2026		
Sixth Sunday of Easter		
MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Trish Maldigri Anne-Marie Torrens Elena Fernandes Antoinette Zammit Charlie Felice
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Joshua Angelo Jeremy Angelo David Rodridges Michelle Rodridges
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Maria Inci Carmel Gauci Jochin Sathi Rosemary Chung Mary Vijila Daphne Dominic
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Eliana Almeida Nellissa Almeida Isa Urbano Kim Vu Fran Sharpe

Next week's readings

9 & 10 May 2026 – 6th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts: 8:5-8, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18 or 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel: John 14:15-21 or John 17:1-11

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

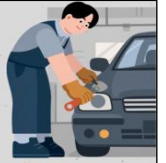
Anointing within Mass

First Friday of the month at 9am Mass followed by morning tea

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