

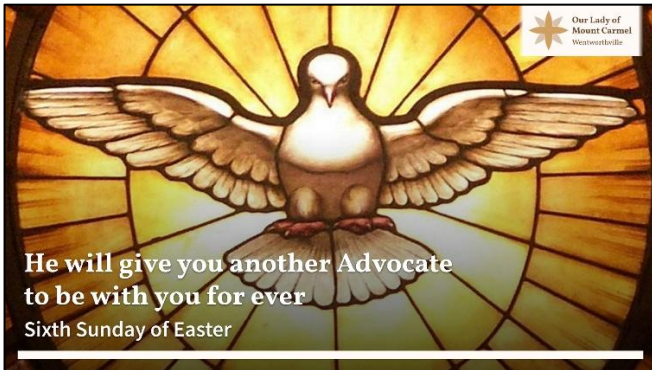


Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 10th May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Reflections for this week's readings

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

Consubstantial with the Father

The gospel is set during the Last Supper. Jesus knew that the time with his disciples – life as they were experiencing it – was coming to an end. Jesus loved his friends and we can see that demonstrated in the last-minute instructions and advice that Jesus was sharing with his friends during the meal.

'I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you'. An orphan is a child with no parents. Not a child with no friends. Jesus revealed his unity with the Father.

At his time of concern; Jesus' true nature was revealed. His disciples were his friends rather than his followers. Jesus did not say 'I will not leave you friendless', or 'brotherless'.

He speaks as a parent. A parent will often give their children last minute and advice before leaving their children alone for a while. 'Don't forget to do this. Don't do that. Remember to do this. Goodbye, see you soon'. 'Jesus behaved in the same way during the Last Supper.

'I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you'.

We know that at the time the disciples would not have understood the information that Jesus was trying to

impart. So, Jesus spoke further. 'On that day you will realise that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.'

We know that Jesus is telling his friends that the Holy Spirit will come. His spirit. The Father's spirit.

One God full of love for his people.

Thank you Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

John and Trish Maldigri - 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](#)



Liturgy Corner

Receiving Communion from the Chalice

Since we have returned to the practice of receiving Communion from the chalice, some people have also asked about the practice of intinction.

Intinction is the means of receiving Communion by dipping the host into the consecrated wine. It is not the preferred means of receiving Communion (receiving each form of Communion separately is preferred) and can only be performed by a priest.

In some places, the practice of people *self-intincting*, or dipping the host into the wine themselves may have become common, but it is not accepted practice in Wentworthville or the Diocese of Parramatta. There are several reasons for this.

Firstly, we **receive** Communion, and self-intinction puts us in the position of *taking* Communion. Secondly, the chalice is shared, and placing hands and fingers inside it increases the possibility of germs and the like in the chalice (did you know that studies have shown that our hands carry more germs than our mouths?). Then there is the risk of the host breaking up and of the Precious Blood being spilt. Finally, some people may choose to receive Communion from the chalice only due to wheat allergies. This is compromised if hosts are dipped into the chalice.

Finally, the most important reason of all is that Jesus told us to "take this... and eat" and "take this... and drink." In recognition of this profound call of Christ, and in consideration of others who share with us in Communion, we ask that you drink from the chalice, rather than dip your host into it.

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 11th 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

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL OUR LOVELY MOTHERS IN OUR PARISH



The East Timor Committee would like to thank all those who purchased their annual Mothers' Day cards.

All profits from the sale of the cards will go towards supporting the Carmelite Mission in East Timor and the amount raised will be advised in the coming weeks.

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 27 April to Sunday 3 May totalling \$6,748.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$850
Loose cash: \$976.00
Direct Deposits: \$3,368.00
Tap & Go: \$1,554.00

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
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Reference: [Your Surname] **PURPOSE OF YOUR DONATION**

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased: Victoria (Vicky) Grandy.

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):

Mary & Frank Teuma, Joyce Cini, Tony & Antonia Cini, Doris Vella, Dominic & Josephine Galea, Jim & Clare Vella, Edith Almeida, Josiane Atione, Lawrence & Sinfarosa Dias, Inacio, Sacramento & Ilda Boccaro, Anna & Simaó Dias.

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, Joseph Tran, Maria Elena Grace Abellonar, Vinod Verghese, Tina Anne Tony.

(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



Baptisms: Ezekiel Magno Leslie 16 May, Joseph Nicholas Hanna, Zoey Anna Barons and Edwin Athiran Gajan 24 May.

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

Church Calendar

Lectio Divina	Wed, 13 May 6.00pm
Liturgy Mtg	Thurs, 14 May 7.00pm
Confirmation Practice	Thurs, 21 May 3.30pm & 6.30pm
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 Sat, 16 May at St Michaels Baulkham Hills 9.30am – 2.30pm. 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=safe-guarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Bishop’s Good Works Appeal

Across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, people turn to the Church for care, hope, guidance and belonging. Through the Bishop’s Good Works Appeal, our Diocese supports vital ministries including Holy Spirit Seminary, Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Over the coming weeks, this Appeal will support Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity provides education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they answer God’s call. Will run from weekend 9-10 May to 13-14 June. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal. All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. Thank you for supporting the future priests of our Church.

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 16 & 17 May 2026		
The Ascension of the Lord		
MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Bob Hanna Janine Hanna May Pepin Anne-Marie Torrens Ann Zahra
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Cecilia Cotter Cat Paulo Colleen Weatherall Eric Dias Roslyn Khattar
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Joachin Sathi Trinita Kishore Justin Marina Peter Moira Peter Mary Vijila
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Mark Attwood Ramona Grimm Fran Sharpe Kim Vu Isa Urbano

Next week’s readings

16 & 17 May 2026 – The Ascension of the Lord

- First Reading:** Acts: 1:1-11
- Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 46:2-3, 6-9
- Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23
- Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20

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

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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

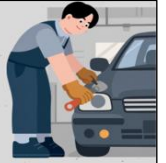
Anointing within Mass

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

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