

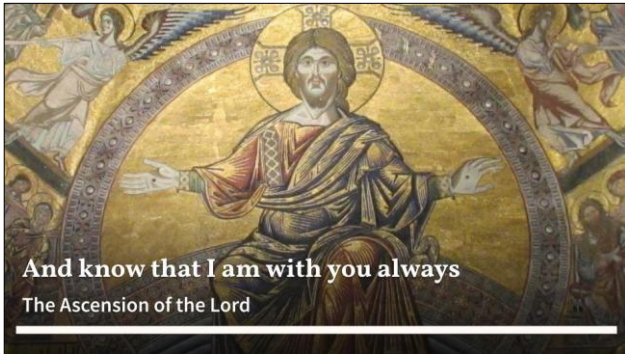


Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 17th May 2026

The Ascension of the Lord



Reflections for this week's readings

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

Jesus' first words on this occasion are, **"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me"**. It is rather strange to hear Jesus talk about his power. But in this case, he is telling the disciples that what he is going to pass on to them has the power and authority of the Father himself. Through his cross and resurrection, Jesus has the power and authority to overcome Evil in all its forms in this word, and that the disciples (us) must take what Jesus says very seriously. Then Jesus gives a triple command to his disciples, namely, a) "go therefore and make disciples of all nations"; b) to "baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," c) to "teach them to observe whatsoever I have commanded you". Jesus expects us to be **"disciples"**, that is, people who live with him constantly, not just occasionally when we pray or go to Mass, and to always follow his example as our Master in all things. It is our task as disciples to make the people of all nation's disciples of the crucified and risen Lord. The Trinity is the beginning and end of all things. To be baptized in the name of the Trinity emphasizes the fact that as children of the one Father, we are all brothers and sisters, in name, in truth and in reality. That is as disciples of Jesus (we) must follow him even to the cross, death, and resurrection. It means that we must allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit who dwells in us. Finally, Jesus promises us, **"I shall be with you even to the**

end of time". It means as Master, he will not leave his disciples (us) friendless or helpless for a single moment to eternity!

Today's Gospel teaches us that our faith in Jesus is to proclaim and share it constantly with others who are not yet to discover the true Messiah. On this Ascension Day, we gather to hear him command us to go and make disciples of all nations, to baptize them in the name of the Trinity, and to teach them to observe all that Jesus commands, and to be sure that Jesus is with us always even to the end of time. The presence of Jesus is as real today as it was, and we are here listening to him telling us what we must do. As we listen to his commands, we commit ourselves to obey them willingly and faithfully.

By Fr Anthony Scerri

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

Join the Singers at our Confirmation Mass

Our parish is celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation next Saturday 23 May at the 6:00 pm Mass. We're looking for people who would like to join a group of singers leading the music for this celebration. Rehearsal will be at 5:00 pm before the Mass. Contact Robert at olmcwentyliturgy@gmail.com for more information and to confirm your participation.

ARISE Youth Group

We are excited to announce **Gevin Chithraanjan** as the winner of our logo competition, **congratulations!** Gevin, and an amazing job on your winning design! We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who participated. Choosing a winner was not easy, as every submission showcased so much creativity, talent, and hard work. We truly loved seeing all your designs and were incredibly impressed by the effort everyone put into making this competition such a success. To everyone who entered, thank you for sharing your ideas and creativity with us. While it was hard to choose just one winner, we are so grateful for every submission. Congratulations, again to Gevin and thank you to everyone who took part! All participants, please come to the 10am Sunday Mass on 17 May to collect your prize.



East Timor Committee

The East Timor Committee would like to thank all those who purchased their annual Mothers' Day cards. The amount raised was **\$1,180**, 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.

SACRAMENTS AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL WENTWORTHVILLE

CONFIRMATION
SAT 23 MAY 6PM

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1ST RECONCILIATION
TUES 18 AUG 6PM

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1ST HOLY COMMUNION
SAT 12TH SEPT 11AM & 2 PM



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO LINK
<https://olmcwenty.org.au/sacraments-for-children/>
OR CONTACT OUR PARISH OFFICE ON 9631 8302

Parish Finances

Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated!

Donations to the Parish for the week of Monday, 4 May to Sunday, 10 May totalling \$5,381.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	\$830.00
Loose cash:	\$789.00
Direct Deposits:	\$2,515.00
Tap & Go:	\$1,247.00

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: Victoria (Vicky) Grandy, Mieko Angelo Rosacay Romena.

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):

Mary & Frank Teuma, Joyce Cini, Tony & Antonia Cini, Doris Vella, Jose Frappier, Mimi Victoire & Guy Marcel, Charlie Zammit, John Kempers, Lawrence & Sinfarosa Dias, Inacio, Sacramento and Ilda Boccaro, Anna & Simao Dias,.

Those who are sick (in need of healing and peace), especially: Victoria (Vicky) Borg, Norman de Luca, Margaret Norton, Vincenza (Vivian) Sultana.

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving: Patrick Tran, Ngoc Tran, Thuy Tran, Mary Peter.

(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 envelope.)

Celebrating our Catholic Calendar



Baptisms: Ezekiel Magno Leslie 16 May, Joseph Nicholas Hanna, Zoey Anna Barons, Edwin Aathiran Gajan 24 May and Oakley Clayton Legge on the 31

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

Church Calendar

Lectio Divina	Wed, 20 May 6.00pm
Confirmation Practice	Thurs, 21 May 3.30pm & 6.30pm
Confirmation	Sat, 23 May 6.00pm
SVdP Meeting	28 May 10 am
Church cleaning	28 May 9.30am
Baptism Preparation	Thurs, 9 July 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)

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities for May 2026

The next sessions of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on Tuesday, 19 May, 6-7pm St Patricks Cathedral (Cycle 1 Module 1) & Tuesday, 26 May, 6-7.30pm also at St Patricks Cathedral (Cycle 1 Module 2). 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

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

THE POWER OF PENTECOST

The CCR Parramatta Diocese and The Emmaus Prayer Community invite you to come and Celebrate Pentecost **2 pm Holy Mass, Praise & Worship, Talk, Prayer Ministry and Fellowship COME RECEIVE THE POWER**

Talk by Abraham George Sun, 24 May, 2pm to 5pm OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. All Welcome. Enquiries Desiree 0478 765 772 and Amila 0404 445 397 Free event register:

www.trybooking.com/DLWRE

Roster 23 & 24 May 2026		
Pentecost Sunday		
MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Angela Carlino Elena Fernandes Caz Learmonth Bob Hanna Charlie Felice
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Isabella Dias Carretta Dias Cecilia Cotter Eric Dias Cat Paulo
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Marina Peter Basli Sathi Daphne Dominic Rosemary Chung Mary Vijila Carmel Gauci
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Jada Khadi Michael Williamson Isa Urbano Kim Vu Fran Sharpe

Next week's readings

23 & 24 May 2026 – Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8, 16-20 or Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1-2, 24, 27-30

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

Gospel: John 7:37-39

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In support of the ongoing mission of the East Timor Committee with financially assisting students and their families in East Timor.

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Kid's Corner

The Ascension of Jesus

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**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

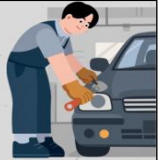
Anointing within Mass

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

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