



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 21 June 2026

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading:	Jeremiah 20:10-13
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalms 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
Second Reading:	Romans 5:12-15
Gospel:	Matthew 10:26-33

The readings this week reflect the fear of opposition for our beliefs. We're reminded the Lord is with us, 'like a mighty warrior' causing our persecutors to stumble & not prevail.

God provides & cares for His people, especially in times of trouble when our journey is tough, He will provide safety & security. The imagery in Psalms of the earth quaking & the heavens pouring down rain, symbolizes His divine presence & power that can bring about deliverance & blessings. It serves to remind us of God's faithfulness in His role as protector & provider. It also reminds us of God's unmatched power & ability to disrupt what seems unshakeable. That God is not some distant figure; He is always near guiding & protecting us. We can take comfort in His presence as we navigate through life.

Matthew's gospel is teaching believers not to fear human opposition, to know that God cares for them & the importance of acknowledging Jesus before others. The use of sparrows in this text reflects His care for all creation, that even the smallest creature is under God's watch, he knows every detail of human life, every hair on your head is known to Him.

The disciples are encouraged to proclaim the Gospel openly without fear of persecution, this can be difficult in these times as 'cancel culture' is so rife. While people can harm us for our beliefs they cannot destroy our soul. God

is the only one who has authority over both body & soul once we leave this earth.

If we acknowledge God before all others on earth, He will acknowledge us to the Father in heaven. If we disown Him here, we will be disowned in Heaven.

Angela - 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](#)



Parish News

Arise Youth Group

Due to the success of our first youth meet and greet, our second youth group meeting will take place on Friday, 3rd July 2026 at 6:30 PM. We are excited to gather again for an evening of faith, friendship, and community. Both priests will be available throughout the night, providing a great opportunity to chat, ask questions, and deepen our understanding of our faith.



The evening will focus on reflecting on our faith journey and how we can serve our church and community with our variety and talents and missions. There will also be some fun activities related to building our church community.

Of course, no gathering would be complete without food and getting to know everyone.

As we continue to grow our youth ministry, we kindly ask for the support of our parish community. If you feel called and are able to contribute, any financial assistance would greatly help us provide meals, resources, and ongoing activities for our young people. Your generosity truly helps us nurture and guide the next generation of our parish. We encourage all youth and young adults to come along, participate, and make the most of this opportunity to strengthen friendships and build our community. We look forward to seeing you there!

ARISE Youth

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal 2026

This winter we would be grateful for your support to help us to assist people within our parish to break free from the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Your gift can help us provide grocery vouchers, clothing, re-conditioned whitegoods, fundamental furniture and assistance with some bills. Envelopes are available near the SVDP blue collection boxes located at both entrances to the church. Our Appeal will run from Saturday 20 June to Sunday 5 July.

Safeguarding at OLMC Parish

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 keeping our parish safe and a welcoming place for all. 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**

1ST RECONCILIATION
(applications close Fri, 3 July)
TUES 18 AUG 6PM

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1ST HOLY COMMUNION
(applications close Fri, 14 Aug)
SAT 12 SEPT 11AM & 2 PM



FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING
ENROLLING YOUR CHILD 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, 8 June to Sunday, 14 June totalling \$3,259.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$875.00

Loose cash: \$925.00

Direct Deposits: \$335.00

Tap & Go: \$1,124.00

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 remember in your prayers.....

Recently Deceased: Maria Rueda, Kevin Chetcuti, Betty Beecroft, Charlie Buhagiar.

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):

Joyce Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Tony & Antonia Cini, Doris Vella, Tony Eltakchi, Milia Khattar, Louis D'Souza, John Scarpellino, Carmello Sultana.

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

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving/Birthdays: Miriam Morgan, Thuy Tran, Ngoc Tran, Carmen Calleja.

(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.)

OLMC Calendar



Baptisms: Xavier Gangemi 7 June, Lucas Robert Westerweller, Chelsea Manca 14 June and Destiny De Arauyo Seeto 27 June.

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

Funeral: Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **Betty Beecroft**, who recently passed away at the age of 97. As many of you know, Betty was a long-time member of our parish before moving to Ashfield Baptist Home three years ago. Her funeral to honour her memory is on Monday, 29 June at 11:00 am. The service will take place at Rookwood Cemetery in the Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.

Feasts: Birth of St. John the Baptist June 24, Sts Peter and Paul June 29.

OLMC Church Calendar:

Lectio Divina	Wed, 24 June 6.00pm
Church cleaning	Thur, 25 June 9.30am
SVdP Meeting	Thur, 25 June 10 am
Arise Youth Mtg	Fri, 3 July 6.30pm
Baptism Preparation	Thur, 9 July 6.00pm

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

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



Grab your free Catholic Outlook winter edition. Copies are available at both narthex entrances



Please join us for a fun and interactive day with John Burland

John Burland is an accomplished world-renowned Catholic composer, musician and educator who has been writing and recording religious music for children and adults for over twenty years. His music is approved for use in the classroom by CCD


Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Seven Hills
When: Wednesday, 8 July, 2026
From: 9:30am to 2:30pm

Morning tea and lunch will be provided
Free resources on offer from John

RSVP to ccd@parracatholic.org by Friday, 3 July



Collection 2026



PETER'S PENCE

"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all"

1 Thess. 3:12

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be held on **Sunday 28 June 2026**. The collection, usually held around the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, supports the Pope's mission; which extends throughout the entire world from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace and brotherhood among peoples. Every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world. Please donate generously.

From around the Diocese

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

As part of our preparation for Eucharist28, visit the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition and discover extraordinary accounts of Christ's presence in the Eucharist from around the world. Learn more about these remarkable miracles and seek the intercession of St Carlo Acutis.

14–28 June Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Viewing: 9:00am–6:00pm daily (Tuesdays until 8:00pm). **Special Eucharistic Talk – Fr Gerard Kelly Saturday 27 June** 4:00pm arrival for a 4:30pm start. A reflection on the Eucharist followed by the opportunity to attend the Vigil Mass. All are welcome.

Roster 27 & 28 June 2026		
13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Bob Hanna Janine Hanna Anne-Marie Torrens Ann Zahra Caz Learmonth
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Jeremy Angelo Joshua Angelo Cat Paulo Cecilia Cotter Eric Dias
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children <i>Communion</i>	Trinita Kishore Shayna Peter Daphne Dominic Maira Peter Rosemary Chung David Touma
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 <i>Communion</i>	Mark Attwood Ramona Grimm Fran Sharpe Kim Vu Isa Urbano

Next week's readings

27 & 28 June 2026 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 88:2-3, 16-19
Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Recycle glass, plastic and aluminium and convert to Cash!

Thank you for your generosity!

Please continue bringing bottles and cans! In support of the ongoing mission of the East Timor Committee with financially assisting students and their families in East Timor. ***Our progress has been incredible and achieving amazing goals.***





**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

In the care of the Carmelite Friars

We acknowledge the Dharug 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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