



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 28 June 2026

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reflections for this week's readings

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 10:37-4

The Spirit of Hospitality

Today's first reading from the book of Kings tells us a heartwarming story about hospitality. The prophet Elisha was used to passing through Shunem on his way to Mt Carmel. Scripture does not tell us her name, but a wealthy Shunammite woman showed him great hospitality along the way. It was not merely her hospitality, but extraordinary kindness, generosity, and hospitality that scripture extols. She invited Elisha to dine with her, but later, along with her husband, built him a room so that he would find a place to rest on his journeys. The woman did this without any expectations. However, ultimately, she was rewarded for her extraordinary hospitality. She and her husband were blessed with a child they always wanted.

When my mother-in-law, for the first time, travelled to visit us in Sydney after my father-in-law passed away. Throughout all the travels, the transition, and the move, people's care and respect for the elderly touched me deeply. Mum was treated with such regard and care that I really believe that she could have travelled alone and reached home safely. From strangers rushing to offer her a hand to people going out of their way to help. In today's gospel reading too, Jesus stresses the value of hospitality. Jesus says, "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple, he will surely not lose his reward"

(Mt 10:42). Granted, Jesus was talking about hospitality toward his disciples. Historically, though, we must remember that the focus on hospitality toward disciples was because Matthew was writing at a time when persecution was rife. He was hoping to provide respite to the beleaguered followers of Christ. Nevertheless, Christ's call to kindness and hospitality is amply made clear in this passage.

Lord, give me a spirit of hospitality. Help me to see the temporal needs of others and to generously meet those needs in whatever way I can. Give me a servant's heart, a willingness to serve that was so clearly present in Mary's life. Amen.

Basli - 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](#)



OLMC Parish News

Novena in preparation for Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Join us at **OLMC Wentworthville** for the **Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel** commencing on **Tuesday 7 July**, at **7:00pm**.

Arise Youth Group

Following the success of our first youth meeting, Arise our Parish Youth Group welcomes all youth and young adults for our second meeting taking place on Friday July 3rd from 6:30pm in our church. As we continue to endeavour in creating a space built in God's purpose, this will be an opportunity for all of us youth to come together and build meaningful friendships and encourage one another on our faith journey no matter what stage we are all in. This time around we are planning an even more engaging event with our priests Father Janu and Father Alby present. We want everyone who comes to this parish to feel welcomed and inspired to go out into the world and spread the message of the gospel. Bring any of your friends along so we can build our community and plan more events in the future and feel free to speak to any of the youth members when you see us around. We would love to get to know everyone in our parish.



Galatians 3:28 - "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Arise Youth Group

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

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.

Parish Finances

Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated!

Donations to the Parish for the week of Monday, 15 June to Sunday, 21 June totalling \$4,104.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$1,085.00

Loose cash: \$1,074.00

Direct Deposits: \$700.00

Tap & Go: \$1,245.00

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, John O'Corner, Helena Lawrance, Frances Bonello.

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):

Joyce Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Tony & Antonia Cini, Doris Vella, Ron Thompson, Allan Ross, Anthony Peter, Tony Valdares, Bruno & Louisa Braganza, Gorgie Baratto.

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

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving/Birthdays: Rian Joseph, Thuy Tran, Ngoc 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 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!

Funerals:

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved parishioner, **Helena Lawrance**. Helena was a cherished member of OLMC Parish, who attended Mass on a daily basis and was an Extraordinary Minister, Catechist, involved in the Legion of Mary and St Vincent de Paul Society.

Parishioners, family, and friends are respectfully invited to attend the Requiem Mass On Monday, 29 June at 11.30am.

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 them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Feasts: Sts Peter and Paul June 29.

OLMC Church Calendar:

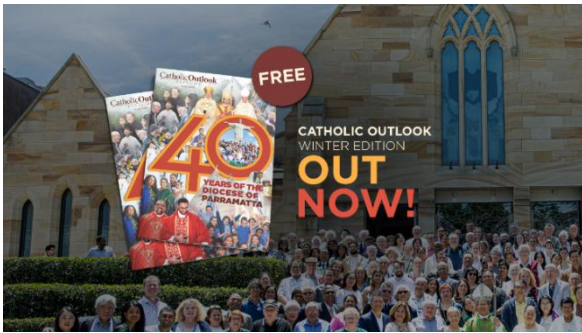
Cumberland Clergy Deanery Mtg	Tues, 30 June 10-2
Lectio Divina	Wed, 1 July 6.00pm
Arise Youth Mtg	Fri, 3 July 6.30pm
Church Cleaning	Thur, 9 July 9.30am
SVdP Meeting	Thur, 9 July 10 am
Baptism Preparation	Thur, 9 July 6.00pm

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

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

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

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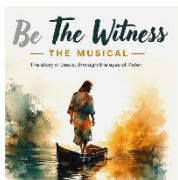
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Around the Diocese

Discernment retreat for women by The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth:

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth invite women 18-35 for one day discernment retreat on Saturday, 4 July 2026, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at 116–132 Quakers Road, Marayong. The retreat offers Mass, adoration, inspiring talks, small group sharing, and quiet reflection time. Bring your questions, your hopes, and an open heart as we listen to God together. Cost is free. Click or go to the link to book:

<https://parracatholic.org/events/discernment-retreat-for-women-4-july/>



BE THE WITNESS — THE MUSICAL

Over the past few months, the chorus of **Be The Witness** has visited parishes across the Diocese, sharing a glimpse of this powerful Catholic musical.

Now the full production is coming to **Riverside Theatres Parramatta from 10–13 September 2026.**

Be The Witness brings the story of Jesus to life through the eyes of St Peter, using music, drama and storytelling to create a moving encounter of faith, hope and witness.

Special parish group offer available until Friday 10 July:

Groups of 50 receive around **20% off standard tickets**, plus one complimentary ticket for the parish priest.

Bring your parish group, ministry, family or friends.

Scan the QR code to book your group



Roster 4 & 5 July 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Bob Hanna Janine Hanna May Pepin Ann Zahra Olivier Pepin
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Cat Paulo Cecilia Cotter David Rodridges Michelle Rodridges Eric Dias
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Jamaica Lopez Kezia Sathi Jochin Sathi Mary Vijila Rosemary Chung Marina Peter David Touma
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Ramona Grimm Mark Attwood Kim Vu Fran Sharpe

Next week's readings

4 & 5 July 2026 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zecharia 9:9-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

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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

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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

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals By request

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