



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 12th July 2026

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading:	Isaiah 55:10-11
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalms 64:10-14
Second Reading:	Romans 8:18-23
Gospel:	Matthew 13:1-23

It would take a well experienced psychologist to sort out where any of us fit in according to the Parable of the Sower, and it would take us long hours lying on a couch answering so many detailed questions during an arduous assessment! And probably, if we have lived long enough, in the end many of us should discover that from time to time we may have fallen into any one or in all the categories that Jesus figuratively listed for us in this parable.

Jesus has a different dictionary from ours. To Him the word *success* does not mean to complete something well and according to plan. No! Jesus looks at our life as valuable work-in-process. He does not give us marks for every job well-done and completed, but rather, He observes our constant effort to do all we can to become better and fertile soil for His Word in order to produce good fruit in abundance within us and around us. So, in terms of this parable, we may at times fall into any of the few mentioned situations – a seed on the wayside, away from spiritual feelings, chasing some allusive and worthless goal; on rocky ground, no depth in our roots of what is holy while the sun of coveted riches scorches us. We may also be choked by the thorns of high living in whichever direction we look, disregarding all those in need, perhaps even those around us. Because at times we may lose the ability to see what is worth seeing, to hear what is worth hearing, and even to feel what is worth feeling. Thus, any or all of these

situations from time to time intrude in our life to distract us from all that is worthwhile embracing to live a good life worthy of God's blessing.

That is why Jesus left the ultimate goal for the end of his parable when He pointed out to what should be the final destination: to get to the good ground, or better to be the fertile soil, and to try to yield preferably hundredfold. And even if at this stage we may have achieved only thirtyfold, we should never stop trying to achieve more, for to God it is our genuine effort to get where He wants us to be that really matters.

So let us, who have heard this meaningful parable so many times open our ears, eyes and heart to absorb it so it will serve us as a shining light to keep us on the way to become the fertile soil in which love and all that is enshrouded in the will of God flourish in us and around us forever.

Frank Zammit - 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](#).

NO LECTIO DIVINA WEDS, 8 & 15 JULY DUE TO NOVENA.



OLMC Parish News

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel 16 July - Parish Celebration

Sunday, 19 July 2026 | OLMC Wentworthville

Please join **our parish** celebration for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel!

Novena in preparation for Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Join us at **OLMC Wentworthville** for the **Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel** which commenced on **Tuesday, 7 July**, at **7:00pm** and continues through to **Weds, 15 July**.

The Novena Prayers for each day can be accessed on our website: olmcwenty.org.au/novena



Devotional Procession

Our celebration begins with a devotional procession of the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, **starting at 9:30 am from the school grounds into the narthex.**



Solemn Mass & Blessing of the Scapulars

A **special Mass** will be celebrated at **10:00 am**. During the Mass, there will be a **blessing of the brown scapulars**.

Scapulars and candles will be available for purchase in the narthex.



Parish Get-Together

After Mass, please join us for a **light meal, tea, and coffee** in the spirit of community and celebration. To help us share generously please bring a plate to share.

The Provincial of the Carmelites Australia and Timor-Leste Fr Bruce Clark O.Carm will be the main

celebrant and all the Carmelites will be
Concelebrating

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 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.



OLMC Youth Corner – Arise Youth Group

Our Youth Group gathering on Friday, 3 July, was a truly enriching and successful evening of faith, fellowship, and meaningful discussion. Guided by our priests, Father Janu and Father Alby, we explored a range of topics through open and respectful conversation. The youth confidently shared diverse opinions and perspectives, demonstrating a willingness to express their thoughts while listening respectfully to others. Through reflecting on Scripture and interpreting Bible verses together, we gained valuable insight into how God's Word guides us to live in harmony, serve one another, and strengthen our community. Father Janu and Father Alby encouraged us to remain rooted in faith, reminding us that even in our many problems as youth we must not forget about God. The evening concluded with prayer, where we joined together in unity, seeking God's guidance and blessings among our personal lives and as youth in the wider world. We also enjoyed the fellowship shared throughout the night, leaving inspired, encouraged, and looking forward to our next gathering as one faith-filled community.



Parish Finances

Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated!

Donations to the Parish for the week of Monday, 29 June to Sunday, 5 July totalling \$5,808.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$855.00

Loose cash: \$570.00

Direct Deposits: \$1,455.00

Tap & Go:

\$2,928.00

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: Helena Lawrance, Frances

Bonello, Chan Tran Betty Beecroft, Charlie

Buhagiar, Filomena Borg, Joseph Aquilina, Cam Tran.

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):

Joyce Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Tony & Antonia Cini, Doris Vella, Kathleen Hawkins, Allen Alderman, Raymond Khattar, Lawrence & Sinfarosa Dias, Inacio, Sacramenta & 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, Antoinette De Silva.

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving/Birthdays: Thuy Tran, Ngoc Tran, Thanksgiving of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, The Arage Family and for the souls of Jamily & Family and the souls of purgatory.

(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. Please print clearly on the envelope)

OLMC Calendar



Baptisms: Joseph Tony Borg, Sophia Valdez, Ayden Khang Kien La and Isla Mae Brockbank.
May they grow in faith, love, and the grace of God!

Funerals: Joseph Aquilina - 14.07.2026 at 11.30am and Filomena Borg - 15.07.2026 at 1.30pm



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Feasts & Memorials:

July 16: Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

July 22: Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

July 25: Feast of St. James the Greater, Apostle

July 26: Memorial of Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

July 29: Memorial of Sts Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

July 31: Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

OLMC Church Calendar:

Church Cleaning

Thur, 9 July 9.30am

SVdP Meeting

Thur, 9 July 10 am

Baptism Preparation

Thur, 9 July 6.00pm

Lectio Divina

Wed, 22 July 6.00pm

Diocese of Parramatta Notices



Adult Confirmations 2026

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Held on Saturday 29 August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day.

A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday, 1 September 2026 at 7:30pm at the St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday, 18 August 2026. For more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Rosary Workshops in July 2026

Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. There are multiple workshops hosted throughout June. Cost: \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit: parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops or ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

RCIA Seminars for parish coordinators: Weds, 29 July & Weds, 5 August

The Office for Worship team is hosting two seminars for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) coordinators to come together to learn and ask questions about how to run an RCIA program in their parish. These workshops will be held on Wednesdays 29 July and 5 August at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown at 7pm.

For more information and to register please see the website <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?topic=rcia> or contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Positions Vacant

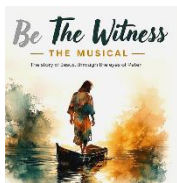
Parish Secretary - St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

Housekeeper Supervisor - Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park

Sacramental Coordinator - St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith

Learn more at parracatholic.org/jobs

Around the Diocese



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.



Got Your Wedding Under Control?

But how prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a

chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. Following dates available: 8-9 Aug 2026, 14-15 Nov 2026; 13-14 Feb 2027. At the Mary MacKillop Centre, Baulkham Hills NSW. For further information see our website:

www.engagedencounter.org.au

Roster 18 & 19 July 2026		
16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel		
MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Anne-Marie Torrens Elena Fernandes Oliver Pepin Antoinette Zammit Bob Hanna
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Carretta Dias Isabella Dias Eric Dias Cecilia Cotter Cat Paulo
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Lay Carmelite Lay Carmelite Janelle Touma Rosemary Chung Moiria Peter Mary Vijila Daphne Dominic*
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Mark Attwood Michael Williamson Kim Vu Fran Sharpe
Note: * for reserves		

Next week's readings

18 & 19 July | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

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.

The amount raised in the 2nd quarter being from 24.03-30.06.2026 is \$993.20 which equates to 9,932 cans and bottles.

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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