



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 26th July 2026

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Second Reading: Romans 8:20-30
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Today's gospel reading is the most challenging gospel to understand, since it talks about the treasure hidden in the field. I remember when I first migrated to this beautiful country, I had great zeal for Christ and his ministry; later, it began to change and shift the direction of my lifestyle. The passion and treasure I had for God's ministry slowly reduced, and I focused on worldly things; hence, the purpose of life for God, prayers, meditation, and the Word of God slowly became secondary.

Today's gospel invites us back to the inherited Kingdom of heaven, which is Christ himself. God is asking you and me to return to his prayer, forgive and receive the sacrament of confession and receive him in the Eucharist often.

In the first reading, we read about God's gift to young King Solomon: **True Humility, Right Priorities, the Gift of Discernment**, and God's Generosity to rule the mighty people of Israel; his wisdom drew people from distant countries to witness his judgments. The same King Solomon lost everything the moment he withdrew from the presence of the living God, moreover, losing the treasure given by God. Yet the story of Solomon stands firm because God didn't take back his gift from him but rather waited for him to return.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us that God is actively working all things—even our present sufferings—for our ultimate good and salvation. This does not mean that every event in our lives is inherently good, but rather that God is sovereign enough to bring grace and redemption out of hardship and trials. His ultimate "good" is our

sanctification—our transformation to become like Christ.

Prayer – *Dear Lord, help us to take a moment of stillness to listen to your voice so that we may prioritise our time in your presence in our daily lives to restore our souls to trust in your Kingdom. Amen.*

Basly - Parishioner

OLMC Parish News

Audio Visual System Update

I am pleased to inform you that our parish Visual system has been installed. This visual system will help make hymn lyrics, prayers, announcements, and other visual presentations more accessible to everyone, fostering fuller participation in our worship.



Thank you to all the generous volunteers and friends of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville community who contributed their valuable time and resources to make this happen.

To date, the cost of the project is approximately **\$11,166.00**. May this new visual system serve our parish community for many years, helping us worship with greater reverence and active participation.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we work to improve our parish facilities for the benefit of all.

Message from Fr Janu - I will be on annual leave from late July until early September to spend time with my family and do pastoral works with the Carmelites in Timor. During my absence, Father Alby will serve as the acting Parish Priest. Please direct any important or urgent matters to Father Alby. Thank you all for your ongoing support and care.

Fr Janu

Parish Priest

OLMC Feast Day

Thank you to our parishioners and friends for your time in preparing and celebrating the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

So that we may effectively evaluate this celebration, would you please add any comments and feedback to the attached document.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15rVuvFh5YVORlipERyVCcEAKaSVM-kmZrHrgXeRsdPg/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.cmnnngttw2mf0>

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](#).



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.

Liturgy Corner

It will become for us our spiritual food and drink



Recently, Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney (and formerly of Parramatta) spoke about the Eucharist, saying "The greatest Eucharistic miracle is the everyday

one, and it happens quietly and faithfully, at Mass after Mass, parish after parish." God takes ordinary bread and wine and offers it to us as the Body and Blood of Christ.

This ordinary bread and wine, of course, is offered to God by all of us who participate in the Eucharistic celebration. It is "the fruit of the earth", the "fruit of the vine" and "work of human hands". It makes sense, therefore, that members of the assembly, representing us all, bring forward this bread and wine for the offering.

There is a long tradition of the offertory procession also including the gifts of our labour (nowadays continued in the monetary collection). Gifts such as other foods for passing on to those in need have also been part of this tradition - this is described in a 2nd century account of the Mass from St Justin Martyr. In this way, the offertory procession is a reminder that the Eucharist nourishes us in order to live the mission of Jesus.

Unlike other ministries at Mass, there isn't a roster for the offertory procession. Someone assists with finding people before Mass who are willing to fulfil this role.

If you haven't fulfilled this role before and would like to do so, please see one of the collection wardens or the senior server in plenty of time before Mass begins. New volunteers are always welcome.

Arise Youth



The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a beautiful reminder of Mary's constant love, protection, and guidance as she leads us ever closer to her Son, Jesus. Her life of faith, humility, and complete trust in God's will inspires us to deepen our own relationship with Christ and to place our hope in Him each day.

In preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, our parish gathered each evening to pray the Novena. These nights of prayer gave us the opportunity to bring our intentions before God through Mary's loving intercession and reminded us of the power and importance of prayer in our daily lives. As we came together in faith, we were strengthened not only individually but also as one parish family, united in hope and trust in God's providence.

On the Feast Day, our community came together in joyful celebration to honour Our Lady of Mount Carmel, our parish, and the congregation that makes our faith community so special. Through prayer, the celebration of the Holy Mass, and fellowship, we gave thanks for Mary's loving intercession and reflected on the blessings she continues to bring into our lives. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our shared faith, strengthen our bonds as a parish family, and renew our commitment to living the Gospel with love, compassion, and service.

May Our Lady of Mount Carmel continue to watch over our parish, our families, and all who seek her intercession, guiding us always to follow Christ with courage, faith, and joyful hearts.

Arise Youth

Parish Finances

Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated!

Donations to the Parish for the week of Monday, 13 July to Sunday, 19 July totalling \$3,520.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$960.00

Loose cash: \$1,588.00

Direct Deposits: \$690.00

Tap & Go: \$282.00

Parish Online Banking: If you would like to pay fees or to donate, our online banking details are:

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Please remember in your prayers.....

Recently Deceased: Frances Bonello, Filomena Borg, Joseph Aquilina, Judith (Judi) Shaw.

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):

Joyce Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Tony & Antonia Cini, Doris Vella, Eileen Maloney, Guiseppe Mihalievich, Charlie

Borg, Lucia Gherlani, Mary Cauchi, Teresa Bigeni, Helena Fillies Lawrence.

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

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving/Birthdays: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Thuy Tran, Ngoc Tran, Joseph Tran, Daisy Elena Urbano Condurache, Augustina Urbano.

(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, Isla Mae Brockbank and Olivia Elloise Buentiempo.

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

Funerals: Frances Bonello, Joseph Aquilina, Filomena Borg.

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



Feasts & Memorials:

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:

1st Reconciliation W/shop (Narthex) Mon, 27 July 6.30pm
Lectio Divina Wed, 29 July 6.00pm
1st Reconciliation W/shop (Narthex) Thur, 30 July 6.30pm
Church Cleaning Thur, 6 August 9.30am
SVdP Meeting Thur, 6 August 10 am
Baptism Prep. Mtg Thur, 13 Aug 6.00pm
1st Reconciliation Celebration Tues, 18 Aug 6.00pm



Around the Diocese

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.

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.

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 1 & 2 August 2026		
18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Trish Maldigri Angela Carlino Oliver Pepin Bob Hanna Ann Zahra
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Michelle Rodridges David Rodridges Eric Dias Cat Paulo Cecilia Cotter
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Jada Khadi Jasmine Lopez Joachin Sathi Mary Vijila Rosemary Chung Daphne Dominic David Touma Marina Peter
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Michael Williamson Ramona Grimm Kim Vu Fran Sharpe

Next week's readings

1 & 2 August | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 144:8-9, 15-18

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

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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

Online at www.olmcwenty.org.au

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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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