

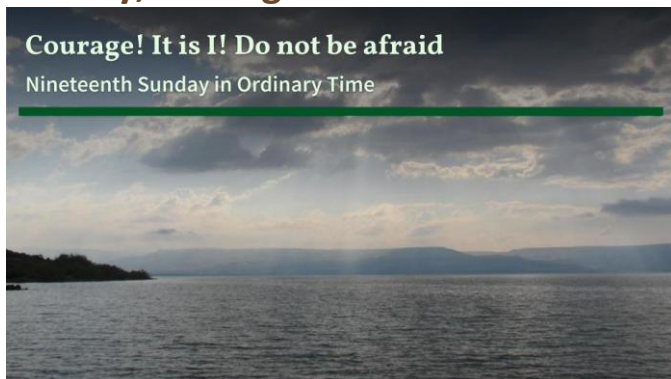


Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 9th August 2026



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 84:9-14
Second Reading: Romans 89:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-23

Courage!

There are many times in our lives that we face what appears to us to be enormous problems/challenges.

We will be on dry land, lost in our own personal misery.

Those times are such that we know that God is close but the emotional pain of what we are dealing with makes it difficult to communicate with God.

We have a good example set by Jesus who knew that his disciples were anchored, trying to deal with the adverse conditions.

He went to them.

He was not recognised.

"Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid"

Were Jesus words to his disciples.

When we are in those low periods of our life Jesus comes to us too.

However, we are often blinded by our emotional state that we don't recognise him and his presence walking with us.

"Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid"

These words of Jesus can be used as the ladder to climb out of our emotional pit (or out of a swirling sea!)

If Jesus gave us these words, then we can use them to our advantage.

"Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid"

Thank you, Jesus, that you are always walking with us, and give us your encouragement in this week's Gospel.

John and Trish Maldigri - Parishioners

OLMC Parish News

First Holy Communion 2026

Applications close: 14 August

Workshops: Thurs, 20 Aug at 3.30pm & Mon, 24 Aug at 6.30pm

Practice session: 10 September at 3.30pm & 6.30pm

Celebration: Saturday, 12 September at 11 am & 2 pm

Message from Fr Mario Debattista of the Holy Land in Australia

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, which together with the Latin Patriarchate, cares for the Catholics of the Holy Land and its several neighbouring countries, I would like to thank you most sincerely for your kind and generous donation of **\$2,780.10** to the Good Friday Holy Land Collection for 2026.



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

Avoiding Screen Addiction

We have recently upgraded our visual display system to support our participation in liturgical celebrations: "To promote active participation, the people should be encouraged to take part by means of acclamations, responses, psalmody, antiphons, and songs, as well as by actions, gestures, and bodily attitudes. And at the proper times all should observe a reverent silence."

(Second Vatican Council, Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy, no. 30).

Many churches in Australia have adopted similar technology to encourage participation. That does not mean, however, that we should be *reliant* on the screen.

Learning the common prayers and responses of the Mass forms us in faith. By being able to sing or recite them from memory, our mind is not preoccupied with reading or accuracy. Instead, we can focus our mind on the ritual being celebrated and open our hearts to a deeper encounter with God.

It is for this reason that many things that we say and sing during Mass are *not* displayed on the screen. Rather, it provides us with a prompt on those occasions when we are praying less familiar texts or singing hymns that are harder for us to remember accurately.

Arise Youth Group News

OLMC warmly invites you to our

**Winter Movie Night*!*



Join us for an all-ages Parish Movie Night! Your family and friends are welcome to come for a wonderful evening of community and connection.

Movie: The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe

Date: Friday, 14th August

Time: 7.00pm for sharp start 7.30pm (run time 2.5 hours)

Location: The Narthex

Cost: Gold coin donation to support upcoming youth events

What to bring: Blankets, bean bags, sleeping bags, or anything else to keep you cozy and Please also bring your own snacks to share. We will have some popcorn available, but it may be limited.

It is truly wonderful when the people of God live together in peace – Psalm 133:1. Thank you and God Bless you.

Arise Youth Group

Parish Finances

Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated!

Donations to the Parish for the week of Monday, 27 July to Sunday, 2 August totalling \$3,998.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$990.00

Loose cash: \$1,139.00

Direct Deposits: \$605.00

Tap & Go: \$1,264.00

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: John Joseph Casha, Charlie Axiak, Nghia Tran.

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):

Joyce Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Tony & Antonia Cini, Doris Vella, Mary & Frank Camilleri, Doreen Camilleri, Joseph Teuma, Louis Teuma, Joe & Maria Vella, Rosa Titian, Sonia Spittle, Jesse & Kevin McManus, Carmel Cini, Lewis Camilleri, Joseph Grech Annesley Grero, Bernard Paiva, Yvette Gunatilleke, Amira Cooke, Sheila Van Gramberg, Baptist & Maggie Travas, Lawrence & Sinafrosa Dias, Inacio, Sacramenta & Ilda Boccaro, Anna Simao Dias, Teresa Bigeni, Anthony Kong, Monica Kong, Catherine Kong, Ko Win Naing, Mrs Valda M Cox, John Power, Antony Pinto.

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: Ngoc Tran, Thuy Tran, Vincent Tran, Owin & Lydia.

(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)

Celebrating our Catholic Calendar



Baptisms: Noah Domenic Pupo 23 August, Levi Flood and Kady Ramaker 30 August.

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

Funerals: Our parish community offers its deepest sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of our departed parishioners: The Late Charlie Axiak Tues, 11 August at 11.30



The Late John Joseph Casha Weds, 12 August at 11.30am

May their souls rest in peace.

OLMC Calendar

OLMC Church Calendar:

Lectio Divina	Wed, 12 Aug 6.00pm
Baptism Prep. Meeting	Thur, 13 Aug 6.00pm
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	Sat, 15 Aug 9.00 am
1 st Reconciliation Celebration	Tues, 18 Aug 6.00pm
Church Cleaning	Thur, 20 Aug 9.30am
SVdP Meeting	Thur, 20 Aug 10 am

Feasts & Memorials:

Aug 8: St Mary of the Cross - Solemnity

Aug 8: St Mary McKillop, RSJ - memorial

Aug 9: St Teresa Benedict of the Cross, Discalced Carmelite nun – memorial

Aug 10: St Laurence, Deacon, Martyr – memorial

Aug 15: The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast

Aug 16: Bl Angelus Augustine Mazzinghi O.Carm - Memorial



Around the Diocese

Holy Cross Procession in honour of the Assumption: 14 August



On Friday, 14 August, on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Cross Parish Granville will hold its annual candlelight procession in honour of this day. Following Holy Mass at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m. the procession will form and walk to Holy Family Church. For enquiries, contact Holy Cross Granville Parish Office on 0497 190 444.

Annual Walk on the Solemnity of the Assumption: 15 August

Join the Annual pilgrimage walk on the Solemnity of the Assumption, beginning with 11:00am Mass at the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville, followed by a 14km walk to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshment stops will be held at St Michael's, Baulkham Hills, and St Monica's, North Parramatta. The pilgrimage concludes with prayers at approx. 6pm. Banners and statues are welcome, and you may join the walk at any point. For enquiries, contact Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Office on (02) 9629 2595.

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.

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

Positions Vacant

Administration Assistant (Part-time) – Sacred Heart Parish, Mount Druitt South & Diaconate Office.

Senior Development Manager – Diocese of Parramatta

Sacramental Coordinator – St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith. Further details and applying at: parracatholic.org/jobs

Roster 15 & 16 August 2026		
20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Bob Hanna Janine Hanna Oliver Pepin Ann-Marie Torrens May Pepin
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Isabella Dias Carretta Dias Eric Dias David Rodridges Michelle Rodridges
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Jochin Sathi Trinita Kishore Justin Marina Peter Mary Vijila Daphne Dominic Rosemary Chung David Touma
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Mark Attwood Ramona Grimm Kim Vu Fran Sharpe

Next week's readings

15 & 16 August | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Recycle glass, plastic and aluminium and convert to Cash!



We appreciate your continued donations of bottles and cans. Please ensure milk cartons and wine bottles are excluded!

In support of the ongoing mission of the East Timor Committee with financially assisting students and their families in East Timor. **Thank you for your generosity!**

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

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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

Hours: 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: 8:00am

Rosary Group

Monday - Friday: 8:00am

Saturday: after the 9:00am 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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