



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 16th August 2026



Woman, you have great faith
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for this week's readings

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

Persistency in Prayer

This Canaanite woman is a model of the true disciple of Jesus who is persistent in prayer. She keeps praying and asking even if it is harder, she is ignored, but she never gives up, because she has true faith.

Her faith guides her to encounter Jesus by using the royal title as the son of David. She is addressing and honoring him as a king, the Messiah, the ruler of the people of Israel who has power to forgive her, as she said, **"take pity on me"** (have mercy on me).

She was ignored by Jesus three times but never gave up. She persistently prayed and continued to prove her faith, she knelt before Jesus' feet by saying **"Lord, help me."** So, it came to the point where she recognized Jesus as the Son of God (Divine) whom she worshiped (adored).

However, Jesus had been resisting and saying, "it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the hound" (Mt 15:26). Dog was considered an unclean animal at that time. It was a way of referring to people (Gentiles/pagans) who were sinners (unclean). In the book of revelation, it said that "outside the heavenly Jerusalem are the dogs" (Rev 22:15).

This woman never stops until she gets some healing for her daughter. So, she persistently said, "yes, Lord, but even hounds can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table. Then Jesus said to her, Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted. And her daughter was

healed at that moment".

This Canaanite woman in the gospel and the miracle

healing of her daughter teach us that everyone is welcomed to the Kingdom of God, Jesus demonstrates that his mission is to break down the barriers and remove the long standing walls of division and mutual prejudice between Jews and Gentiles.

God loves all his children by creation and adoption, welcoming everyone who believes in Him, asks for his mercy and tries to do his will.

Be persistent in prayer, God knows your intentions, he sees your heart.

Alby - Assistant Parish Priest

OLMC Parish News

Finance Committee Report

Dear Parishioners

We are pleased to present the financial report for the Year Ended 30 June 2026 which resulted in a surplus of \$26,708, compared to a budgeted shortfall of \$14,220.

The main contributing factors to this result were additional income of \$3,040 over budget and under expenditure of \$37,888. The major savings came from the position of Secretary which was vacant for a long period of time. The Planned Giving (contributions through the envelope system) continues its downward trend. However, it is pleasing to note that more and more parishioners are making use of the Tap & Go Electronic system. This is a more efficient way of contributing to the running of the parish. Over \$42,000 was raised by this method. The proceeds from the Annual Dinner Dance and the raffles contributed a further \$27,183.

Expenses amounted to \$190,498 being \$37,888 below budget. Major expenses were incurred on wages and related expenses \$68,493, insurance premiums \$30,209, administration expenses \$20,724, interest on the loan \$15,847, maintenance \$13,674 (excludes the visual system \$11,166), motor vehicle running \$7,656, water and electricity \$6,142 and our contribution to the Catholic Foundation of \$6,500. Other expenses totalled \$10,087.

The Parish is still servicing a loan which was raised to fund the renovations undertaken in 2018. The balance of the loan stood at \$317,185 as at 30 June 2026.

Without doubt, the biggest achievement during the year was the replacement of the audio/visual system. The upgrade of the audio system was completed by Clare Communications, and the visual system was undertaken by volunteers. We are most grateful for the contributions of many parishioners who devote their time, energy and financial support. The Third Annual Dinner Dance was a resounding success both from a social perspective and was financially rewarding. Thank you to all.

Our focus will now turn to the installation of a soundproof door to the confessional.

We thank all parishioners for their continued support and look forward to another challenging year.

Fr Albino Dos Santos O.Carm
Acting Parish Priest

John Cassar
Chair Finance Committee

First Holy Communion 2026

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



Celebrating 70 Years of Carmelite Ministry at OLMC

Parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville came together on Sunday, 19 July 2026, for a double celebration – the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the 70th anniversary of the Carmelites pastoral care of the parish commencing in 1956. Beginning with a Marian procession where families and friends, clergy and long-time parishioners walked prayerfully together, honouring Our Lady of Mount Carmel and giving witness to the faith that has united generations of parishioners.

Following the procession, a Mass was celebrated by Fr Bruce Clark OCarm, Prior Provincial of the Carmelites Australia and Timor-Leste, and concelebrated by Parish Priest Fr Janu, Assistant Priest Fr Alby, Fr Narcizio and Fr Anthony.

Please click link for the article in the Catholic Weekly:

<https://catholicoutlook.org/wentworthville-parish-celebrates-70-years-of-carmelite-ministry/>



Scapulars are now available, please enquire with Rosemary if you are interested in buying one, cost \$5.00 each.

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

Our parish is dedicated to ensuring children, young people, and vulnerable adults are safe, respected, and protected. In line with the "Parramatta Way," we have zero tolerance for abuse, uphold all legal obligations, and make safety paramount.

All volunteers and ministry members must complete Safeguarding Training.

Online Modules:

<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/>

Face-to-Face Sessions: <https://parracatholic.org/find-an-event/>

For more details, visit:

<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/>

Thank you for keeping our community safe and welcoming for all.

Liturgy Corner

Why don't we show the readings on the screen?

"The Church is nourished spiritually at the table of God's word and at the table of the eucharist: from the one it grows in wisdom and from the other in holiness. In the word of God, the divine covenant is announced; in the eucharist the new and everlasting covenant is renewed. The spoken word of God brings to mind the history of salvation; the eucharist embodies it in the sacramental signs of the liturgy." (Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass, no. 10)

It may seem helpful to display the Scripture readings we listen to in the liturgy on the visual display screens in the church as they are proclaimed. Yet the Church reminds us that "When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 29).

The reading of Scripture is the Word of God *announced, proclaimed* to us. It is part of a dialogue where God *speaks* to us and we respond. This is more fully experienced through our listening, rather than following a written text.

Of course, individuals who need a printed text (such as for reasons of hearing) may use a printed text as a support. As an assembly, though, God invites us each time we gather to "listen to his voice" with open hearts. (Psalm 95:7-8)

Parish Finances

Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated!

Donations to the Parish for the week of Monday, 3 August to Sunday, 9 August totalling \$3,877.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$895.00

Loose cash: \$1,054.00

Direct Deposits: \$660.00

Tap & Go: \$1,268.00

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, Ben Wensink.

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):

Joyce Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Tony & Antonia Cini, Doris Vella, Mary & Frank Camilleri, Anthony Kong, Monica Kong, Catherine Kong, Ko Win Naing, Mrs Valda M Cox, Charles Cassar, Charles Vella, Carmelo Sultana, Theresa Miranda, Rhonda Parnis, Stella Aaron, Lawrence Dias, Louis Touma, Robert Joseph Morgan.

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,

Rosa Urgelles, Carmen Magri.

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving/Birthdays: Ngoc Tran, Thuy Tran, Amelia Tran, Baldas Parnis, Ivan & Edith Almeida.

(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 the name, date and time of the mass clearly on the envelope using block letters)

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!

OLMC Calendar

Lectio Divina	Wed, 19 Aug 6.00pm
1 st Reconciliation Celebration	Tues, 18 Aug 6.00pm
Finance C'tee Mtg	Wed, 19 Aug 6.30pm
Liturgy C'tee Mtg	Thur, 20 Aug 7.00pm
Church Cleaning	Thur, 20 Aug 9.30am
SVdP Meeting	Thur, 20 Aug 10.00 am
Baptism Prep. Meeting	Thur, 10 Sept 6.00pm

Feasts & Memorials:

Bl Angelus Augustine Mazzinghi OCarm	17 Aug
St Bernard of Clairvaux OCist. Abbott, Doctor	20 Aug
St Pius X, Pope	21 Aug
The Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary	22 Aug
St Rosa of Lima TOSD	23 Aug
St Bartholomew, Apostle	24 Aug
St Mary of Jesus Crucified	25 Aug
St Monica (Patron saint of mothers)	27 Aug
St Augustine (Bishop and Doctor of the Church)	28 Aug
The Passion of St John the Baptist	29 Aug



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.

Roster 22 & 23 August 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Angela Carlino Trish Maldigri Olivier Pepin Caz Learmonth Charlie Felice
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Cecilia Cotter Cat Paulo Eric Dias Roslyn Khattar Colleen Weatherall
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Moiria Peter Fiona Bylsma Daphne Dominic Marina Peter Mary Vijila Moiria Peter Rosemary Chung David Touma
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Nellissa Almeida Michael Williamson Kim Vu Isa Urbano

Next week's readings

22 & 23 August | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:	Isaiah 22:19-23
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalms 137:1-3,6,8
Second Reading:	Romans 11:33-36
Gospel:	Matthew 16:13-20

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

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

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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