



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 30th August 2026



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading:	Jeremiah 20:7-9
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalms 62:2-6, 8-9
Second Reading:	Romans 12:1-2
Gospel:	Matthew 16:21-27

The Way to Salvation: The Cross

In today's Gospel Jesus openly speaks of his coming sufferings, death on the cross, and resurrection. The disciples cannot understand this since their idea of the Messiah is one of glory and power, in spite of Peter's profession that he is the Messiah, his kind of Messiah.

Jesus tried to explain to his disciples that he is the suffering Messiah, and that anyone who calls him/herself a disciple must also enter into glory through the cross. So, "Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it, and anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it."

Jesus lays down the conditions to be his/her disciple: renounce self by focusing on God and not on self, take up one's cross by accepting difficulties and sufferings in life; and follow him, by living by his example.

Fr Anthony Scerri O.Carm

OLMC Parish News

Father's Day Raffle

The East Timor committee is hosting a fundraiser by selling Father's Day cards after all weekend



masses for \$5 each. Each card purchased includes an entry into a prize draw to win one of six \$50.00 Bunnings vouchers. The tickets will be drawn on Wednesday, 2nd September and the winners will be notified by phone.

Thank you from the East Timor Committee

Memorial Garden

We have noticed people entering the church grounds and picking flowers in our memorial garden.

Please help us keep this space peaceful and beautiful for all visitors, families, and community members to enjoy. Thank you for your respect and cooperation.



RCIA Program

Our Lady of Mount Carmel (OLMC) is starting the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program to invite people into the Catholic faith.



Meeting Details

When: Every first and third Thursday of each month.

Start Date: Thursday, 17 September.

Time: 6:30 pm.

Tell us:

What do you seek?

How can we help you?

Pick up a brochure titled "An Invitation to Become a Catholic" available in the Narthex (church lobby) for contact details.

Lay Carmelites OLMC

Congratulations and abundant blessings to the Lay Carmelites (TOC) at OLMC, Wentworthville. The celebration was on Sunday, 16 August 2026.



Erick Opena, Megah Santio, Blossom Lobo & Eric Dias

Those who made first profession (holding the candle: Left-Right Liza Maramara, Zeldine Westwood & Maria Andres



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](#)



Liturgy Corner

Our new visual display system boasts newer, improved technology, and screens that are more level with the visual focus of the sanctuary. This also means it's easy to notice that they are brighter than our old projector. While they can appear quite bright during the dark of winter, their brightness will be important in helping the assembly participate fully, consciously and actively in the months to come. Our church benefits from plenty of ambient light, making it a bright and inviting space. Our Saturday and Sunday night parishioners in particular also know it made the old projector display very hard to see in the middle of summer.

Some people might find their eyes take a moment to adjust to the change from when the screen is active to when it's inactive. We are looking at ways that we can smooth out this transition to help. It is also important, however, that the screens are inactive when they are not used. This helps us all to maintain our focus on the ritual action at that time, such as the readings proclaimed at the ambo, the priest celebrant leading us in prayer, or the consecration of the Eucharist.

Parish Finances

Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated!

Donations to the Parish for the week of Monday, 17 August to Sunday, 23 August totalling \$4,335.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	\$865.00
Loose cash:	\$1,115.00
Direct Deposits:	\$420.00
Tap & Go:	\$1,935.00

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

Safeguarding at OLMC Parish

Our parish is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and nurturing environment for children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

Guided by the **Parramatta Way**, we pledge to **Act with justice** and maintain zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm, **uphold all legal obligations** and make the safety of every person our absolute priority.

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.

Please remember in your prayers.....



Recently Deceased: Kathleen Mary Daley, John Joseph Casha, Charlie Axiak, Nga Tran, Jenny Tiotuico.

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, Valda M Cox, Clarence Maloney, John Borg, Michael Borg, Peter Abood, Sid Nakad, Jamily Raffoul, Ivan & Edith Almeida.

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, Divine Mercy.

(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!

Funerals: Kathleen Mary Daley – Tuesday 1st September at 11.30am.

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



OLMC Calendar

Lectio Divina	Wed, 2 Sept 6.00pm
Church Cleaning	Thur, 3 Sept 9.30am
SVdP Meeting	Thur, 3 Sept 10.00 am
Baptism Prep. Meeting	Thur, 10 Sept 6.00pm
First Holy Communion Practice	Thur, 10 Sept 3.30pm & 6.30pm
First Holy Communion Celebration	Sat, 12 Sept 11 am & 2pm

Feasts & Memorials:

St Gregory the Great – patron Saint of Musicians, Teachers and Students - 3 September

St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) – patron Saint of Missionaries of Charity, The Poor — 5 September



Around the Diocese

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal – Honour a lifetime of faithful service

We give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, mentors and spiritual fathers who have guided us with love, wisdom and faith. Among them are our priests, who have devoted their lives to serving God's people. They have celebrated the Sacraments with us, prayed with us, accompanied our families and helped bring us closer to Christ. After a lifetime of faithful service, many of our senior priests now need practical care and support as they face the challenges of ageing, illness and retirement.

Your generous tax-deductible gift will help care for our retired and unwell priests and ensure they can live with the dignity, care and support they deserve. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QR code on the posters. Envelopes are placed throughout the church. **Thank you for caring for those who have spent their lives caring for us.**

Feast of Our Lady of Good Health, Vailankanni at Mary Immaculate Parish Quakers Hill-Schofields: 5-7 September

The parish community warmly invites all parishioners and families to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Health, Vailankanni at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill. Triduum Novena Masses 5–7 September 2026 Rosary: 6:30 pm Mass: 7:00 pm Feast Day Mass Tuesday, 8 September 2026 7:00 pm Come and honour Our Lady of Vailankanni, seeking her intercession for good health, healing and blessings for our families and communities. All are welcome to join in prayer and fellowship. "Our Lady of Good Health, pray for us."

Positions Vacant:

Parish Secretary – St Madeline's Sophie Barat Parish, Kenthurst. Learn more at parracatholic.org/jobs

Roster 5 & 6 September 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Janine Hanna Bob Hanna Oliver Pepin Antoinette Zammit Charlie Felice
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Carretta Dias Isabella Dias Eric Dias Colleen Weatherall Roslyn Khattar
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Jada Khadi Kezia Sathi Daphne Dominic David Touma Daphne Dominic Rosemary Chung Marina Peter Mary Vijila
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Ramona Grimm Mark Attwood Kim Vu Isa Urbano

Next week's readings

5 & 6 September | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:	Ezekiel 33:7-9
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalms 94:1-2, 6-9
Second Reading:	Romans 13:8-10
Gospel:	Matthew 18:15-20

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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