



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 6th September 2026



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for this week's readings

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

At work, David and I meet privately with our superiors during performance reviews. These conversations provide a respectful setting where we can receive honest feedback, discuss difficulties, and grow in our responsibilities. In a similar way, today's Gospel shows how the Christian community should address wrongdoing: truthfully, carefully, and with the hope of healing.

Today's readings challenge a world that often avoids difficult moral truths. They present the Church as a covenant community—a people gathered by God into a faithful relationship with him and with one another. God formed Israel as his covenant people, and this covenant reaches its fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Through the New Covenant, established by Christ, Jews and Gentiles are united as one People of God. Through faith, Baptism, and the sacraments, Christians become members of Christ and his Church.

A parish community therefore has two connected dimensions. First, there is communion with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Second, there is communion with one another, expressed through

fellowship, mutual responsibility, forgiveness, reconciliation, and love.

The image of the watchman reminds us that faith is not merely private. Christians have a responsibility to care for one another's spiritual welfare and to warn others when they are moving away from God's path. This warning must not be motivated by anger, pride, or a desire to shame. It must arise from love and concern for the person's good.

Jesus teaches that correction should be gradual and merciful. If someone sins against us, we should first speak with that person privately. If necessary, trusted witnesses may become involved, and the matter may eventually be brought before the Church. The purpose is not humiliation or revenge, but repentance, healing, and restoration.

Saint Paul teaches that love fulfills the law because it seeks the good of others and refuses to harm them. Therefore, Christian correction requires humility, wisdom, patience, and a willingness to accept correction ourselves.

The central message is that true love does not ignore sin; it seeks truth, conversion, reconciliation, and salvation within the Christian community.

The church also teaches that serious abuse or safeguarding matters must be reported appropriately, not handled only privately

Michelle and David Rodrigues - Parishioners

OLMC Parish News

Father's Day Raffle Winners 🎉

The sale of the East Timor Committee Father's Day cards was a success.

Congratulations! to the winners of the Father's Day Raffle Antonia Felice, Sohad Mathews, Zelia Tam, Amelia Coulton, Dermot O'Sullivan, Tiffanie Sugianto who were lucky to win one of six \$50.00 Bunnings vouchers.

Thank you from the East Timor Committee

Happy Father's Day

We celebrate and honour all the fathers, stepfathers and grandfathers of OLMC Parish today. May our Heavenly Father pour His abundant blessings upon you and keep you safe in His care. Happy Father's Day!





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.

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.

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](#).

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



Safeguarding at OLMC Parish

OLMC 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 Clergy, employees and volunteers in the parish ministry are required by the NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019 to be current and complete their Safeguarding Training every 2 years.

- ✓ All volunteers and ministry members must complete Safeguarding Training Modules 1-3 (cycle 1).
- ✓ If you completed Modules 1-3 in 2024 or earlier, you are now due to complete Modules 4-5 (cycle 2).
- ✓ If you completed Modules 4-5 in 2024 or earlier, you are now due to complete the refresher Module 6 (cycle 3)

- Online Modules:

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

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

- For more information, visit:

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

Parish Finances

Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated!

Donations to the Parish for the week of Monday, 24 August to Sunday, 30 August totalling \$3,824.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$795.00

Loose cash: \$1,121.00

Direct Deposits: \$430.00

Tap & Go: \$1,478.00

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: Kathleen Daley, Santo Salvo, Saide Mansour, Mo Chinh, Teresa Fernandes.

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, John Borg, Anne Cassar, Jose Frappier, Guy Marcel, Mimi Victoire, Daisy and Serge Frappier, Emmanuel Sultana, Hannah & Joseph Joseph, Wadah & Youseff Hakim.

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, Christine & Thorie Tembo, Robert Herlinger.

(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 all details clearly on the envelope)

Celebrating our Catholic Calendar



Baptisms: Jillana Sanchez, Calagan Stewart Nolan and Layla Kastropil.

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



Weddings: Nikola & Lavinia, Bryannah & Bligh

May our Lord grant them happiness and love!

Funeral: The late Santo Salvo
Tuesday, 8th September at 11.00am

May his soul rest in peace.



OLMC Calendar

OLMC Church Calendar:

Lectio Divina	Wed, 12 Sept 6.00pm
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
Church Cleaning	Thur, 17 Sept 9.30am
SVdP Meeting	Thur, 17 Sept 10 am
RCIA Program Mtg	Thurs, 17 Sept 6.30 pm

Feasts & Memorials:

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 8 September

St Peter Claver - Patron Saint of Missionaries and African Missions – 9 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. **Thank you for caring for those who have spent their lives caring for us.**

Holy Shroud Exhibition

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta is hosting the Holy Shroud Exhibition featuring a life-size replica of the Shroud of Turin ✨

Sunday 6 – Sunday 13 September

9:00am – 6:00pm

From **Thursday 10 – Sunday 13 September**, the exhibition will have extended opening hours from **9:00am – 10:00pm daily** and will be located in the Chapel.

Parking: Available via Victoria Road.

Everyone is warmly invited to visit this special exhibition and learn more about the history and significance of the Shroud of Turin.

For more details please contact:

coordinator@stpatscathedral.com.au

'Be The Witness' Musical: 10-13 September

Arrives at Riverside Theatres Parramatta, 10–13 September. Presented by Mary Queen of the Family Parish, with a full cast and chorus now in place and rehearsals beginning this weekend, excitement is building. Gather your parish and book now at bethewitness.com.au

Positions Vacant

Parish Secretary – St Madeline's Sophie Barat Parish, Kenthurst.

Paralegal & Compliance Support – Diocese of Parramatta

Learn more at parracatholic.org/jobs

Roster 12 & 13 September 2026		
24 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	David Rodridges Michelle Rodridges Eric Dias Cat Paulo Cecilia Cotter
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Jochin Sathi Fiona Bylsma Justin Mary Vijila David Touma Daphne Dominic Moiria Peter Rosemary Chung
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Michael Williamson Mark Attwood Kim Vu Fran Sharpe

Next week's readings

12 & 13 September | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 102:1-4, 9-12

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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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