



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 13th September 2026



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for this week's readings

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

Today's Gospel directly follows Jesus' teachings on resolving conflict within the Christian community. Seeking a concrete limit, Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive someone, suggesting what seems like a generous number: seven times. Jesus shatters this limit with an overwhelming counter-proposal—not seven times, but 77 times.

To illustrate this boundless mercy, Jesus shares the parable of a king settling accounts. A servant emerges owing an astronomical debt he could never hope to repay. Touched by the servant's desperate plea, the king moves with compassion and completely erases the debt. Yet, instead of carrying that gratitude forward, the forgiven servant immediately tracks down a peer who owes him a mere pittance. Ignoring the exact same plea for mercy he just used, he throws his fellow servant into prison.

When the king learns of this cruelty, he revokes his mercy and punishes the servant for refusing to share the grace he had so freely received. Jesus closes with a stark warning: this is exactly how God will deal with those who refuse to forgive from the heart.

Like Peter, we often want to quantify forgiveness and set limits on our grace. But Jesus shows us that divine forgiveness isn't a math problem. God's mercy is meant to

transform us from the inside out, turning us into conduits of His love. If we attempt to hoard God's grace for ourselves while withholding it from others, we risk forfeiting its power in our own lives.

Excerpt taken from a website

OLMC Parish News

Father's Day Cards

The sale of the East Timor Committee Father's Day cards was a tremendous success. Together we raised **\$1,421.50**, including \$150 in donations.

Thank you from the East Timor Committee



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.

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](#).



Youth Corner – Arise Youth Group

This week, we celebrated the feast of Mother Mary, a woman who reminds us that holiness isn't about being perfect; it's about being willing to say "yes" to God.

Mary was young when God called her. She didn't have all the answers, and she couldn't see the whole journey ahead. Yet she trusted God and took the next step faithfully.

That speaks especially to our young people. You may not know exactly where life is taking you. You may be confused, or have questions, doubts and dreams that seem impossible. However, like Mary, you don't need to have everything figured out. All you need is to trust God's plan for you and take the next step with devotion and faith.

Mary teaches us to carry Christ into the world, not just in church, but into our homes, workplaces, friendships and everyday encounters.

Mary further teaches us to show care, compassion and understanding to those whom we encounter.

The way to Jesus Christ is his mother Mary, now our mother too. May we ask Mary to help us say "yes" and guide us on the path to her son Jesus Christ.

Arise Youth Group

Parish Finances

Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated!

Donations to the Parish for the week of Monday, 31 August to Sunday, 6 September totalling \$5,760.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	\$690.00
Loose cash:	\$1,185.00
Direct Deposits:	\$1,055.00
Tap & Go:	\$2,830.00

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, Marie Benedict David, Leonard Anthony Kroon.

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):

Joyce Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Tony & Antonia Cini, 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, Doris Vella, Mary & Frank Camilleri, Georgia Sultana, Michael Angelo Cassar, Saad & Bahia Abboud and Assaf, Roumia & Joseph Boulous, Cosima Mihalievich, Roger Nohra, Carmel Mills.

Those who are sick (in need of healing and peace), especially: Victoria (Vicky) Borg, Margaret Norton, Vincenza (Vivian) Sultana, Antoinette De Silva.

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving/Birthdays: Ngoc Tran, Thuy Tran, Vincent Tran, Dominic Zammit, Thanksgiving Sacred Heart of Jesus, Norman de Luca.

(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!



First Holy Communion: Please keep the 27 children who received their First Holy communion for the first time this weekend in your prayers.



Weddings: Nikola & Lavinia, Bryannah & Bligh.
May our Lord grant them happiness and love!



Funeral: Leonard Anthony Kroon – Thursday, 17 September at 11.30am.

May his soul rest in peace.

OLMC Calendar

OLMC Church Calendar:

Lectio Divina	Wed, 16 Sept 6.00pm
RCIA Program Mtg	Thurs, 17 Sept 6.30 pm
Church Cleaning	Thur, 1 Oct 9.30am
SVdP Meeting	Thur, 1 Oct 10 am
Baptism Prep. Meeting	Thur, 8 Oct 6.00pm

Feasts & Memorials:

Feast of the Holy Cross – 14 September

Our Lady of Sorrows – 15 September



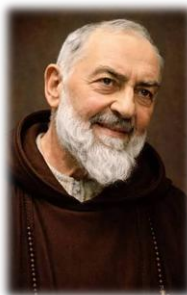
Around the Diocese

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.**



Parish Feast Day Triduum & Celebration at St. Padre Pio Parish: 17-20 September

All are welcome to join St. Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park in celebrating the Feast Day of St Padre Pio. A 3-day Triduum Novena and Mass will be held on Thursday, 17 Sept and Friday, 18 Sept at 7:00pm and on Saturday, 19

September at 5.30pm. On Sunday 20 September, a procession will start at 10am, followed by the Feast Day Mass, Veneration, Blessing with his Relic and fellowship meal. For any enquiries: (02) 4789 2232 or glenmorepark@parracatholic.org

Caritas Australia: Nepal Floods Appeal

Communities in northern Nepal are facing a humanitarian crisis after devastating flash floods swept through the Rasuwa District on 26 August. Over 1,000 people have lost their lives, many remain missing, and thousands of families have been affected. Homes, roads, bridges,

schools and essential infrastructure have been destroyed, leaving vulnerable communities in urgent need of support.

Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving assistance, including emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, healthcare and protection support for affected families. Together, we can provide urgent relief and hope to families rebuilding their lives in Nepal. To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.

Positions Vacant

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

Paralegal & Compliance Support – Diocese of Parramatta

Learn more at parracatholic.org/jobs

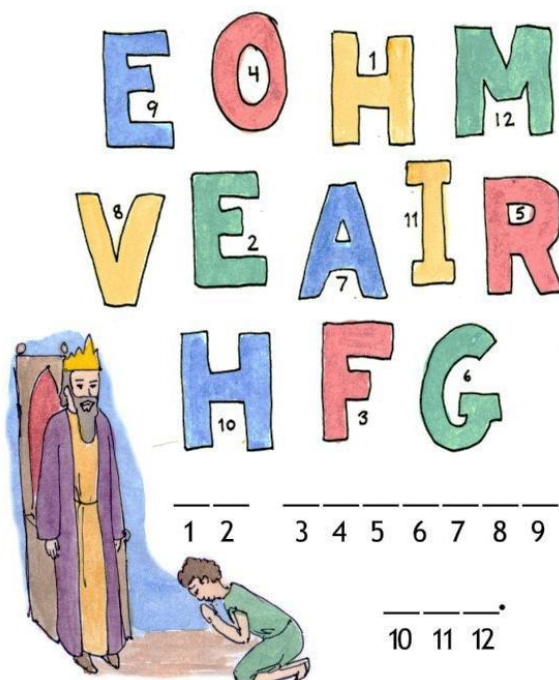
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Our beautiful 97-year-old father lives at home. He is of Anglo-Indian decent, speaks English and is still mobile. We are looking for a special person to assist him with home care in either a full-time or part-time capacity.

He lives in The Hills area and has family support next door. The job would suit a nursing student or someone that is good with people. Food, board and remuneration package is negotiable. If you would like more information, please contact Jason on jason@ijmail.me or call 0414 987 206

KIDS CORNER

What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness: Use the numbers to sort the letters to find out!



Roster 19 & 20 September 2026

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Elena Fernandes Ane-Marie Torrens Oliver Pepin May Pepin Antoinette Zammit
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Cat Paulo Cecilia Cotter Eric Dias David Rodridges Michelle Rodridges
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Trinita Kishore Clyde Fernandes Jamelie Touma Rosemary Chung Mary Vijila David Touma Daphne Dominic Marina Peter
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Nellissa Almeida Eliana Almeida Kim Vu Isa Urbano

Next week's readings

19 & 20 September | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Second Reading: Philistines 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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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