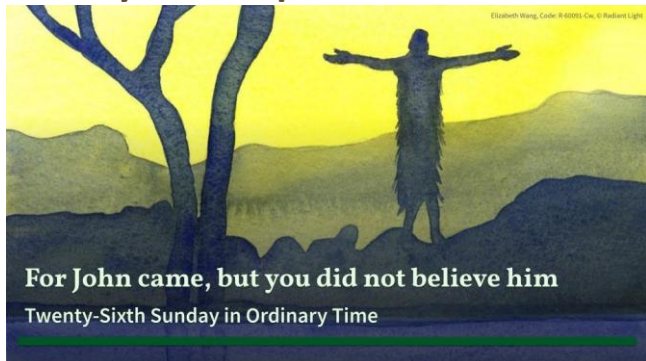




Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 27th September 2026



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 24:4-9
Second Reading: Philistines 2:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

God's Mercy and Redemption

First Reading

Today's first reading emphasises that God's mercy is always greater than our past mistakes. This passage reminds us that no matter how far someone has fallen into sin, God is always ready to forgive when they turn back to Him with a sincere heart; repentance leads to life. Likewise, He warns that even the righteous must remain faithful, for abandoning His ways leads to destruction.

Second Reading

Take a moment to ponder how St Paul's words reflect your own feelings right now: where do you feel encouragement, comfort, affection, or sympathy? You may find yourself conscious of a lack of these blessings in certain areas of your life. Bring those spaces to the Lord.

Gospel

Jesus straight away engages us and asks, **"What do you think?"**

As you settle into stillness, read the Gospel slowly. Become aware of the "vineyards" in which God may be calling you to do His work today: in your family, your community, your workplace, the Church, or other places. Spend some time in conversation with the Lord about where you tend to direct your energies, and how your everyday actions and priorities respond to His call. Perhaps there are areas of your life where you act like the first son—reticent or unwilling to say "yes". Reflect on what might be driving that response: is it fear, cynicism, cost, tiredness, uncertainty, anger, or conflicting

priorities? Share these reasons openly with the Lord. Then, in the quiet, for as long as you need, listen to His response.

Mindful of the second son, confront the situations in which you have failed to live up to your own commitments, responsibilities, or promises. Confident in God's tender love and forgiveness, reflect honestly on how this has impacted both others and you.

Our God is not a God who controls us. Instead, He has given us free will and free choice. He demonstrates that He is always willing to accept us exactly as we are when we return to Him wholeheartedly.

Reflection with a prayer that the Lord may inspire in you the necessary change, in mind and heart, to serve Him more faithfully and humbly this week. Amen.

Basli – Parishioner

OLMC Parish News

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](#)



Fr Alby Annual Leave

Fr Alby will be taking his annual leave from 1st October to early November 2026. We wish him a restful and enjoyable time.

RCIA Program

RCIA next fortnightly meeting will be on Thursday, 1st October at 6.30pm in the Narthex. All are invited to attend. Pick up a brochure titled "An Invitation to Become a Catholic" available in the Narthex.



HSC Prayer List



As our students prepare for the **2026 HSC exams**, we invite you to remember them in your prayers.

Please **register the name, of a HSC student**, on the **Prayer list** which is located in the **Narthex** so our community can support them. The Mass for the HSC Candidates will be on Sunday, 4 October at 10am.

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) Volunteers

Will be selling raffle tickets the weekend of 3-4 October, along with some merchandise items. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 17 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets – with ten prizes. There will be pancakes for sale: 2 for \$5. TLC will be located in the Narthex after each Mass.

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal. To date, we have raised \$1,526 to help care for our retired priests and clergy experiencing ill health.

Fundraising and Social Committee

The Fundraising and Social Club met last Monday and programmed the following activities for the coming months.

A **Christmas Raffle** will be held in December with a first prize being a beautiful Nativity Set. Tickets will go on sale in the first weekend of December and prizes to be drawn on Sunday 20 December 2026.

Save the date:

(1) The Parish Community Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 20 December after the 10.00am mass.

(2) **The Annual Dinner Dance** will be held at the Greystanes Parish on Friday 21 May 2027.

Keep these dates free to join in the fun and getting to know your friends and community at the Parish.

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.

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" 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.

Parish Finances

Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated!

Donations to the Parish for the week of Monday, 14 September to Sunday, 20 September totalling \$3,336.00

Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$646.00

Loose cash: \$1,040.00

Direct Deposits: \$855.00

Tap & Go: \$795.00

Parish Online Banking: If you would like to pay fees or to donate, our online banking details are:

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Please remember in your prayers.....

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Daley, Santo Salvo, Marie Benedict David, Leonard Anthony Kroon, Clare Gomes, Joan Marie Cameron, Di Thong.

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):

Joyce Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Tony & Antonia Cini, Doris Vella, Linda Weatherall, Tony Touma.

Those who are sick (in need of healing and peace),

especially: Victoria (Vicky) Borg, Margaret Norton, Vincenza (Vivian) Sultana, Antoinette De Silva, Margaret Borg.

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving/Birthdays: Ngoc Tran, Thuy Tran, Efren, Susimo Gaspi.

(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 & Kyle.

May our Lord grant them happiness and love!



Funeral: Joan Cameron Weds, 30 Sept at

11.30am ***May she rest in peace.***

OLMC Calendar

OLMC Church Calendar:

Lectio Divina	Wed, 30 Sept 6.00pm
Church Cleaning	Thur, 1 Oct 9.30am
SVdP Meeting	Thur, 1 Oct 10 am
RCIA Program Mtg	Thurs, 1 Oct 6.30pm
Anointing Mass	Fri, 2 Oct 9.00 am
HSC Mass	Sun, 4 Oct 10.00 am
Baptism Prep. Meeting	Thur, 8 Oct 6.00pm

Feasts & Memorials:

St Vincent de Paul – September 27

Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael – September 29

St Jerome – September 30

Around the Diocese

Major Pilgrim Relic Visit of St Carlo Acutis

28–30 September | St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Come and pray with the relic of St Carlo Acutis and discover his inspiring devotion to the Eucharist.



The three-day visit beginning at 4pm on Monday 28 September includes Holy Mass, relic veneration, blessings, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession and an exhibition on Eucharistic Miracles.

 Please see the flyer on bulletin board for the full program, times and activities. All are welcome - bring your family and friends!

Live-in Carer Opportunity

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

*In today's Gospel parable, a father asked his two sons to work in the vineyard.
Which one did what his father asked?*

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks and find out the answer!



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Roster 3 & 4 October 2026

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Janine Hanna Bob Hanna May Pepin Ann Zahra Oliver Pepin
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Cat Paulo Cecilia Cotter David Rodridges Michelle Rodridges Ron Aquilina
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Jamaica Lopez Jazmine Lopez Jochin Sathi Marina Peter Mary Vijilia Moira Peter
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Ramona Grim Mark Attwood Fran Sharpe Kim Vu Volunteer

Next week's readings

3 & 4 October | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 79:9, 12-16, 19-20
Second Reading: Philistines 4:6-9
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43



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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

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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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