Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 1st November 2026



All Saints Day

Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading:	Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalms 23:1-6
Second Reading:	1 John 3:1-3
Gospel:	Matthew 5:1-12

A Feast for Every Soul

When we celebrate All Saints' Day, our hearts are naturally lifted by the beautiful examples of our canonised saints, like Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Anthony of Padua. The Church gently holds them up as friends and guides, showing us the wonderful things that happen when ordinary people simply open their hearts to God's grace. Their lives are a sweet reminder of how deeply we are all capable of loving in our normal daily routines. This feast day is beautiful because it also embraces the millions of quiet, unnamed saints already in heaven - the devoted parents, kind neighbours, and faithful friends who simply lived with strong faith and quiet goodness.

Today's readings bring this family together. In the Book of Revelation (7:2-4, 9-14), we see a massive crowd in heaven that "no one could count." Heaven is a welcoming home for anyone who holds onto faith through life's normal ups and downs. St. John (1 Jn 3:1-3) reminds us that grace is a free gift given to everyone. We don't have to perform to earn His affection; we are already deeply loved as "Children of God" right now.

When our daily routines feel heavy, Psalm 23 reminds us that our Good Shepherd is right beside us, restoring our souls in the ordinary moments. Jesus maps out this gentle path to heaven in the Beatitudes (Mt 5:1-12), promising that God is closest to the humble, the merciful, and the peacemakers.

Whether canonised or unnamed, every saint shows us the same thing: holiness is simply letting God love you and sharing that love with others. This All-Saints' Day, we lovingly remember them all and ask for their prayers to guide our steps every day.

Priyanka - Parishioner

OLMC Parish News

Memorial Book for the Month of November

During the month of November, we remember all deceased loved ones. A Memorial Book is placed at the front of the altar. You can submit names of family and friends for the Memorial Book using the November Mass Envelopes available in the Narthex. Please note that individual Mass Intentions for the deceased are not accepted during November, though intentions for the living and recently passed are still welcome.

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



Fundraising and Social Committee

This December, we will be hosting a Christmas Raffle , the first prize will be a beautiful **Nativity Set! Tickets sales start 5-6 December**. The big draw will be on **Sunday, 20 December 2026 at our Parish Community Christmas Party after the 10am Mass**.

The Annual Dinner Dance will be on **Friday, 21st May 2027**. Venue yet to be confirmed.

Liturgy Corner

All Souls' Day Observances

Please join us as we observe All Souls' Day on Monday, 2 November. Masses will be held at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. Following the 7:00 pm Mass, we will gather in our parish memorial garden for our annual blessing of the plaques. We extend a special invitation to all parishioners, particularly those remembering loved ones in the garden, to share in this beautiful evening of remembrance.

Arise Youth Group News

Our last youth group meeting was a truly meaningful and enriching experience. Together, we reflected on a few Bible verses that invited us to explore what it truly means to find our identity in Christ. Through thoughtful questions, honest conversations, and shared perspectives, we were reminded that our identity is not defined by the world around us, but by who God calls us to be. Father Janu's spiritual insights brought greater depth to our reflections, encouraging us to look beyond simply knowing our faith to truly living it. It was a beautiful reminder of the importance of growing together in Christ.

Upcoming Teens Youth Group Meeting

We are also excited to announce that our next Teens Youth Group meeting, for ages 12–16, will take place on Friday, 13th November 2026, at 7:00 PM.

We warmly encourage all our teens to join us for another evening of faith, friendship, meaningful conversations, and spiritual growth as we continue our journey of discovering Christ together.

If there are any questions or concerns feel free to contact Jordan on 0414 360 623 or see any of the team members around the Church.

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.

The training can be completed online: https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/ for access to the online modules. Face-to-face training sessions are also Available, follow the 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 a safe and 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 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, 19 October to Sunday, 25 October totalling **$2,230.00**

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	$950.00
Loose cash:	$465.00
Direct Deposits:	$370.00
Tap & Go:	$445.00
Catholic Mission Collection	$520.00

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: Antoinette Esther De Silva, Ibi Lepar.

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials): During the month of November, we remember our deceased with our Memorial Book on display.

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

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving/Birthdays: Thuy Tran, Vincent Tran, Ngoc Tran, Ankica Senjak, Matilda Sutton. Thank you, St. Anthony, for prayers answered.
(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: Harlan Brown - Sunday, 1 November
May he grow in faith, love, and the grace of God!



Wedding: Christina & Mark
May our Lord grant them happiness and love!

OLMC Calendar

OLMC Church Calendar

Lectio Divina	Wed, 4 Nov 6.00 pm
Church Cleaning	Thur, 12 Nov 9.30 am
SVdP Meeting	Thur, 12 Nov 10 am
RCIA Program Mtg (Narthex)	Thurs, 12 Nov 6.30 pm
All Souls Day Masses	Mon, 2 Nov 9.00 am & 7.00pm
Anointing Mass	Fri, 6 Nov 9.00 am
Baptism Preparatory Mtg (Narthex)	Thurs, 12 Nov 6.00 pm
Arise Youth Group Mtg (Narthex)	Fri, 13 Nov 7.00pm

Around the Diocese

Serving at the Altar Workshop: 14 November

A day of ongoing formation for acolytes and ministers of the altar will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown on Saturday, 14 November 2026 from 9:30am-3pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Topics covered: Basic structure of the Mass: including how various rites can be inserted into the Mass, practical scenarios of planning celebrations, the use of incense, benediction, planning Mass with the Bishop and time for all your questions. Please register by 9 November at parracatholic.org/events/ofw



Roster 7 & 8 November 2026		
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
MASS	**ROLE**	**VOLUNTEER**
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Elena Fernandes Anne-Marie Torrens Antoinette Zammit Caz Learmonth Oliver Pepin
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Joshua Angelo Jeremy Angelo Colleen Weatherall Eric Dias Roslyn Khattar
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Clyde Fernandes Fiona Bylsma Daphne Dominic Mary Vijila Moira Peter Rosemary Chung
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Ann Maria Cliven Ann Sapna Cliven Isa Urbano Kim Vu Volunteer

Next week's readings:

7 & 8 Nov | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 62:2-8
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



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EXCLUDING MILK CARTONS AND WINE BOTTLES!

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
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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, the Diocese of Parramatta, and the Carmelite Friars are deeply committed to protecting children, young people, and vulnerable adults. We actively work together to ensure that everyone in our care not only is safe but truly feels safe.

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Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School
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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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