



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 11th October 2026



Tell those who have been invited,
everything is ready

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 22:R
Second Reading: Philistines 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Do you want to be among the chosen?

Nowadays we can hardly regard life as a wedding feast, but we are all created into it. Everyone around us claims a sizable slice of our time! So, the invitation to the marriage feast that Jesus is talking about in this parable is a kind invitation to get closer to Him and to share in something beyond simply going to work, earn a few bucks and carry-on living as if life is only about us.

Jesus invites us to be more intimate, first with Him and then with all the others around us, as if we are at a feast around a table sharing with others our joys and sorrows offering our help as we can, when we can. He assures us that He prepared all that is necessary for us, meaning that when we are one with Him we have no reason to lose sleep, stress or even panic.

The question is: Do we always reply and accept His invitation? Or, like the various characters in the parable we cling to any excuse, like we are too busy with work, family matters, further studies, travel, or simply enjoying ample time of privacy, away from other people's trouble?

Yes, you may be a busy mother, father, businessperson, student, with heaps of responsibility. That's fine! But is that a valid excuse why you can exclude God and neighbour from your life? On the contrary, you can and should be God's faithful guest and companion at all times – just include Jesus in whatever you do – share in His feast, invoke His Name, seek His help, help Him in return

through helping those who are in need. Remember: He knows exactly where you stand, so He will never burden you with anymore that you can handle! So, take courage from Him Who is constantly looking over you: *I can do all things in Him Who strengthens me.* Phil. Chpt., 4, Verse 13.

If we accept Jesus' invitation, do we always wear the right garment, that is, do we serve Jesus and our community with humility and pure love, or seek praise and perhaps even criticise others so that we force our will on them, secure our superiority and in the same process destroy their goodwill and perhaps even their faith, like the rouge invitees in the parable did to the host's servants?

Everyone is invited to Jesus' feast where love and care are plentiful. If we go, once we get there are we prepared to accept the challenge to do our best to be among the few who will be chosen?

Frank Zammit – parishioner

OLMC Parish News



Vale – Fr Michael Brundell O.Carm

It is with sadness that we share that Fr Michael Brundell O.Carm, passed away in Melbourne recently.

Fr Michael was part of the Wentworthville Carmelite Community for many years. Please pray for Fr Michael, his family, and the Carmelites at this time. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*



Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers will be selling raffle tickets this weekend, 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.**

HSC students Blessings

Parishioners are asked to please keep in their prayers all young students who are sitting for their HSC exams.

We would especially like to pray for:

Serena Dias, Myra Miranda, Alexandra Warsley, Charlie Zullo, Charlise Falcao, Tom Kendall, Sheoni Perera, Philbert Papa, Rafael Chmielewski, Andrew Chmielewski, Milena Chmielewski, John Justin Paulraj, Gerardine Malau, Christian Le, Gwen Penano, Keira Rodriguez, John Cameron, Vincent Tran, Annie Draybi, Ava Nassif, Joseph Nassif, Sid Nassif.

November- Mass Intentions for the Deceased



During the month of **November**, we remember and pray for **all our deceased loved ones.**

A **Memorial Book** is placed at the **front of the altar** with the names of those we are asked to pray for.

 If you would like the name(s) of your **deceased family or friends** to be included in the Memorial Book, please use the **November Mass Envelopes**, available now from the **Narthex**.

 *To avoid disappointment, please print names clearly.*

 As we offer prayers at every Mass during November for all the deceased whose names have been submitted, **Mass Intentions specifically for the deceased are not accepted during this month.**

However, **Mass Intentions for the living** and for those who have **recently passed away** will still be accepted.

Let us unite in prayer for the repose of all souls.



Fundraising and Social Committee

We are excited to host a **Christmas Raffle** this December, featuring a beautiful **Nativity Set** as our first prize! You can buy your tickets starting the **first weekend of December**. Make sure to get yours before the big drawing on **Sunday, 20 December 2026**.

 **Save the dates:**

- ✓ The Parish Community Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday, 20th December** after the 10.00am mass.
- ✓ **The Annual Dinner Dance** will be on **Friday, 21st May 2027**. Venue yet to be confirmed. **Keep these dates free to join in the celebrations and getting to know your friends and community at the Parish.**

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

Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are reminded that your annual formation workshops begin this coming week.

Please refer to the upcoming dates here in Carmel for days and times.

All parishioners who serve in these ministries are asked to attend.

Arise Youth Group News

Growing Together in God's Word

We are delighted to announce the commencement of a new Bible Study program for teenagers, youth, and young adults, beginning on 15 October at 7.00 pm and held fortnightly in the Red Room.

The sessions will provide a wonderful opportunity for young people to come together, deepen their understanding of Sacred Scripture, and discover how God's Word speaks to our daily lives.

In Ezekiel 18:25-28, we are reminded of the importance of

turning back to God and choosing the path that leads to life. This passage invites us to reflect on our choices and continually seek God's will.

Through this Bible Study, we hope to foster a welcoming environment where participants can listen, reflect, ask questions, and grow in faith together.

To ensure meaningful discussion and age-appropriate learning, participants will be divided into two groups:

- Teenagers (13-16 years)
- Youth and Young Adults (17-35 years)

We warmly invite all teenagers, youth, and young adults to join us on this journey into Sacred Scripture as we deepen our relationship with God through His Word and strengthen our faith together.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105). We look forward to seeing you there.

Arise Youth Group

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, 28 September to Sunday, 4 October totalling **\$2,245.00**

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	\$956.00
Loose cash:	\$759.00
Direct Deposits:	\$485.00
Tap & Go:	\$45.00

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: Antoinette Esther De Silva,
Joan Cameron, Santo Salvo.

Deceased (including RIP, anniversaries and memorials):

Joyce Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Tony & Antonia Cini,
Doris Vella, Anthony Kong, Monica Kong, Catherine Kong,
Ko Win Naing, Valda M Cox, Tessie Spiteri, Yolanda Muir,
Eva Joy Joseph, Ivan Almeida, Lawrence & Sinfarosa Dias,
Inacio, Sacramento & Ilda Boccaro, Anna & Simao Dias

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

especially: Norman De Luca, Victoria (Vicky) Borg,
Margaret Norton, Vincenza (Vivian) Sultana, Margaret
Borg.

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving/Birthdays: Ngoc Tran,
Thuy Tran, Vincent Tran.

(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: Josephine Aurora Proia and Amio
Armani Ursino.

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



Wedding: Christina & Mark.

May our Lord grant them happiness and love!



Funeral: Antoinette Esther De Silva – Thursday, 15th
October at 10.30am

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord!

OLMC Calendar

OLMC Church Calendar:

Lectio Divina	Wed, 14 Oct 6.00 pm
Ministers of the Word W/shop	Wed, 14 Oct 7.00 pm or Sat, 17 Oct 9.30 am
Church Cleaning	Thur, 15 Oct 9.30 am
SVdP Meeting	Thur, 15 Oct 10 am
RCIA Program Mtg	Thurs, 15 Oct 6.30 pm
Extraordinary Ministers of	Sat, 17 Oct 10.45 pm
Holy Communion W/shop	or Wed, 21 Oct 7.00 pm
Anointing Mass	Fri, 6 Nov 9.00 am



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For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

*Name changed for privacy

Roster 17 & 18 October 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Anne-Marie Torrens Elena Fernandes Antoinette Zammit Bob Hanna Oliver Pepin
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Carretta Dias Isabella Dias Cat Paulo Cecilia Cotter Ron Aquilina
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Moiria Peter Shayna Peter Janelle Touma Daphne Dominic Mary Vijila Rosemary Chung
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Eliana Almeida Michael Williamson Fran Sharpe Kim Vu Volunteer

Next week's readings

17 & 18 October | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21



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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, 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

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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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