



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 25th October 2026



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for this week's readings

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 17:2-4, 47, 51
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Love the Lord your God

Our 1st reading from the book of Exodus describes how God formed the Israelites into a people after freeing them from slavery in Egypt. After receiving the Ten Commandments, they were given further laws to guide their lives as a community. The first reading focuses on protecting strangers, widows, orphans, and the poor, who were especially vulnerable in ancient society. The Israelites are reminded that they too were once strangers in Egypt and experienced oppression; having suffered themselves, they must not allow others to suffer the same way. God warns that he will hear the cries of the widows and orphans when they are mistreated, thus revealing a God who does not remain distant from human suffering but stands with the vulnerable. The passages also teach that compassion must be practical. Human dignity must always take priority over material gain. This passage invites us to consider how we treat the vulnerable in our own society: migrants, daily-wage workers, and struggling families may be ignored or easily exploited; sometimes we judge people without understanding their difficulties. Our faith is not measured by how we pray but also by how we treat those who have the least. God calls us to recognise the dignity of every person.

Our 2nd reading – St Paul praises the Thessalonians for turning away from idols to serve the living God and for

spreading the word of the Gospel with joy amid trials.

In our Gospel today, Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandments. The scribe was impressed by the answer Jesus gave to the Sadducees. And so, he found in Jesus a true Rabbi who could clear his doubts regarding the greatest commandments. Jesus responds by summarising all of God's laws into two essential commandments: Loving God with all one's heart, Soul, Strength and mind (Deut 6:4-5), and loving one's neighbour as oneself (Lev 19:18). These commandments reveal that our relationship with God is inseparable from our relationship with others. We love God because God loved us first. When we are loved are filled with God's love is a vertical relationship, it flows into acts of love toward God's Children horizontally.

Basli - Parishioner

OLMC Parish News

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 draw 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 from our 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

Celebrations for All Souls Day

All Souls Day will be observed on Monday, 2 November. Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Our 7:00 pm Mass will conclude with our annual blessing of the plaques in our parish memorial garden. We invite all parishioners, especially those whose loved ones are remembered in the garden, to join us.

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, 12 October to Sunday, 18 October totalling **\$3,761.00**
Planned Giving (cash/c cards): \$679.00
Loose cash: \$760.00
Direct Deposits: \$790.00
Tap & Go: \$1,532.00

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
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Please remember in your prayers....

Recently Deceased: Antoinette Esther De Silva, Ibi Lepar.

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, Anthony Kong, Monica Kong, Catherine Kong, Ko Win Naing, Valda M Cox, Grace & Sam Mangion, Carmelo Sultana, Charlie Vella, William Weatherall, Charlie Zammit, Robert Lindsay, Eddie Almeida, Sr Liz Weimers, Geraldine Jansen.

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.

(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!

OLMC Calendar

OLMC Church Calendar

Lectio Divina	Wed, 28 Oct 6.00 pm
Church Cleaning	Thur, 29 Oct 9.30 am
SVdP Meeting	Thur, 29 Oct 10 am
RCIA Program Mtg (Narthex)	Thurs, 29 Oct 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

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



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Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves.

Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future.

And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment.

To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work.

Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.

*Name changed for privacy

Roster 31 October & 1 November 2026 - All Saints Day

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Trish Maldigri Angela Carlino Ann Zahra Bob Hanna Oliver Pepin
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Michelle Rodridges David Rodridges Cat Paulo Cecilia Cotter Ron Aquilina
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Kezia Sathi Jada Khadi Jochin Sathi David Touma Mary Vijila Daphne Dominic
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Mark Attwood Ramona Grimm Fran Sharpe Kim Vu Volunteer

Next week's readings

31 Oct & 1 Nov | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



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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.

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

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