Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 8th November 2026



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for this week's readings

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

Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour'.

This Sunday's first reading from the book of Wisdom describes a constant state of attentive readiness.

Of course, for humans the activities documented would be wearying and almost - if not totally impossible to attain.

However, when we go beyond what 'Wisdom' is doing – we learn that there is a relationship with Wisdom.

"Whoever awakens early to seek her, will not labour, for **he** will find her sitting at his door…For she goes about seeking such as are worthy of her, and **she** reveals herself to them cheerfully…"

Applying the message of being organised prepared – when we listen to this week's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is sharing with us a story about planning and readiness.

Also dramatic in the plot line; like the first reading - the message that is conveyed in the Gospel confirms the need for us to "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The five wise people thought ahead for a change of plan. They were organised.

"The bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him."

With busy 2026 lives it can be difficult to find moments every day to spend time with the Bridegroom.

We need to remember that a relationship thrives with communication and time spent together. Regular communication with the Bridegroom will keep us clear headed and open to His prompting. It will help us to "stay awake"!

John and Trish Maldigri - Parishioners

OLMC Parish News

The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens

For adults who seek initiation into the Catholic faith, a significant step on their journey is their acceptance by the Church community into the catechumenate. As catechumens, these people learn about, are formed in, and are helped to practise the Catholic faith.

It is with great joy that we celebrate the acceptance of several enquirers into the catechumenate at our 6:00 pm Mass on Saturday 28 November. Please pray for them.

Christmas singers needed

We're looking for people who would like to sing at our Christmas Mass During the Night on Christmas Eve at 9pm. Choir practice will be on Monday 30 November, and 7, 14 and 21 December from 7:15 – 8:30pm in the church. If you enjoy singing and would like to take part, then please come along. Contact Robert for more information by visiting olmcwentyliturgy.org/contact

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

Arise Youth Group News

Upcoming Teens Youth Group Meeting

Our next Teens Youth Group meeting, for **ages 12–16**, will take place on **Friday, 13th November 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Narthex**.

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.

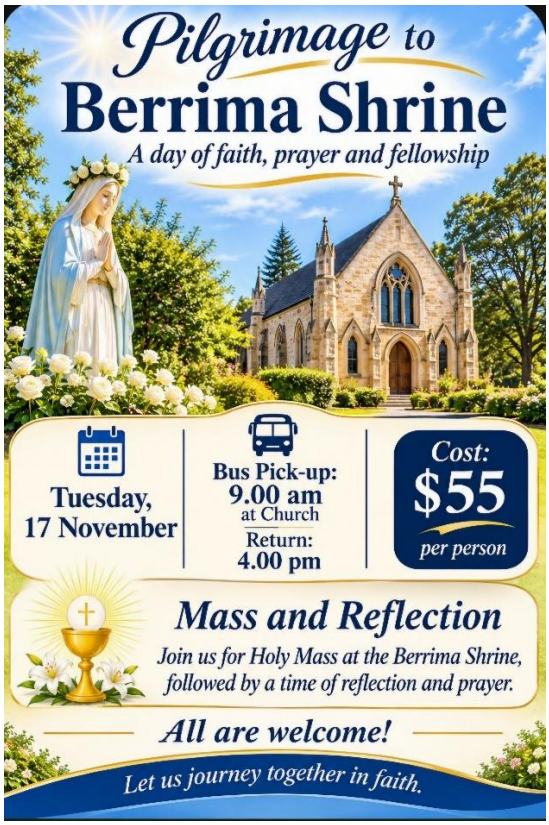
If there are any questions or concerns feel free to contact Jordan on 0414 360 623 or see any of the team members around the Church.



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.



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, 26 October to Sunday, 1 November totalling **$4,800.00**

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	$1,048.00
Loose cash:	$635.00
Direct Deposits:	$575.00
Tap & Go:	$2,542.00

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: Those recently deceased will be on the Memorial Book.

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

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

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving/Birthdays: Thuy Tran, Vincent Tran, Ngoc 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: Pierce Apollo Servillon Emata and Carter Rome Huin - Sunday, 8 November

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

OLMC Calendar

OLMC Church Calendar

Lectio Divina	Wed, 11 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
Baptism Preparatory Mtg (Narthex)	Thurs, 12 Nov 6.00 pm
Arise Youth Group Mtg (Narthex)	Fri, 13 Nov 7.00pm
Anointing Mass	Fri, 4 Dec 9.00 am

Around the Diocese



Bishop's Good Works Appeal - Help a young mother break the cycle of violence and homelessness.

This Christmas, embrace the spirit of the Nativity story. Let the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, inspire us to reach out to those in need - especially vulnerable homeless women and children. Your tax-deductible gift this Christmas can provide young mothers and their children with secure shelter, nourishing food, and the support they need to build a strong family life and a hopeful future. **Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code.** Thank you for your generosity, Christian kindness and compassion.

Roster 14 & 15 November 2026

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Bob Hanna Janine Hanna Anne-Marie Torrens May Pepin Oliver Pepin
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Isabella Dias Carretta Dias David Rodridges Michelle Rodridges Ron Aquilina
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Joachin Sathi Trinita Kishore Justin Daphne Dominic David Touma May Vijila
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Nellissa Almeida Eliana Almeida Fran Sharpe Kim Vu Volunteer

Next Week's Readings:

14 & 15 November | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20, 30-31
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 127:1-5
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30



Recycle Glass, Plastic And Aluminium and Convert To Cash!

We appreciate your continued donations of bottles and cans.

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
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, 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

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Parish Office
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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)
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In Community: Fr. Anthony Scerri, O.Carm
Fr. John Powell, O.Carm (in Aged Care)
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Finance Officer: Gennie Cosgrove
Safeguarding Officer: Moira Peter

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School
Principal: Olimpia Pirovic
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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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