Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday, 15th November 2026



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for this week's readings

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

Have you discovered any talents in you?

You are unique; you have a talent. Today's gospel reminds us that everyone has a talent, even though some of us have more than one talent.

Perhaps God gives you five talents, or three, or only one, as the gospel tells us today. God gives them to you according to your abilities.

The point is how you use them (talents/gifts) in your daily life for yourself and others. God sees your responsibility to make more from what you have received from him. The gospel says, 'The first servant who received five, and he made five more; the second servant had two and made two more. They are called 'good and faithful servants'. In contrast to the last person, who only received a talent but made no profit because he did not use (invest) it well. It makes him a 'wicked and lazy servant'.

You might ask yourself, what talent have I discovered in me? Have I used it well?

Do not ask, 'why do I only receive one talent'? But be grateful for what you receive from God.

So, this gospel teaches us:

*That the kingdom of Heaven has been given to everyone, or everyone has been invited to the kingdom of Heaven.

*To trust God enough to make use of the gifts and abilities we have been given as the disciples of Jesus through the way of priesthood life, marriage or single life for the will and the glory of God.

*To share the talents in our parish community, family and wider community. There are various ministries in our parish, such as the ministry of the altar server, ministry of the Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, lector of the Word of God, singer of the choir, volunteer, or being part of the community outreach programs.

I believe that it is a way how we trade (share, produce) or give back to God through our brothers and sisters, and at the end God the master will call us "well done, good and faithful servant…come and join in the master happiness".

Alby - Assistant Parish Priest

OLMC Parish News

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA programme is an opportunity for anyone interested in becoming Catholic to learn about and deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith.

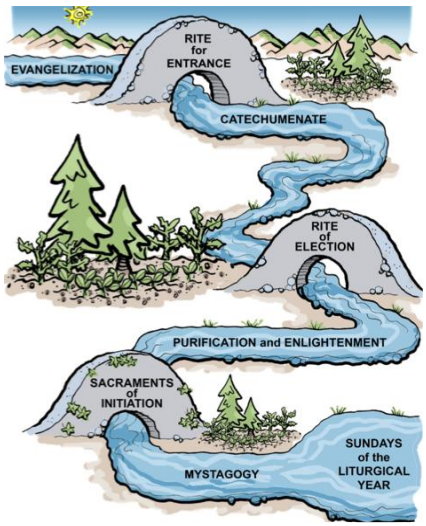
About the Programme

- RCIA sessions are held **once every fortnight on Thursday (every two weeks)**.
- Participants are guided in discovering the Catholic faith (through the *Period of Evangelisation and Precatechumenate),* deepening their relationship with God and growing in their understanding of the life of the Church.
- **This journey of faith includes three important stages:**
  - **Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate** – a special celebration at the parish, welcoming inquirers into the next stage of their faith journey (*Period of the Catechumenate)*
  - **Rite of Election** – celebrated at the Cathedral, usually at the start of Lent, marking a further step towards receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (*Period of purification and Enlightenment*).
  - **Sacraments of Initiation** – Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion, celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

UPCOMING CELEBRATION
RITE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE CATECHUMENS

- **Date:** Saturday, 21 November 2026
- **Time:** 6:00 pm
- **Venue:** Parish Vigil Mass

Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic?



- Please encourage them to join the RCIA programme.
- For further information, please contact the parish office. The contact details are at the back of the pamphlet available in the narthex. Pick up a copy.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH!

Berrima Shrine Trip

Please note that the Berrima bus trip has been postponed until further notice. A new date will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

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 7:15pm – 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



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.

We are gathering festive donations for our upcoming Christmas raffle hampers! If you would like to contribute, Christmas-themed items are greatly appreciated. You can drop off your donations at the Priory or leave them on the table in the Narthex. ***Thank you so much for your generosity and support!***

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, 2 November to Sunday, 8 November totalling **$3,345.00**

Planned Giving (cash/c cards):	$790.00
Loose cash:	$535.00
Direct Deposits:	$860.00
Tap & Go:	$1,160.00

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: Brian Francis Rodd, Margaret Borg.

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 Norton, Vincenza (Vivian) Sultana, Carmen Magri.

Special Intentions /Thanksgiving/Birthdays: Thuy Tran, Hoang 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



Baptism: Lara Hadjenian – Sunday, 29 November
May she grow in faith, love, and the grace of God!



Funeral: Brian Francis Rodd Tues, 17 November at 10.30am. ***May he rest in peace***.

OLMC Calendar

OLMC Church Calendar

Lectio Divina	Wed, 18 Nov 6.00 pm
Church Cleaning	Thur, 26 Nov 9.30 am
SVdP Meeting	Thur, 26 Nov 10 am
RCIA Program Mtg (Narthex)	Thurs, 26 Nov 6.30 pm
Anointing Mass	Fri, 4 Dec 9.00 am
Baptism Preparatory Mtg (Narthex)	Thurs, 10 Dec 6.00 pm

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 21 & 22 November 2026		
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe		
MASS	**ROLE**	**VOLUNTEER**
6pm Saturday (Vigil)	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Angela Carlino Trish Maldigri Caz Learmonth Charlie Felice Olivier Pepin
8am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Cecilia Cotter Cat Paulo Colleen Weatherall Eric Dias Roslyn Khattar
10am Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Children Communion	Daphne Dominic Carmel Gauci Jamelle Touma David Touma Mary Vijila Rosemary Chung
6pm Sunday	Reader 1 Reader 2 Communion	Mark Attwood Michael Williamson Isa Urbano Kim Vu Volunteer

Next Week's Readings:

21 & 22 November -
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading:	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalms 22:1-3, 5-6
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Gospel:	Matthew 25:31-46



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

Online at www.olmcwenty.org.au
On Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @olmcwenty
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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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