

Carmel

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville

In the care of the Carmelites

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Denis Andrew OCarm
ASSOCIATE PASTORS: Fr Martinho Da Costa OCarm
MEMBERS OF THE CARMELITE COMMUNITY: Fr John Powell
 O Carm & Fr Anthony Scerri O Carm
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SUNDAY MASSES: 6pm (vigil), 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
DAILY MASSES: Monday to Thursday and Saturday 9.00am
 Friday 9.15am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9.30am

Mark 1: 21 - 28



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

From the Top

COMPLAINTS

If you have any issues with the parish operation at any time the normal protocol is to bring this up with any member of the parish team: Fr Denis Andrew, Fr Martinho Da Costa, Lyn Bryant or Paola Yévenes. If this has not helped you then you can approach the Diocese of Parramatta or the Carmelite Provincial, Fr Paul Cahill.

The Parish team, the Diocese and Carmelite Provincial normally do not deal with anonymous complaints.

FR JOHN POWELL

Fr John has happily settled into the John Woodward Aged Care Facility at Cardinal Gilroy Village in Merrylands. All Aged Care facilities in the Cumberland area are currently in lockdown.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

The sacristy, narthex and church were damaged in a severe storm last February. Negotiations with our insurer have been protracted and difficult. However, we are currently liaising with a builder to repair the sacristy and, if we can afford it, repairs to the church roof which leaks after heavy rain.

Quotes are currently being sought to repair the church glass front door vandalised on Christmas night.

To curtail any further incidents, we are also investigating installing security cameras at the front and back of church and front of priory.

TAP AND GO

We now have two tap-and-go facilities, the one at the entrance the Narthex to the church is set at \$10 and the one near the sign-in table in the Narthex is set at \$5.

READERS AT MASS.

If the alleluia verse (before the gospel) is not sung it is omitted.

Thank you for your support of the Parish and the Carmelites.

- Fr Denis Andrew O. Carm.

MONEY MATTERS:

Envelopes: \$ 1,331
Loose: \$ 270
Direct Debit: \$ 50
Tap and Go: \$ 450
TOTAL: \$2,101

WEEKLY TARGET: \$4,000

NOTE: If you would like to make direct contributions, our banking details are: BSB: 067 950; Account Number: 00602; Account Name: Wentworthville Catholic Church; So that we can acknowledge your generosity would you please just put your name first and add donation if there is room.

MAY THE JOY OF
THE LORD BE YOUR
STRENGTH!



Farewell Fr Martinho!

Fr Martinho will be heading to Brisbane and his new life as Parish Priest at Coorparoo on Monday 8/2/21.

Fr Martinho will be around at all the weekend Masses on 6th & 7th February, giving him the opportunity to say goodbye to all parishioners whom he has come to feel so close to during his time at Wentworthville. Parishioners can catch up with him after he has celebrated the 10am Mass on 7/2/21.

Please keep Fr Martinho in your prayers as he commences his ministry at OLMC, Coorparoo.

- Fr Denis Andrew O Carm (Parish Priest)

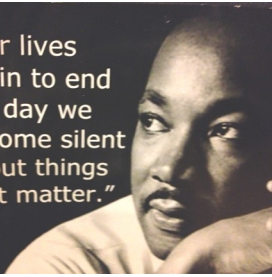
Please remember those who are in ill health, especially: , Michael Bigeni, Nancy Surace, Cody Bailey, Baby Charlie Sultana, Charlie Micallef, Lyn Craddy, Baby Noha Larkin, Francois Tuyau, Sienna Calandrucchio, Teresa Li, Lisa Boys, Greg Boys, Carol O'Loughlin and all who are sick.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTERS!

READERS & COMMENTATORS: 6th & 7th February 2021

MASS TIME	READER	COMMENTATOR
Saturday 6.00pm	Anne-Marie Torrens	Trish Maldigri
Sunday 8.00am	Marisa Brattoni	Jeremy Angelo
Sunday 10.00am	YOUTH MINISTERS	
Sunday 6.00pm	Carmel Ruddy	Mark Attwood

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."



JESUS THE TEACHER

In last Sunday's Gospel we read that Jesus began his public life by choosing some of his disciples, Andrew and Peter, James and John. Today's Gospel describes the first time Jesus proclaimed the Good News in the synagogue. We are told that the people who heard him speak were astonished at the power of his words, and that he did not speak as the Scribes spoke, because all that the Scribes were concerned with was the observance of the many laws that they had made themselves.

Then a man possessed with a devil comes into the synagogue. Of course, according to the Scribes and other authorities, he should not have been allowed inside the synagogue at all. But there he was screaming that he knew who Jesus was, the Son of God. Jesus rebukes him sharply and orders the devil to come out the man. The devil obeys reluctantly, but obeys, and we are told that people were amazed, not just at the authority with which Jesus taught, but also that devils obeyed him.

We are the disciples of Jesus in today's world. We have been entrusted to continue to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God. We can only do that with authority only if we truly know Jesus, and speak what he spoke and as he spoke, that is, not about laws, but about our life as children of the same Father, children of love. Then will people listen to us in amazement. We have also been given the power to cast out devils. Devils change their aspects and their manner of action. The devils of today are the unrestrained pursuit of pleasure, the obsessive desire for more and more money and goods, the denial of moral values, the denial of God, and other devils of this kind. Through the gift of the Holy spirit, we have been given the power to cast these devils out, by our word, by our actions, and by our example.

- Fr Anthony Scerri O Carm

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

1st Reading: Job 7: 1—4, 6—7

2nd Reading: Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1: 29—39



Changes to Rostering of Ministers

Since we returned to Mass after the COVID-19 closures last year, we have had a roster system in place for most liturgical ministries. While some roles have had to be shared between groups of ministers, others have been filled by one or a few dedicated parishioners each week. In these cases, a roster is really no longer needed.

As such, the following will take place from the beginning of February:

Ministers of the Word and Music Ministers will continue to follow their existing roster

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will continue to be rostered as they have been. A roster for February has been emailed to ministers

All other ministers (ie Altar Servers, Greeters, Media Ministers, Wardens, Sacristans) are asked to continue in their role, liaising with the other ministers at your Mass to share the role equitably.

If you have recently returned to Mass and want to join or return to the Ministry of the Word or Communion, please contact the parish office so you can be included in the next roster. If you want to join or return to one of our other ministries, please see Fr Denis, Fr Martinho, or one of the ministers currently serving at your Mass. Thank you all the ministers who have helped us worship together again over the past seven months.

- Robert Barden (Liturgy Committee)

CARMEL ADVERTISERS

As we have only had a "Holiday" Carmel during the Covid era, we have not been able to include our advertisers. However, their details can be found on the enlarged advertising sheet, normally found in Carmel, on our parish notice board adjacent to the Narthex kitchen..

In Loving Memory

Recently Deceased: Dawn Merrill, Anne Hartman, Denham Jacob, Lawrence Nagalingam, Josephine John, Sandra Paul, Stella Galea, Joe Moutia, Michael Cesarini, Belen Ortiz, John Touma, Joyce Cini

Anniversaries & Memorials: *Leo Culas, Mary & Frank Teuma, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mariadoss, Grant Tierney, Hedley Bligh, Cliff Smith, Smith Family, Simao & Anna Dias, Dias Family, Sinfarosa Dias, Inancio, Sacramento & Ilda Bocarro, Bocarro Family, Elias, Franji, & Zeazer Families, Tony Durabi, Durabi Family, Charlie Sultana, Michael & Carmen Attard, Frank & Pauline Vella, Rani Sathi, Pushpa Kantha, Anthony Peter, Connie Bezzina & Jeanne Black, Pauline Grech, Renato Zammit, Francesca Zammit, Concetta & Joseph Sciberras, Joseph & Josephine Gauci, Holy Souls in Purgatory & All Souls, All Saints*

Other Intentions

Thanksgiving: Leo, Leena & Brian; In Honour of the Infant Jesus

Special Intentions: Phoebe Netto (Birthday), Dias Family

Feast Days this Week

Monday: *Bl Candelaria

Tuesday Presentation of the Lord (Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life)

Wednesday: St Ansgar, St Blaise

Thursday: St Joseph of Leonessa

Friday: St Agatha

Saturday: St Paul Miki & Companions

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary

