

Carmel

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville
In the care of the Carmelites

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Denis Andrew OCarm
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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



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT YR B

Project Compassion 2021



Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention

measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

You can donate through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes (available in the Narthex), by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

EAST TIMOR RAFFLE!

Next Weekend tickets will be on sale after all Masses for the East Timor Raffle. There are 9 prizes (lots of chocolate involved). The raffle takes the place of the Paschal Lambs we normally sell at Easter, as they are unavailable this year. Prizes will be on display in the parish centre. Tickets are \$2.00 each or a book of 6 tickets for \$10.00. Prizes will be drawn on the Thursday before Palm Sunday and will be available for collection from the Priory. The funds raised by our parish help young East Timorese students complete tertiary studies. Thank you for your generosity.

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



MONEY MATTERS:

Envelopes: \$ 1,498
Loose: \$ 461
Tap and Go: \$ 665
Direct Debit: \$ 630
TOTAL: \$ 3,254

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



WEEKDAY MASS LITURGY

A reminder that in Lent there is no alleluia verse before the Gospel. If the verse before the gospel is not sung then it is not said. Rather there is a short period of silence before the priest moves to read the gospel. The reader simply returns to their seat after the first reading and response and the congregation would normally stand for the gospel when the priest gets up to read it. It is part of the tradition of silence incorporated into Carmelite liturgies.
 - Fr Denis Andrew O. Carm

CONGRATULATIONS to Giuseppina and Rinaldo Ionico who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary today. They have been parishioners at Our Lady of Mt Carmel since arriving in Australia from Italy 46 years ago. We ask God's blessing on them and wish them many more years of wedded bliss!

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTERS!

READERS & COMMENTATORS: 6th & 7th March 2021

MASS TIME	READER	COMMENTATOR
Saturday 6.00pm	Don Crockett	Anne-Marie Torrens
Sunday 8.00am	Nell Jasiak	Cat Paulo
Sunday 10.00am	YOUTH MINISTERS	
Sunday 6.00pm	Pam Colman	Colleen Fuller

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Financial Report as as at 31st December 2020

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I am pleased to present a summary of Parish Revenue and Expenses for the six months ended 31st December 2020. Revenue for the period amounted to \$177,912 and the Parish spent \$147,507 leaving a surplus of \$30,405 for the period.

Planned Giving for the period averaged \$3,688 pw against our target of \$4,000 pw. Envelopes and direct debits contributed \$2,975 pw, Tap and Go facility \$323 pw and the balance of \$390 pw came from Loose collections.

Expenditure for the period was again kept to a minimum and was within budget. Major expenses were incurred on administration (\$89,579), Insurance (\$11,555), interest on loan (\$9,314), utilities (\$5,611) and installation of speakers at back of church (\$4,069). Other expenses were incurred on repairs and maintenance, liturgical, pastoral, motor vehicle running and hospitality.

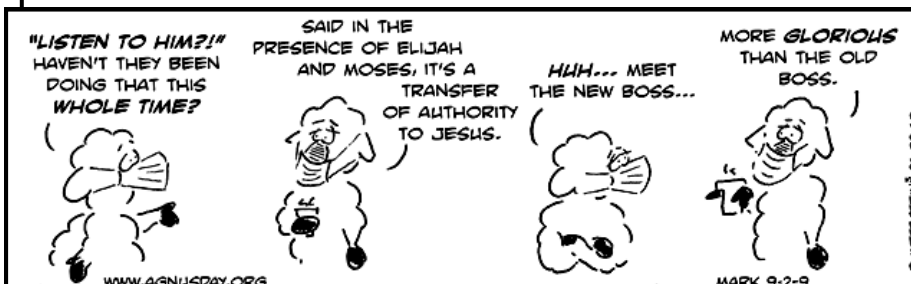
The Parish is currently servicing a loan of \$400,000 which was taken up to fund the major church refurbishment. The Parish debt stood at \$374,772 as at 31st December 2020.

Covid 19 is still having a major impact on our ability to raise sufficient funds to enable us to continue to function normally. Whilst our income from Planned Giving is within acceptable limits, our income from Loose collections has dropped to a trickle. The same applies to the First Collection. We are very grateful for the JobKeeper allowance as without it, we would be struggling. We have recently provided a second Tap and Go facility (set at \$10) at the church entrance in the Narthex to facilitate contributions by those who carry no cash.

We are expecting to incur major expenditure in the short term on the replacement of the flat roofs of the lower parts of the church (as they leak after heavy rain) as well as repair to the sacristy (damaged during a storm in February 2020). We are also planning to install security cameras around the church to avoid vandalism on church property.

Thanks to all for your ongoing financial help and especially to those who have transferred their weekly/monthly contributions to the direct debit system.

- Fr Denis Andrew O.Carm



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

3rd Sunday of Lent Yr B

1st Reading: Exodus 20: 1—17

2nd Reading: Corinthians 1: 22—25

Gospel: Mark 2: 13—25

In Loving Memory

Recently Deceased: Bishop Bede Heather, Maureen Salkeld, Paul Domenic, Rejieinamma Seshayyan, Bernie Swan, Fr Lawrence (Joseph) Anzel OFM

Anniversaries & Memorials: *Luzin, Josephine Eva & Augusta Philo, Giovanna Belcastro, Michaelangelo Sultana, Paul Sultana, Anthony Dass, Joseph & Mary Bonello, Carmen Ebejer, Henk de Roo, Charlie Navan, Bonello & Spiteri Families, Mr Rajakumar, Grant Tierney, Clifford & Hedley Bligh, Bligh Family, Kusevic, Liscevic & Andelkovic Families, Joyce Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Tony & Antonia Cini, 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*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at OLMC at the following times:

† Fridays of Lent after 9.15am Mass.

† Fridays of Lent at 7.30pm.

† Wednesday 25/3/21 after 9.00am Mass. Stations will be prayed in Maltese.

Fr Martinho wishes to thank all those parishioners who came to say goodbye. He was very appreciative of the gifts and well wishes of so many parishioners he has come to know and feel so close to during his time here. Thankyou everyone for enriching his experience at Wentworthville. I'm sure he will pay us a visit from time to time.



- Fr Denis Andrew O Carm

Feast Days this Week

Monday: St David of Wales

Tuesday: St Agnes of Bohemia

Wednesday: *St Katharine Drexel

Thursday: St Casimir

Friday: St Joseph of the Cross

Saturday: St Mary Ann of the Cross

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent



Other Intentions

Thanksgiving: In Honour of the Infant Jesus

Special Intentions: Rosie Warwar (Birthday), Giuseppina & Rinaldo Ionico (50th Wedding Anniversary)