

Carmel

John 12: 20 - 33



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

5th Sunday of Lent Yr B

EAST TIMOR RAFFLE - LAST WEEKEND!

This really is the last weekend to get your Raffle tickets. There are 9 prizes (lots of chocolate involved). Prizes on display in the parish centre. Tickets \$2.00 each or a book of 6 for \$10.00. Prizes will be drawn this coming Thursday and will be available for collection from the Priory. The funds raised help young East Timorese students complete tertiary studies. Thank you for your generosity.

- Sr Margaret Harrison rsm (East Timor Committee)

MONEY MATTERS:

Envelopes: \$ 1,347
Loose: \$ 361
Tap and Go: \$ 520
Direct Debit: \$ 500
TOTAL: \$ 2,728



WEEKLY TARGET: \$4,000

NOTE: Banking details for direct contributions, 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.

Easter Timetable

HOLY THURSDAY	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:30pm
GOOD FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross	9:00am
	Sacrament of Reconciliation	9:30am
	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	3:00pm
HOLY SATURDAY	The Easter Vigil Mass	7:30pm
EASTER SUNDAY	Easter Sunday Masses	8:00am & 10:00am

**Please note that the usual morning Masses ARE NOT celebrated on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday and there is NO evening Mass on Easter Sunday

Quotable Quotes:

- *New beginnings are often disguised as painful endings.* - Lao Tzu
- *If it doesn't open, it's not your door!*
- *When it is all finished, you will discover it was never random.*
- *The older I get the surer I am that I'm not running the show!*

Please remember those who are in ill health, especially: Czeslawa Godfrey, 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.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2021

Parents, if you would like your child to celebrate their Confirmation and/or first sacrament of Reconciliation, please visit **our parish** website for the **online application**. We are pleased that the process is underway, and that we've had a great response so far. The first sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered later on in the year. If you applied for any of these sacraments last year and they were postponed due to COVID, you need not apply again. For further information, email Paola Yévenes at paola.olmc@gmail.com.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTERS!

READERS & COMMENTATORS: 27th & 28th March 2021

MASS TIME	READER	COMMENTATOR
Saturday 6.00pm	1 Janine Hanna	Trish Maldigri
	2 Bob Hanna	
	3 Judy Barden	
Sunday 8.00am	1 David Rodrigues	Cecilia Cotter
	2 Michelle Rodrigues	
	3 Carmel Hetherington	
Sunday 10.00am	1 Carmel Gauci	Clyde Fernandes
	2 Moira Peter	
	3 Jay Dass	
Sunday 6.00pm	1 Colleen Fuller	Carmel Ruddy
	2 Mark Attwood	
	3 Pam Colman	

'IT'S ABOUT SERVING GOD'



Today's Gospel tells us that the time of the passion and death of Jesus is close at hand, and this is on Jesus' mind. We are told that Jesus was troubled. When Philip and Andrew tell Jesus that some Greeks, that is, non-Jews, want to see him, probably because he was famous, they are clearly welcomed, but Jesus seems not to answer their request. In fact, he answers by addressing both his disciples and the Greeks by saying what it really means to seek to follow him by using the parable of the grain of wheat.

The parable is clear, that the grain of wheat must be buried in the ground, die, and break open for it to produce fruit. Jesus is applying this parable to himself but also to all who seek to follow him. It is by his death that Jesus reveals the extent of his love for all of humanity, and tells us that he came into the world for this.

Jesus then goes on to tell his disciples and us, that those who wish to follow him must go where he goes, and that anyone who tries to keep his life will lose it, whereas anyone who gives his life for others, will keep it for all eternity. Jesus says that this is why he came into the world, to give his life out of love for others. By telling us all *about* losing and keeping life, he is telling us, his disciples, that we too have come into this world to give our lives out of love for others. It is, therefore, not about working towards "my salvation," nor is it about observances, nor about fame, riches, titles, and success, which are all an illusion, and which will all soon perish but about serving God and others till we breathe our last breath.

- Fr Anthony Scerri O Carm



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

PALM SUNDAY Yr B

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4—7

2nd Reading: Phillipians 2: 6—11

Gospel: Mark 15: 1—39

PONTIFICAL HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection will be held on Friday 2/4/21 around Australia. The collection will continue to support the works of the Holy Land Custody through the generosity of the Australian Church. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus in the face of great odds.

In Loving Memory

Recently Deceased: Clark Jerome, Andrew & Santano Sequiera, Pauline Attard, Fr Michael O'Callaghan, Margaret Essey, Eric Moore, Dulcie Cotter, Steven Nassu

Anniversaries & Memorials: Galpin, Davis & Lambert Families, Stella Galea, Joyce Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary, Frank & Doreen Camilleri, Joe Vella Rose Titman, Sonia Spittle, Jessie McManus, Barbara & Bill Pencak, Theresa Borg, Mary & Joseph Mangion, John & Dora Calleja, Joseph Calleja, D'Souza & Khot Families, Sr Sophie Dias, Louis & Mary Vella, Emanuel, Mary & John Sultana, 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: In Honour of St Anthony, In Honour of the Infant Jesus

Special Intentions: Cathy Bentley (Birthday), Tuyau Family & Friends especially Madelyn-Rose & Kaitelyn

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Please give generously. Envelopes are in the Narthex.

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, we invite you to bring your own cutting, **from any tree or plant**, to use as we commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. If you could bring a few extras (pre-cut) for people who don't have any we would be very grateful. As always, there will be baskets in the parish centre before Mass where you can drop off or collect cuttings.



- POSITIONS VACANT -

- Diocese of Parramatta Receptionist – Bethany Centre, Parramatta
- Graphic Designer – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 28 March**
- Digital Content Creator – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 28 March**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Feast Days this Week

Monday: St Paul of Norbonne, St Nicholas Owen

Tuesday: St Turibius of Mogrovejo

Wednesday: St Catherine of Sweden

Thursday: Annunciation of the Lord

Friday: *St Catherine of Genoa

Saturday: Lazarus

Sunday: PALM SUNDAY

