

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



Easter Sunday



This week Fr Peter Williams, Vicar General wrote to all parishes regarding the current position with Covid. Here is the gist of his message.

Parishioners who have been in the affected areas of Greater Brisbane since 20 March (Ipswich, Logan, Redlands, Moreton Bay and Brisbane Council Areas) should not attend religious services in person, in line with the current stay-at home requirements. Parishioners should also consider their movements and whether they have been in any direct contact with people who may be visiting from those aforementioned areas during this period.

Wearing of face masks at places of worship continues to be strongly recommended by NSW Health, especially indoors and when social distancing is not possible. For those not able to attend services in person, the Diocese of Parramatta will be live streaming Masses and liturgies during Holy Week. This includes the Chrism Mass, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday, Easter Vigil Mass, and Easter Sunday Mass. These services can be viewed at: www.youtube.com/user/ParramattaDiocese.

PLEASE NOTE: *If you have a QR Code you are encouraged to use it on entering and leaving the church. This avoids a lot of paperwork and time in preparation of lists for parishioners to check in.*

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL is for fundamental rights. He asks we pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even for democracies in crisis

Please remember those who are in ill health, especially: Mary Spiteri, 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.

MONEY MATTERS:

Envelopes: \$ 1,553
Loose: \$ 617
Tap and Go: \$ 800
Direct Debit: \$ 400
TOTAL: \$ 3,370



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.**

Dear Fellow Parishioners

Thank you to everyone who participated in and contributed to our Holy Week and Easter Sunday celebrations. The Easter Sunday gospel relates the shock and surprise of the disciples and the followers of Jesus when they discovered Jesus had risen from the dead. May we be similarly surprised and delighted when we discover the life of the risen Jesus in us and in our world. Happy Easter!

- Fr Denis Andrew and the Parish Team

*Have a Happy
 and
 Blessed Easter!*

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTERS!

READERS & COMMENTATORS: 10th & 11th April 2021

MASS TIME	READER	COMMENTATOR
Saturday 6.00pm	Judy Barden	Trish Maldigri
Sunday 8.00am	Jeanne Mendis	Joshua Angelo
Sunday 10.00am	Marina Peter	Basli Sathi
Sunday 6.00pm	Carmel Ruddy	Mark Attwood

Hope in the Resurrection



What were you doing one year ago?

Last year, my family were all out of work. We had no idea what the future would hold, we were calculating our superannuation and debts, wondering how far we could stretch the little savings we had. We were uncertain and frightened; we had no idea what the next few months - let-alone the next few years - would look like. We were concerned about our health and safety, and those of our friends and family. Every aspect of our life was altered and, in many ways, has not returned to its assumed course.

This year, we appear to be a completely different family. Half of us have new jobs, new friends, new addresses and new lives. So much has changed over the past year, and - for better or worse - we will never return to how it was pre-COVID.

But, despite COVID's best efforts to proliferate, despite the uncertainty and fear, and the unpredictable nature of this pandemic, we still hope. We still endure, we still rise every morning and go about our business. We still make plans, we still pay our bills, we still reach out to friends and family and we still look forward to a time when this will all be over. For most people, this is an ordinary part of this new existence. But for those who hear the good news of Christ's resurrection, I think that today reminds us that there is a deeper, fuller and richer hope in the future; that we are not lost or broken. We have faith, we have hope and we have our Father's eternal love to comfort us even through the darkest of nights.

Happy Easter!

- Paola Yévenes

BISHOP VINCENT'S PASTORAL LETTER ON HOLY WEEK

Bishop Vincent has released a pastoral letter to the people of Parramatta on the coronavirus and Holy Week 2021. The letter is available at: shorturl.at/flvQ4

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

2nd Sunday of Easter Yr B

1st Reading: Acts 4: 32—35

2nd Reading: I John 5: 1—6

Gospel: John 20: 19—31



In Loving Memory

Recently Deceased: Melania Cassar (Malta), Rejienamma Seshayyan, Joe Paulo, Robert Thompson, Sebastian Pennisi, Carol Moses, Clark Jerome, Andrew & Santano Sequiera, Pauline Attard, Fr Michael O'Callaghan, Stella Galea

Anniversaries & Memorials: *Sinfarosa Dias, Cyril & Julia Almeida, Jennifer Edwards, Joseph & Josephine Vassallo, Salvo Zarb, Madaline Borg, Pasqa Rosen, Matthew Borg, Regina & John Miranda, Louis D'Souza, Theresa & Augustine Miranda, Teresa Zammit, Teresina Cassar, Margaret Hatton, 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*

PRAYER COMPANION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN

Are you searching for God's Will in your life? The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are offering a prayer companion program beginning Friday 23/4/21 at 7pm. You can request a sister to pray for you every day through the intercession of their Mother Foundress. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or vocationscsfn@gmail.com

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK PILGRIMAGE 2021

On Good Friday night some 450 young people did a Pilgrimage walk from St Patrick's Blacktown to the Cathedral in Parramatta.

Leaving Blacktown at 10pm they stopped at Seven Hills and Toongabbie before reaching our church, Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Wentworthville at 3am.

Because of COVID restrictions they did their 30 minute prayer reflection service in the school grounds rather than in the church.

At 3:30am they headed down Bennett Street for the Great Western Highway visiting Sacred Heart church before continuing on to reach the Cathedral at 10am.

An inspirational witness to our faith by the young people of Western Sydney!
- Fr Denis Andrew O Carm (Parish Priest)

Feast Days this Week

Monday: *St Vincent Ferrer

Tuesday St Crescentia Höss

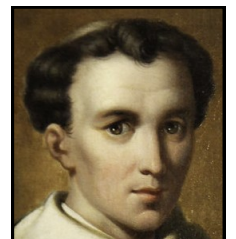
Wednesday: St John Baptist de la Salle

Thursday: St Perpetuus

Friday: St Casilda of Toledo

Saturday: St Magdalen of Canossa

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter



Other Intentions

Thanksgiving: In Honour of St Jude; In Honour of St Anthony

Special Intentions: Dias Family, Noel Hatton