



**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 12 February 2023



Reflection

Matt 5:17-37

Let your light shine

The Sermon on the Mount is the first public speech of Jesus to his disciples and to the crowd. In this speech he gives us the new law of the beatitudes, where he tells how we should behave towards this world; namely, to be poor in spirit, to be gentle, merciful, peacemakers, pure in heart, and rejoice when we are persecuted. That was the Gospel of two Sundays ago. In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus continues to assure us that if we follow the beatitudes we shall be salt of the earth and light of the world, in other words, we shall be good disciples and good apostles of the Good News.

This Sunday is a continuation of the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus points out that he has come to complete the Old Testament, not to abolish it. What does to complete mean in this context? It means that Jesus points out where the Old Testament is inadequate and that he brings a deeper meaning to our life as children of God.

If at first Jesus gave us the new law of how to behave, in today's Gospel he gives us a deeper meaning to our moral and spiritual life. "If your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven." What is this deeper meaning? Jesus gives several examples. "You have heard how it was said to our ancestors, "You must not kill...But I say this to you, if anyone is angry with his brother, he will answer for it before the court." This and other examples that Jesus uses, tell us

that we must practise virtue at the deepest level, and not be satisfied with a superficial level like the scribes and Pharisees. He tells us to be honest with ourselves and with others. If you mean "Yes" say yes if you mean "No" say no.

Fr. Anthony Scerri O.Carm

Parish News

This week we welcome back all the families who have started school, as well as all teaching and school staff. May you all have a great year, and we look forward to sharing lots of wonderful occasions with you.

Last week, I was at camp with the Year 6 students and teachers, and I was delighted to see what great leaders our school staff is producing and supporting.

Fr. Januario Pinto O.Carm
Parish Priest

Office days and times

Please note that the new parish office is now open:
Monday to Thursday, 8:30am to 4:30pm
The parish office is not open on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

Parish Safeguarding

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, together with the Diocese of Parramatta and the Carmelite Friars, are committed to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults in our care and ensuring that they feel and are safe.

STANDARD FIVE: People working with children are suitable and supported.

What does this mean? Child safe organisations make sure child safety is prioritised when they are selecting and managing staff. (From [Office of the Children's Guardian](#))

What does this look like? Job descriptions and duty statements set clear expectations about child safety and describe the organisation's commitment to child safety. This includes documenting Working With Children Checks, job interviews, reference checks, training, induction, supervision and performance reviews.

Questions to discuss with your child/ren: Do you feel safe with the adult staff and volunteers? Do you feel they care for you? Can you trust the adults on the parish staff and volunteers?

You can learn more about Safeguarding on the [Parramatta Diocese website](#), from the [Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd \(ACSL\) website](#), or by contacting the parish ocarms@tpg.com.au.

For further information, please contact any of our parish staff or our Safeguarding Officer, Moira Peter, at ocarms@tpg.com.au where your enquiry will be treated with respect, belief and confidentiality.

Return your old branches

Ash Wednesday is coming soon, so it is time to bring in your branches from Palm Sunday last year. The branches are burnt to make the ashes that are used at our Ash Wednesday Masses. Please leave your branches in the basket in the parish centre next weekend.

Parish Sacramental Process

The Parish Sacramental Process for 2023 is now available for enrolments.

Parents, if your child has been baptised in a Catholic church, and you feel that you are able to continue assisting them with this process, you are invited to apply via [our parish website](#).

Children from Year 3 and up, may be able to prepare for their first sacrament of RECONCILIATION. Celebration dates are at 7pm on 24 & 25 July.

Children from Year 4 and up, may be able to prepare for their first sacrament of RECONCILIATION, and celebrate their first sacrament of HOLY COMMUNION. Celebration dates are at 11am on 21 & 28 October.

Children from Year 5 and up, may be able to prepare for their first sacrament of RECONCILIATION, and celebrate their first sacrament of HOLY COMMUNION, as well as their sacrament of CONFIRMATION. Celebration date is at 6pm on 27 May.

Dates, details and application form for each sacrament can be found on our parish website.

For further information, please email Paola Yévenes at ocarms@tpg.com.au (please note that email address paola.olmc@gmail.com is no longer available)

Employment opportunity

The Carmelite Fathers at Wentworthville are looking for a cook for Monday and Tuesday lunch.

This is a paid, casual position, with about three hours work each day.

The cook would have full access to the priory kitchen including all equipment, crockery, cleaning equipment, etc. Lunch is served at 12:30pm, and would suit someone who is looking for some work during school hours.

They would be cooking for about five people on most days, but there may be a few more visitors from time-to-time.

The cook would need to purchase all ingredients, and the cost would be reimbursed in full to them.

For further enquiries please email ocarms@tpg.com.au

St Vincent de Paul Society

Last week, we wrongly printed that parishioners had donated \$700 worth of Christmas cards, but they have actually donated that much in gift cards. Apologies for the confusion. Please know that your donations were greatly appreciated and you made many people very happy.

Volunteers needed

Several ministries are in need of volunteers:

Altar Servers are needed for 8am Sunday Mass

Church Cleaners are needed after 9am Mass every second Thursday. Next cleaning day is Thursday 23 February.

Readers and Commentators are needed for 6pm Saturday and Sunday Masses.

Wardens are needed for the 6pm Sunday Mass.

If you can assist in any of these ministries, please contact the parish office and we will put you in contact with the coordinator.

Funeral Notice

A memorial service for the late Michael Attard will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday 23 February. Michael died in Malta last week, and his family will celebrate his life on that night.

The funeral for the late Joyce 'Noelene' Lennon will be held at 10:30am on Friday 24 February. Noelene was wife to our dear long-time parishioner and friend, Clieve, and mother to Stephen and Michelle.

Carmel bulletin online

Would you like to receive the Carmel bulletin via email? You will receive it before the weekend, and you will be helping us to reduce paper consumption. If so, please [register your interest via our website](#).

Carmel Bulletin advertising

We will once again be including advertising from local businesses in our Carmel Bulletin from the beginning of the new financial year, 1 July 2023.

If you are a local business and would like to advertise with us for a fee, please contact the parish office before 1 May 2023.

Coming events

16 February	SVdP meet in Parish Centre at 10am
17 February	OLMC Opening School Mass at 10:15am
22 February	Ash Wednesday Masses at 9am and 7:30pm
23 February	Church cleaning after 9am Mass
24 February	Stations of the Cross on after 9am Mass and at 7:30pm
15 March	Taizé Prayer Service
29 March	Penitential Service

Rosters for 18 and 19 February 2023

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Vigil	Reader Commentator Communion	Nelissa Almeida Trish Maldigri Ann Zahra
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	Coretta Dias Isabella Dias Cat Paulo (to Assembly) Roslyn Khattar
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Moira Peter Shayna Peter Sebastian (to Assembly) Mary Vijila
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Mark Attwood Carmel Ruddy Fran Sharpe

Thank you for your generosity

Last Week's Donations to the Parish: \$3597

Envelopes (cash):	\$855
Envelopes (cards):	\$300
Loose cash:	\$942
Tap and Go:	\$600
Online donations:	\$900

Weekly target: \$4000

Banking details for direct contributions are:

BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 00602

Account Name: Wentworthville Catholic Church.

So that we can acknowledge your generosity, please put your name first and 'donation' if there is room.

Please pray for

Those who are sick, especially Rohit Singh, Natalie Bailey, Yolanda Gonzales, Edwin Macwan, Sharon Dolan, Charlie Micallef, Sienna Calandruccio

Those who have died recently, especially Robbins David, Noelene Lennon, Mary 'Lina' Farrugia, Mo Chinh, Leticia Gonzales de Patino, Lai Chi Victoire, Charlie Zammit, Josephine Grech, Bernard Hope, Robert Bodilly, Anna Parella, Peter Patel, Ngoc Chan Tran.

Our special intentions, especially the Victims of the war in Ukraine, and those affected by the earthquake in Türkiye.

Diocesan News

Lenten Scripture Reflection Night

Looking for a Scripture reflection session on the season of Lent? You and your key contacts are most welcome to attend the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Scripture Reflection Night with Dr Laurie Woods. Tuesday 21 February – 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/lent2023>

Local events

Prospect Electorate Candidate Forum

In the lead up to the NSW Election in March, Wentworthville Anglican Church is hosting a Candidate's Forum for the Prospect Electorate to give local Christians the opportunity to hear from the candidates on issues they may care about (eg, religious freedom, SRE, etc). The event will be at 7:30pm at St Paul's Anglican Church, cnr Garfield & Pritchard Sts, Wentworthville and will also be live-streamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@WentyAnglican>

Carmelite Retreat Program 2023

This year's Discalced Carmelites Retreat Program is now available via their website mtcarmel.com.au. For further information please pick up a brochure in our parish centre.

Next week's readings

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18

Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23

Gospel: Mt 5:38-48



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in the care of the Carmelite Friars

Parish Priest: Fr. Januario Pinto O.Carm

Assistant Priest: Fr. Christian Marave O.Carm

In Community: Fr. Anthony Scerri O.Carm,
Fr. Paul Gurr O.Carm,

Fr. Wayne Stanhope O.Carm (at Jamberoo),

Fr. John Powell O.Carm (in Aged Care)

Parish Secretary: Paola Yévenes

Accounts: Genevieve Cosgrove

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Online at www.olmcwenty.org.au

On [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) @olmcwenty

Email ocarms@tpg.com.au

Parish Office

Open Monday to Thursday, 8:30am to 4:30pm

Parish Office is closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Phone 9631 8302

Liturgy times

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm

Weekday Masses

Monday - Thursday and Saturday: 9am

Friday: 9:15am

Reconciliation

Saturday: after the 9am Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday: 8am

Rosary Group

Monday - Friday: 8am

Saturday: after the 9am Mass

Baptisms, Wedding and Funerals

On request

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School

Principal: Olimpia Pirovic

Phone 8832 1100

We acknowledge the Darug people as the original custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.