



**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 19 February 2023

**He causes the sun to shine on
the bad as well as the good**
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reflection

Matt 5:38-48

Love your enemies

Today's Gospel is still part of the Sermon on the Mount, the first long speech that Jesus addresses to his disciples and to the crowd. In this speech Jesus first tells us whom he wants us to be as his disciples by giving us the beatitudes, which set out the new law that complete the old law and lead us to understand that we must be poor in spirit, gentle, merciful, thirsty for justice pure in heart, and joyful even when persecuted. These are all values that are contrary to those of the world of greed, force, vengefulness, corruption, and full of hatred and sadness. Jesus is asking us to be like him and like the Father, salt of the earth and light to the world. The beatitudes are to be our identity.

Then Jesus goes on to tell us how to behave, that is, not only must we not kill, but if we call our brother or sister "fool", we are not worthy to call ourselves children of God; or not only must we not commit adultery, but if we look at another person lustfully, we are not worthy to be called children of God.

In today's Gospel Jesus commands "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who persecute you". He also tells us not to resist violence against us. This is the journey that Jesus wants us to walk. He is saying to us that we as his disciples must go beyond the way that the world is and behaves usually.

All of these things that Jesus is telling us to be and to do are summed in the last line of this Gospel, "Therefore, be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Can we be perfect? Probably not. Yet we are to strive for perfection every day of our lives.

Fr. Anthony Scerri O.Carm

Parish News

Our Primary School teachers have taken some of the students for tours of the church, familiarising the children with the building, functions of the objects, and guiding them in how to attend Mass.

For those inquiring, Fr John Powell is doing quite well in his unit at Cardinal Gilroy Village, Merrylands.

You may have noticed a definite change in the music for the 8am and 6pm Masses on Sunday. Fr Paul Gurr has offered to play the piano and lead the singing at these Masses as often as he can. So we thank him for sharing his talent of live music with our parish.

And, finally, from Monday of this week, our email address will change to ocarmswenty@gmail.com. This has come about because we needed a simple platform where we could more easily share online documents as well as a calendar amongst the parish staff. For the meantime, though, you can still use the old email address, and your email will be forwarded to our new email address.

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.

Your assistance is needed!

Can you help us set up for Ash Wednesday? We are preparing the church after 9:00 am Mass this Tuesday 21 February. If you can spare up to half an hour after Mass, your help with packing things away and setting up for Ash Wednesday would be greatly appreciated. Just see Paola after Mass on Tuesday.

We're looking for ministers to serve during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. If you are a minister on our mailing list, please keep an eye out for emails inviting you to serve - one was sent out this past week for Ash Wednesday. If you didn't receive an email, please check your spam folder. Setting your email so that it doesn't send emails from litcomwenty@gmail.com to spam will help you avoid missing out on important information and opportunities to serve.

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 SIX: Processes to respond to complaints of child abuse (or other concerns) are child-focused

What does this mean? Children, families and staff know who to tell if they want to make a complaint of child abuse, and complaints are addressed promptly, thoroughly and fairly. (From *Office of the Children's Guardian*)

What does this look like? Children are the priority when responding to complaints of abuse. The parish clearly advertises the process to make complaints, addresses each complaint seriously, and responds promptly.

Questions to discuss with your child/ren: Do you know who to talk to if you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or unhappy? Do you know that you will be taken seriously, you will not get in trouble and that appropriate action will be taken?

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 ocarmswenty@gmail.com where your enquiry will be treated with respect, belief and confidentiality.

Playgroup resumes

Great news for parents of preschool-aged children, Playgroup has resumed on Mondays from 9:30am to 11:30am. Playgroup is a great community resource for children as they learn through play, and for parents who want to make connections with other parents from the local community. Mums, dads and grandparents are warmly welcome. For further information, please phone Tippy D'Souza on 0412 846 225.

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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](#).

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

For further information, please email Paola Yévenes at ocarmswenty@gmail.com (*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 ocarmswenty@gmail.com

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 Notices

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 Steven and Michelle.

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.

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 Soewanto Tio, 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 Charlie Chetcuti, the Victims of the war in Ukraine, and those affected by the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria.

Around the Diocese

A Mass for Syria and Türkiye

Fr Chadi Ibrahim, sdb, who is a native of Aleppo, Syria, will be celebrating a special Mass for earthquake victims of Syria and Türkiye at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5:30pm on Friday 17th February.

He invites all to join him to pray for the people of Türkiye and Syria.

Rosters for 25 and 26 February 2023

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Vigil	Reader Commentator Communion	Angela Carlino Anne-Marie Torrens Charlie Felice
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	David Rodrigues Michelle Rodrigues Cecilia Cotter (to Assembly) Eric Dias
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Elaine Gutierrez Basli Sathi Marina Peter (to Assembly) Sebastien
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Carmel Ruddy Mark Attwood Jovan Titus

Thank you for your generosity

Last Week's Donations to the Parish: \$3341

Envelopes (cash):	\$985
Envelopes (cards):	\$130
Loose cash:	\$690
Tap and Go:	\$760
Online donations:	\$776

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.

Coming events

22 February	Ash Wednesday Masses at 9am and 7:30pm Ash Wednesday School Mass 11:45am
23 February	Church cleaning after 9am Mass
24 February	Stations of the Cross after 9am Mass and at 7:30pm
2 March	SVdP meet in Parish Centre at 10am
15 March	Taizé Prayer Service
29 March	Penitential Service

Next week's readings

First Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Second Reading: Rom 5:12-19

Gospel: Mt 4:1-11



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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
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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.