



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 26 February 2023



Reflection

Matt 4:1-11

Temptation

All of us struggle with temptation from time to time. Sometimes we are more vulnerable to temptation than others. People can try to exploit that vulnerability for their own gain – how quickly in recent years have our favourite sporting events become awash with betting advertising, for example? Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus, being fully human and fully divine, knows that challenge as we do.

Even those of us who think we're pretty good at self-control can succumb. The *Confiteor* we pray at Mass reminds us that we can be tempted both to do, and *fail* to do. We can be tempted to walk past the homeless in the street without a thought, to accept the narrative that paints genuine refugees as "illegal immigrants", or stay silent when we hear others say things that we know are offensive or discriminatory.

Temptations can sometimes feel like a good thing. Consciously or otherwise, they can allow us to escape from things that we find challenging or confronting. Yet deep down, we know the 'escape' they bring is a fleeting, false hope. Lent challenges us to step out of the darkness that temptation brings and seek the light of Christ, that calls us to be our best selves and to bring the fullness of life to others.

As with Jesus, moments of vulnerability can expose us to temptation. Does our faith help us to stand firm?

- Robert Barden, Liturgy Coordinator

Parish News

Our Primary School celebrated two wonderful Masses recently. The first was the Mass for the Opening of the School Year. At this Mass, our young school and sports leaders were commissioned with the Sacred Chrism and sent forth to serve with compassion, dignity and justice.

The school Ash Wednesday Mass was well attended by students and families. Thank you to all the parents who are teaching their children how to attend Mass through their own respectful and reverent example.

Thank you to all who have added our new email address ocarmswenty@gmail.com to their contacts. We realise that this transition may take some time to get used to, but we will still keep our old email address for the meantime.

Fr. Januario Pinto O.Carm
Parish Priest

Can you help at our Easter Triduum celebrations?

If you are on our email list as a liturgical minister, you should have received an email on Thursday evening inviting you to serve at our Easter Triduum celebrations. If you did not see it, please double-check your email spam folder.

We need volunteers for a range of roles, including liturgical ministries and setting up the church at different times for celebrations. If you would like to help, visit olmcwentyliturgy.org/triduum-volunteers and sign up now. If you do not have an email address but still want to help, please call the parish office.

Music for our Easter Triduum Celebrations

Choir practice for the Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Liturgy and Easter Vigil Mass will begin this Monday 27 February at 7:15 pm in the church. If you would like to assist with leading our community's sung prayer at these celebrations, then please come along. For more information, contact Robert at olmcwentyliturgy.org/contact.

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 SEVEN: A child-safe organisation promotes continuous learning and regular ongoing education and training. Staff continually build their abilities to keep children safe.

What does this mean? Staff are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe, through continual education and training. (From *Office of the Children's Guardian*)

What does this look like? Staff are provided with training on the nature and indicators of child maltreatment, particularly abuse that occurs in an organisation.

Questions to discuss with your child/ren: Do you feel that the parish staff know how to keep you safe? Did you know that the staff are taught how to behave around you? Do you think the adults in the parish notice when you feel sad?

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 11am. 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, and we ask for a gold coin donation each day you attend. Tea, coffee and cookies are available for parents and children, but donations are always welcome. For further information, please phone Tippy D'Souza on 0412 846 225.

Carmel bulletin online

Would you like to receive the Carmel bulletin via email? You will receive it before the weekend, you can click on the links, 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.

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).

Volunteers still 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.

Rosters for 4 and 5 March 2023

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Vigil	Reader Commentator Communion	Janine Hanna Bob Hanna Caz Learmonth
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	Nell Jasiak Jeremy Angelo Michelle Rodrigues (Assembly) Colleen Weatherall
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Youth Ministers Youth Ministers Skip Fernandes (Assembly) Sebastian
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Bimy Baby Isa Urbano Kim Vu

Thank you for your generosity

Last Week's Donations to the Parish: \$3322

Envelopes (cash):	\$875
Envelopes (cards):	\$150
Loose cash:	\$947
Tap and Go:	\$720
Online donations:	\$630

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

2 March	SVdP meet in Parish Centre at 10am
3 March	Stations of the Cross at 9:30am and 7:30pm
15 March	Taizé Prayer Service
29 March	Penitential Service

Project Compassion



We begin our annual Lenten Project Compassion journey by learning about Laxmi, a 16-year-old girl living in a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was ten and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and, after losing him, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school. She developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

Support Project Compassion today:

www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Watch Laxmi's story here:

www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/laxmi-story-video

Next week's readings

Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading: Gen 12:1-4

Second Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

Please pray for

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

Those who have died recently, especially Rhonda Parnis, Thu Tran, Yu Lo Mai Ling, Soewanto Tio, Robbins David, Noelene Lennon, Mary 'Lina' Farrugia, Mo Chinh, Leticia Gonzales de Patino, Lai Chi Victoire, Charlie Zammit, Josephine Grech, Bernard Hope.

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

24 hours for the Lord at Schoenstatt, Mulgoa

Come and spend some time with Our Lord and Our Lady in the Schoenstatt Shrine: Friday 17 March 6pm Mass, then Reconciliation 7:15 – 10.00pm. On Saturday Reconciliation 10am - 12pm, and 3pm - 4.45pm with a Vigil Mass at 5pm. The Shrine will be welcoming people for prayer for the full 24 Hours. Groups to lead prayer are welcome. Contact paulandramani@gmail.com

World Day of Prayer

The first Friday in March is World Day of Prayer. Christian Churches around the world will gather to pray for peace, love and understanding. This year's theme is *I have heard about your faith* (Eph 1:15-19)

To find out which churches are celebrating this day, please visit worlddayofprayer.org.



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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

Connect with us

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.