



**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 26 March 2023



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Reflection

Jn 11:1-45

Glory

Jesus never performed miracles, or “signs” as they are described in the Gospel of John, for the sake of it. They always resulted from, and strengthened peoples’ faith. Take, for example, Mary’s faith in her son at Cana, the centurion’s faith that Jesus could heal his daughter without entering under his roof, the woman who believed she needed to only touch Jesus’ cloak in order to be healed of a haemorrhage, or Martha and Mary’s faith in Jesus the Christ, the Son of God.

In addition, Jesus’ miracles always served a purpose beyond the acts themselves - to reveal the glory of God. They tore through the darkness of suffering, inequality, discrimination and evil to bring light and announce the coming of a new reign. This would be a reign of love, justice and peace.

The work of bringing this reign to its fullness, however, is yet to be completed. The many examples we have brought to mind recently - addiction, exploitation, prejudice, ignorance, violence, discrimination, unhealthy relationships and self-image, and abuse - remind us that there is still the potential for darkness and evil to reign in our world.

When Jesus taught us to pray, he taught us to ask that God’s kingdom come, and that God’s will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. At the end of Mass, each of us is called to “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.” As people of faith and dwelling places of the Holy Spirit, our task, in even our

smallest words and actions, is to show those we encounter that we will not let death and darkness overcome.

Through the raising of Lazarus, we see the glory of God. Do our lives reveal the glory of God to others?

- Robert Barden, Liturgy Coordinator

Parish News

Piano organ update

Sincere thank you for your OVERWHELMING response to our appeal for a new piano organ. Your generosity has exceeded our expectation and we can happily report that your donations will be used to purchase this beautiful new piano organ, and will also go to upgrading our speaker system.



One comment that kept coming up time and time again was how important live music is to you.

- Fr. Januario Pinto O.Carm

Welcome to our parish

Thank you to a dear parishioner for suggesting we publish the names of our youngest parishioners as they are welcomed into our community.

This week, we welcome with great joy, Violet Agrabio and Everly Azzopardi! Welcome also to their parents, Nitzchel & Alexander, as well as Steven & Shilan.

Can you help at our Easter Triduum celebrations?

We need volunteers for a range of roles, including liturgical ministries and setting up the church at different times for celebrations. You can sign up for roles that are still vacant in the parish centre this weekend, including volunteers needed for the Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday.

Out of fairness to all, and in recognition that the liturgy is celebrated by the whole Church, please only volunteer for a maximum of one liturgical ministry in each celebration. Thank you.

Palm Sunday

We're also looking for help with setting up the church on Saturday 1 April from 10am, and with the set up and guidance of the Palm Sunday procession at 10am Mass on 2 April. Please sign up now at olmcwentyliturgy.org/triduum-volunteers.

A poster for Easter Triduum Celebrations. It features a gold starburst icon in the top left. The text is white and gold on a dark background with a silhouette of a cross and a sunset. The text reads: "Easter Triduum Celebrations", "Join us as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus", "Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm, Night Prayer concludes adoration at 9:45 pm", "Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 9:00 am, Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:30 am, Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3:00 pm", "Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass 7:30 pm", "Easter Sunday: Masses at 8:00 am and 10:00 am".

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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](#).

Parish Sacramental Process

Parents, if you feel you would like to continue the sacramental journey you began when you celebrated your child's baptism, you are welcome to apply to the Parish Sacramental Process. Applications can be found on our [parish website](#).

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.

Over the past few months, we have all been learning about Safeguarding. This is what our Bishop, Vincent Long, has to say about it in his Statement of Commitment:

"The Diocese is committed to being a community of safeguarding. This means

we have zero tolerance of abuse in any form.

We promise to do everything we can so no child or other person in our care is harmed again.

As part of this, our job is to make sure everyone who works or acts for the Church understands and recognises the Standards as an integral part of their understanding of what it means to be engaged in the life of the Church".

You can learn more about Safeguarding on the [Parramatta Diocese website](#), from the [Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd \(ACSL\) website](#), by contacting any of our parish staff or our volunteer Safeguarding Officer, Moira Peter, at ocarmswenty@gmail.com where your enquiry will be treated with respect, belief and confidentiality.

Planned Giving envelopes

The last of the current Planned Giving envelopes finish on 26 March. We are hoping to have the new envelopes by next week. And we apologise for the inconvenience.

Volunteers needed

Several ministries are still need of volunteers:

Church cleaners are needed after 9am Mass every second Thursday. Next cleaning day is Thursday 6 April.

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word will need at least two parents who both hold current Working With Children Checks for each session.

Wardens are needed for the 6pm Mass on Sundays.

Please consider assisting with these ministries; each ministry is so vital to our parish community. For more information, please contact the parish office and we can put you in contact with the relevant organisers.

Youth volunteers needed for Palm Sunday 10am Mass

The Parish Youth Group require 4 volunteers to read for our Palm Sunday 10am Mass. We require the following:

- One person to read the First and Second readings;
- One person to Commentate;
- One person to read the Passion Narration; and
- One person to read the part of the crowds.

Volunteers between the ages of 15-32 years are welcome.

If you'd like to volunteer, please see Moira after the Sunday 10am Mass or contact the Parish office. Responses are required by Tuesday 28 March so arrangements can be made. **Practice will be held on Saturday 1 April at 10am** in the Church.

Coming events

27 March	Choir practice for Holy Week, 7:15pm-8:30pm
29 March	Lenten Penitential Service at 7:30pm
30 March	SVdP meeting at 10am
2 April	Daylight Savings ends (clocks go back one hour)
2 April	Palm Sunday
6 April	Church cleaning after 9am Mass

Rosters for 1 and 2 April 2023

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm Vigil	Reader P1 P2 Commentator Communion	Janine Hanna Bob Hanna Trish Maldigri Ancilla Shibu Charlie Felice
8am	Reader P1 P2 Commentator Communion	Cecelia Cotter Isabella Dias Nell Jasiak Coretta Dias Michelle Rodrigues (Assembly) Eric Dias
10am	Reader P1 & P2 Commentator Communion	YOUTH MINISTERS YOUTH MINISTERS YOUTH MINISTERS Skip Fernandes (Assembly) Marina Peter
6pm	Reader P1 P2 Commentator Communion	Nelissa Almeida Mark Attwood Carmel Ruddy Bimy Baby Fran Sharpe

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donations to the Parish: \$3501

Planned Giving envelopes: \$855

Loose cash: \$761

Envelopes (credit card): \$435

Tap & Go: \$695

Online donations: \$755

Weekly target: \$4000

If you are able to donate online, our banking details 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.

Parish office hours

Please remember that our parish office hours are Monday to Thursday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. And that *the parish office is closed on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.*

Next week's readings

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

First Reading: Is 50:4-7

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: Mt 26:14 – 27:66

Project Compassion



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the stories of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.

 Support Project Compassion today:
www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Diocesan Good Shepherd Appeal

This weekend, we are asked to donate to the Diocesan Good Shepherd Appeal; an annual request for us to financially support our 11 men being formed at the Holy Spirit Seminary.

As our Diocese grows, we need to prepare more seminarians for the priesthood. I invite you to support them through your prayers, by encouraging young men at home and in your parish or community to discern the call to the priesthood, and by your financial support – without which, our Seminary would not function.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv

Envelopes are provided in the Parish Centre, or you may like to [donate online](#).

Please pray for

Those who are sick, especially Annunziato 'Lindsay' Attard, Charlie Micallef, Bob Norman, Roseline Fernandez, Rohit Singh, Natalie Bailey, Yolanda Gonzales, Edwin Macwan, Sharon Dolan, Sienna Calandruccio

Those who have died recently, especially Febreece Fernandes, 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 Rina Matteo-Slaviero, Saliba Family, Giovanna Belcastro, Charlie Chetcuti, Joyce Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary & Frank Camilleri, Doreen Camilleri, Joseph Teuma, Louis Teuma, Joe & Maria Vella, Rosa Titan, Sonia Spittle, Jesse & Kevin McManus, the Victims of the war in Ukraine.



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in the care of the Carmelite Friars

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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

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 (Carmelite Prior),
Fr. Wayne Stanhope O.Carm (at Jamberoo),
Fr. John Powell O.Carm (in Aged Care)

Parish Secretary: Paola Yévenes

Accounts: Genevieve Cosgrove

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School

Principal: Olimpia Pirovic
Phone 8832 1100

Around the Diocese

Good Friday Walk

The traditional Good Friday Walk of young Catholics (aged between 14 and 35) once again begins at St Patrick's church in Blacktown and ends at Parramatta Cathedral at sunrise. This annual pilgrimage has been attended by the youth of Parramatta Diocese for more than ten years and, as is stated in their website:

To register your interest, read the Code of Conduct, or gather information as a parent, please visit the [Good Friday Walk website](#).

OLMC Parramatta Musical

You are warmly invited to join us for our College Musical, *The Little Mermaid* to be held over three nights in May. Come along before the show and enjoy dinner from a variety of food trucks available from 5.30pm.

Performance Dates: Thursday 18, Friday 19 & Saturday 20 May

Time: 7pm (food stalls from 5.30pm)

Venue: Edith Angel Hall (enter via Gate 7 Ross Street)

Parking: Free parking at Parramatta Leagues Club

Tickets: \$25 each. To purchase, visit olmc.nsw.edu.au

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

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