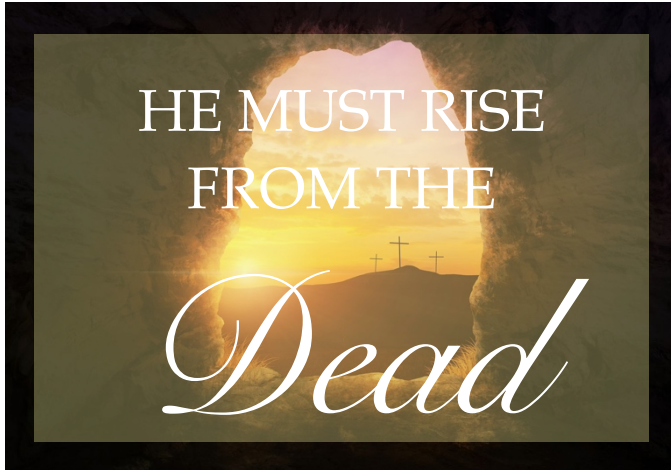




**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 9 April 2023



Reflection

Jn 20:1-9

This man God raised

What if Mary hadn't gone to the tomb that day? John tells us she got up in the darkness, the day after the Sabbath, as soon as religion allowed work to be done. She had waited with great longing for the end of Saturday, so that she could return to the burial place and anoint the body of the one she loved. When she arrived in that dark hour, she found the stone rolled away, and her fear propelled her into the presence of the disciples. Jesus' body was stolen!

Her report mobilised the guys, and so Easter came into being. But what if Mary had not returned to the site because of discouragement, fear, or sheer exhaustion? Would anyone have discovered the miracle? Often we reach the end of our own personal passion week, and never make it to the empty tomb. Lots of things conspire to keep us away. Love is the only reason to go forward, to find that the night is ended and a new world has dawned.

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Parish News

He is risen! Alleluia!

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making this Holy Week and Easter celebration so special.

As I'm very likely to unintentionally miss a name, I won't risk naming individuals, but it was through the efforts of many people that we were all able to share in the sorrow, the mystery and, ultimately, the excellent joy we all experienced these past couple of months and especially this past week. Thank you all!

Wishing you and your families a very happy and safe Easter. The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Fr. Januario Pinto, the Carmelite Fathers and the Parish Team

Carmelite on a Mission by Fr Anthony

After years of requests, Fr Anthony has published his reminiscences. In *Carmelite on a Mission*, Fr Anthony not-only recounts the great volume of his life's events and experiences, he shares his memories of people and places through the lens of kindness and humour, always mindful of our Father as friend and companion on his life's journey.

If you would like to purchase a copy of Fr Anthony's *Carmelite on a Mission*, [Carmelite Media](#) sells for AU\$21.90 which includes postage and handling. Or you can also purchase from [Apple Books](#) or [Amazon](#).

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](#).

If you applied a while ago, please check your spam/emails with confirmation about dates and resources. There are a number of resources that need to be collected from the Parish Office.

CONFIRMATION DATES

Applications close: Friday 5 May

Confirmation &

sponsor name due: Friday 5 May

Practice sessions: 3:30pm & 7pm Thursday 25 May

Celebration: 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 27 May

FIRST RECONCILIATION DATES

Applications close: Friday 14 July

Celebrations: 7pm on Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 July

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.

All Staff and Volunteers of the Diocese of Parramatta who work with children and adults at risk are required to complete Mandatory Safeguarding Training which focusses on protecting the most vulnerable in our communities.

[These modules can be found online](#) and you can complete them now. All those who work or volunteer at the parish must complete three of the compulsory gold icon modules. All leaders and supervisors must also complete two blue icon modules. And all clergy must complete the red icon module.

When you have successfully completed a module, please email the parish office with your certificate, and we can record this as part of your ongoing training.

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.

Mass intentions

At the beginning of the year, we had a complaint that we had published a name for a Mass intention without that person's consent. Since then, we have only published names with people's permission. It is not our intention to offend anyone by omitting or publishing names, and we apologise if this has caused confusion. If you would like names advertised or omitted, please let us know on the envelope or via our parish email ocarmswenty@gmail.com

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donations to the Parish: \$3190

Planned Giving envelopes:	\$ 830
Loose cash:	\$ 1120
Envelopes (credit card):	\$ 505
Tap & Go:	\$ 735

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.

Thanks to your donations, we have purchased our beautiful new organ for \$2700, and we will be using the remainder of the donations to upgrade our speakers, sound system and other items that we need around the church.

Good Friday collection

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. Envelopes for the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land are available in the Parish Centre.

Funeral Notice

A Requiem Mass for the late Paul Bezzina will be celebrated at OLMC at 1:30pm on Monday 17 April. Parishioners may remember him and his wife, Connie, as faithful members of our community for a number of years. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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.

Catholic Outlook

There are still copies of the Autumn edition of the Catholic Outlook in the Parish Centre. Please take a free issue home.

Would you like to subscribe to *The Catholic Weekly*?

The *Catholic Weekly* is a publication of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney and, while it's available as a free online resource, we would be interested in knowing how many parishioners would like to commit to purchasing it as a printed tabloid newspaper every week. If so, please email us at ocarmswenty@gmail.com

To receive the free postage, we would need to order a minimum of 20 copies at \$1.70 per week. If our parish orders less than this per week, we would need to pay a minimum of \$32 for postage each month. Our parish would receive the papers by Friday night.

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](#).

Planned Giving envelopes

Planned Giving envelopes are now available for you to collect from the Parish Centre. If you would like to donate to our parish via the Planned Giving envelopes, please phone or email the parish office.

Plenary Council outcomes

There are a couple of posters around the Parish Centre, informing us about some of the outcomes from the Plenary Council and listing the decrees awaiting Pope Francis' endorsement. For more information, please email met@parracatholic.org

Rosters for 15 and 16 April 2023

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader Commentator Communion	Vanessa D'Souza Nelissa Almeida Caz Learmonth (Assembly) May Pepin
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	Cat Paulo Joshua Angelo Colleen Weatherall (Assembly) Cat Paulo
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Fiona Bylsma Clyde Fernandes Moira Peter (Assembly) Sohad Mathews
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Ancilla Shibu Bimy Baby Jovan Titus

Please pray for

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

Those who have died recently, especially Paul Bezzina, Charlie Micallef, Vince Dalmas, Febreece Fernandes, Rhonda Parnis, Thu Tran, Yu Lo Mai Ling, Soewanto Tio, Robbins David, Noelene Lennon, Mary 'Lina' Farrugia, Mo Chinh.

Our special intentions, especially Thelma and Lawrence Blakeman, Lisa & Bernadette Tuyau, Joe, Nick & Michel Tuyau, Kaitelyn, Madeline-Rose & Levi Tuyau, Brigido Eway, 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.

Coming events

13 April SVdP meet in the Parish Centre at 10am

20 April Church cleaning after the 9am Mass

Next week's readings

2nd Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Second Reading: 1 Pet 1:3-9

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

Carmelite Centre, Melbourne

The Carmelite Centre in Melbourne offers a variety of online formation sessions via Zoom throughout the year. These Carmelite Conversations, meditation and prayer spaces are a wonderful opportunity to enrich your faith all for the price of a cup of coffee.

You would need to download the free Zoom app on your device, and then register for the event via [The Carmelite Centre website](#).

Some of what is on offer are the following:

11 April Prayer Meditation 5pm to 5:40pm (approx.)

19 April Spiritual Reading Group. Share a favourite passage.

5 May Thich Nhat Hanh and Christian/Carmelite Spirituality with presenter, Will Day.

Around the Diocese

Adult Faith Formation opportunities

Parramatta Diocese's [Mission Enhancement Team \(MET\)](#) invite you to consider a range of opportunities for you and/or your family to live and grow in your faith.

Of note are the following:

- How about a [Spirituality for Beginners](#) online course with Sr Patty Andrew?
- Or [10 Faith-filled Family Activities](#)?
- If you are 25 – 39 years old, you may be interested in [The Faith Feed](#), a series of live and recorded conversations with other Catholic Christians your age from our Diocese.
- And in the [Soul Food Podcast](#), parishioners from around the Western Sydney and Blue Mountains share their stories and experiences regarding their faith and life. Available through several podcast apps including Apple Podcast, Google Podcast and Spotify.

Diocesan Synod

Bishop Vincent has convoked the first Synod of the Diocese of Parramatta. All are invited to participate in local consultations and action in the lead up to the Synod. For more information, watch this space or visit the Parramatta Synodal website parracatholic.org/synod2023/

Position Vacant at Toongabbie

St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie is looking for a Secretary and Bookkeeper. This is a permanent part-time position with 30 hours per week worked over five days. Please forward applications and resumes to the Parish Secretary secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au by 18th April 2023. For more information, please phone 9631 3316.



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in the care of the Carmelite Friars

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Online at www.olmcwenty.org.au

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

Email ocarmswenty@gmail.com

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

Liturgy times

*For Holy Week and Easter Sunday celebrations, please visit
our website ocarmswenty.org.au*

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.*