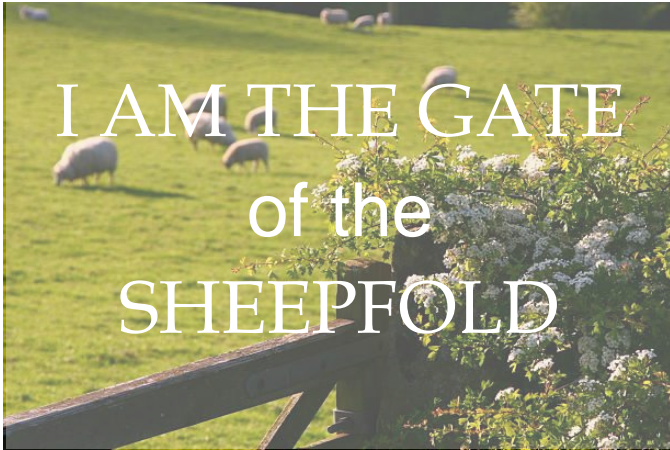




**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 30 April 2023



Reflection

Jn 10:1-10

Enter through me

Sitting on a plane, I listened to the flight attendant reviewing the usual procedures for emergency exits, something all of us hope we don't have to make. She was pointing out the doors, the floor lights, the flotation devices and all those instructions that frequent fliers have heard countless times. I tried to imagine myself remembering all these details in a crisis, and doubted that I could. Pull WHAT cord? Move in WHICH direction? Even in the best of times, my sense of direction is terrible.

How wonderful that, in the most significant sense of the word, we do not have to make our way to safety on our own. Jesus is the gate, the gatekeeper, and the shepherd. Our only task is to listen to the voice of the Beloved, and to follow where it leads. No harm can come to the one who lives this simple rule. The alternative is, of course, to try to hold all the details in our finite and imperfect hands.

**Into the world, we will go with God by our side.
Into all life, we will go with God on our way.
Into every future, we will go with God in every journey.
For God is waiting there for us, and we will meet God there.**

Amen.

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Parish News

Welcome to the Christian Community

This weekend, we welcome Paris to the community of the Faithful. We would also like to welcome her parents, Peter and Carly, and all their family to this wonderful occasion.

Carmelite on a Mission by Fr Anthony

Thank you to all who have enquired about purchasing Fr Anthony's reminiscences *Carmelite on a Mission*. Carmelite Media in the USA have assured me that their website will be up and running soon, and then I can place your orders. They apologise for the delay and explained that the gentleman who manages the website had gone away on holidays.

In the meantime, you may like to consider purchasing it in e-book format from [Apple Books](#) or [Amazon](#). You may also like to flick through a beautiful bespoke album in the Parish Centre which was donated by Gillian Pacheco, commemorating Fr Anthony's life. Please keep this album in the Parish Centre at all times.

Parish Sacramental Process

If you applied a while ago, please check your spam/emails with confirmation about dates and resources. There are a number of resources that still need to be collected from the Parish Office. Applications can be found on our [parish website](#).

Please note that **applications for the sacrament of Confirmation will close on Friday 5 May**. This is also the date that all Sponsor and Confirmation names are due.

Mother's Day roses for East Timor

After Mass this weekend and next weekend, the East Timor Committee will be selling cards for Mother's Day, which is on Sunday 14 May 2023. Each card costs \$5 and comes with a rose that will be placed on the altar in honour of your mother, grandmother, or any woman you would like to honour on Mother's Day.

If they are deceased, you can write a message on the card and place it in the basket on the table near the East Timor Committee noticeboard. This basket will also be placed on the altar on Mother's Day.

All profits from the sale of the roses will go towards providing scholarships for the students we are supporting in Zumalai and other rural communities throughout East Timor this year.

The last day to purchase cards will be on Sunday 7 May.

Coming events

- 3 May** Feast of Sts Philip and James (Apostles)
- 4 May** Church Cleaning after the 9am Mass
- 4 May** Liturgy Committee meeting in the Parish Centre at 7pm
- 5 May** Feast of St Angelus (Carmelite)
- 5 May** Confirmation applications close. Confirmation names and Sponsors due
- 9 May** Finance Committee meeting at 1:30pm in the Parish Centre

The 2023 East Timor Community Scholarships

40 students are receiving scholarships this year: 22 young women and 18 young men. These students are undertaking study at a range of levels: 7 at high school, 6 at a vocational training centre and 26 at university.

Each week, we will focus on one of the five students who are being supported directly by the Wentworthville Parish community.



This week, we focus on **Inocencio Martins**.

Inocencio was born in 1998 in Zumulai. He has one brother and three sisters. His parents own a farm where they grow rice and other vegetables.

The Carmelite priests in Zumalai identified Inocencio as a diligent student with high potential but no

financial support. He was included in a scholarship program for his Years 10 – 12 and attended the Catholic College boarding school in Maliana.

Inocencio thrived at boarding school and was offered a position at the highly competitive University of East Timor to study a Bachelor of Agro-business. This is the only public university in East Timor and it expects strong academic results from its students. Inocencio is the first in his family to attend the University.

When asked about his studies, Inocencio has said, "I like this area of study because I want to develop everyday food options for everyone...THANK YOU to the donors in Australia who have generously supported me with my student life."

Mother's Day Morning Tea

Come along for a Mother's Day Morning Tea after the 10am Mass on Sunday 14 May.

If you don't need to rush to a lunch or family event, bring something to share and stay for a cup of tea with other parishioners. It'll just be a simple, friendly, easy time to stop and acknowledge those wonderful women in our lives. And, hopefully, we can convince the dads to do the washing up!

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

Rosters for 6 and 7 May 2023

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader Commentator Communion	Ancilla Shibu Trish Maldigri Elena Fernandes
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	Coretta Dias <i>Volunteer needed</i> David Rodrigues (Assembly) Michelle Rodrigues
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Youth Minister Youth Minister Marina Peter (Assembly) Mary Vijila
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Mark Attwood Carmel Ruddy Jovan Titus

School Roof Replacement

Catholic Schools Diocese of Parramatta are funding the replacement of the tiled roof on our school buildings. The new roof will be Colourbond. The work commenced this past week with the setting up of the site. The project will be completed in several stages to allow us to minimise the disruption to the children's learning program. It is anticipated that all things going to plan the works will be completed within 10 weeks. This will impact parishioners as it will reduce the available parking on the weekend. We apologise for the inconvenience and look forward to a refreshed and leak free roof.

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donations to the Parish: \$3446

Planned Giving envelopes: \$ 770

Loose cash: \$ 1177

Envelopes (credit card): \$ 764

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.

Next week's readings

Sunday 6/7 May - 5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Second Reading: 1 Pet 2:4-9

Gospel: Jn 14:1-12

Please pray for

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

Those who have died recently, especially Joe Spiteri, Hilda V Rayen, Sylvester Joseph, Mary Cini, Hilda V Rayen, Annunziato 'Lindsay' Attard, Susan Grima, Paul Bezzina, Charlie Micallef, Vince Dalmas, Febreeca Fernandes, Rhonda Parnis, Thu Tran, Yu Lo Mai Ling, Soewanto Tio, Robbins David, Noelene Lennon, Mary 'Lina' Farrugia.

Our special intentions, especially Genowefa Kanachowski, Carmelo Sultana, Lawrence and Sinfarosa Dias, Inacio, Sacramenta and Ilda Boccaro, Anna and Simaó Dias, Julia & Cyril Almeida, Sinfarosa & Lawrence Dias, Jennifer Edwards, Thelma and Lawrence Blakeman, Rachelle, Matilda & Eva Tuyau, Madeline, Richard & Noel de Souza, John & Danny Doolub, 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.

From next week, we will continue to publish the names of those who are sick and those who have died recently (as we normally do), but only the special intentions for the following week will be printed. This will save much confusion and distress as to whose name to publish, when and how often to publish those names etc. Please let me know if you have had any special understandings with Lyn in the past and I will try to honour your requests as much as possible. Thank you to everyone who has noted whether or not names are for publication. This has been very helpful.

Funeral notice

The funeral of our friend and long-time parishioner, Joe Spiteri, who passed away on ANZAC Day, will be celebrated at 11am on Friday 5 May. Please keep this family and all who are sick in your prayers.

Project Compassion

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Project Compassion. Project Compassion boxes can still be placed inside the basket that's in the side chapel of Our Lady or you can drop them off to the Parish Office.

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:

2, 9 May Prayer Meditation 5pm to 5:40pm (approx.)

9 May Eco-Spirituality Reading Circle, "Sacred Nature"

Around the Diocese

Mission Enhancement Team (MET)

The MET invited parishes to meet via Zoom last Wednesday. This was a precursor, a taste to what they hope will be a series of consultation and listening to what the people of Parramatta Diocese want in terms of formation.

For example, some of the formation from other parishes includes having morning tea or lunch with men's/women's/youth groups, the Alpha programme, prayer and scripture circles.

Diocesan Synod

On 5 March, Bishop Vincent convoked the first Synod of the Diocese of Parramatta. During Mass, Bishop Vincent explained that he had long wanted to develop a pastoral plan which would follow the *Faith in Our Future* plan but needed to wait for the national Plenary Council to conclude.

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/



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in the care of the Carmelite Friars

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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

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil)
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, Weddings 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.

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.