



**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 7 May 2023



Reflection

Jn 14:1-12

How can we know the way?

Thomas is the practical apostle. He had very little religious imagination. As we know, he couldn't invest himself in the resurrection of Jesus without hands-on experience of it. Here, we find that he isn't going to buy into the reign of God unless he can find it on his GPS. And Jesus humours him by offering him something better than a roadmap: himself.

Jesus is the way. What does that mean? A generation ago, Christian bumper stickers read, "One Way," with an arrow pointing upwards. But maybe a more theologically accurate sign would point THROUGH - through the heart of the world, into the depths of humanity until we find the central spot where the Spirit dwells in us. It takes a lot of stillness, a lot of contemplation and quiet, to find that place. We can contemplate the world, in its beauty and suffering, or our own lives, or Scripture or the image of the cross. The mystery of the Kingdom is not "up" from here, but in our midst. We are the Body of Christ. If we're looking for Jesus, and the way, the yellow brick road starts right here.

Open us, loving God. When we want to close our hearts and minds from the cries of others, from pleas for help and proclamations of justice, open us. Remove our fears and enliven us with your spirit. Open us, we pray. Amen.

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Parish News

Welcome to the Christian Community

This weekend, we welcome Jamie to the community of the Faithful. Today is especially important to him as he celebrates his first birthday as well. Welcome also to his parents Jena and Fred who have a lot of reason to celebrate.

Carmelite on a Mission by Fr Anthony

We are so pleased to tell you that we have placed an order for all those who have enquired about Fr Anthony's book of reminiscences *Carmelite on a Mission*. The lovely people at [Carmelite Media in the USA](#) have placed the book back on their website and you are welcome to purchase it directly from them. They initially quoted us \$22 but forgot to tell us this was for \$US. So, in \$AUS the book costs \$33.17 and it includes postage.

For those who ordered through the parish office, you could give the cash to one of our priests after Mass, or you could place it in an envelope and leave it in the priory mailbox.

Mother's Day roses for East Timor

This is the last week to purchase a card for Mother's Day. 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.

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!

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 **Sofia de Araujo**.



Sofia grew up in a village in Zumalai with her three siblings. Her mother had died when she was very little and five years later, her father would also pass away.

Sofia went to live with her aunty and her siblings went to live with their grandparents.

Closer to the city of Zumalai, Sofia began to attend the Carmelites' Catholic Primary School

and then help her aunty sell small homemade cakes throughout the neighbourhood. On seeing how smart and engaged Sofia was, the Carmelites offered her a scholarship to attend senior High School at a boarding school in Suai and achieved very good results. She was offered a place in the National University of Timor Leste.

Sofia moved to Dili to study her degree and is currently living there with her extended family who are providing her with food and accommodation, while her scholarship contributes towards her university tuition fees, transport and much-needed student resources like internet access.

Sofia has almost completed her Bachelor of Nutrition.

Greystanes Maltese Seniors

Monday 8 May @ 10:30am in the George Preca Centre. Gardening Workshop with Doris Meilak. M/Tea provided for all members, and new friends are welcome. Contact: Marisa Previtera 0414 863 123

Caritas Project Compassion

Thank you to all who generously gave to the Caritas Project Compassion appeal during Lent. We are proud to share that our final parish total collected is \$4504.45.

Receipts have been issued to all who requested them.

Share your story

The Catholic Outlook would like to write a feature article about our parish for the next edition, and they want to hear from YOU!

Mary Brazell will be here at **11am on Monday 11 May** to interview parishioners. Some of the questions she may ask are:

- Can you tell me a little about your life.
- Were there any people who were particularly inspirational to you when you were younger, who may have played a role in your faith?
- What challenges have you had in your faith?
- What are some things you think our readers should know about OLMC?
- What will you be doing to celebrate OLMC?
- What is special about the parish of OLMC?
- Can you share any memories you've have of OLMC?
- Are there any particular topics you would like to talk about? Please let me know and we can certainly cover them!

If you're not able to attend, but would still be able to help us with this article, please email Mary, from the Communications Team for the Parramatta Diocese at Mary.Brazell@parracatholic.org

Please think about writing her. I think she's very interested in hearing from you.

Rosters for 13 and 14 May 2023

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader Commentator Communion	Nelissa Almeida Vanessa D'Souza Anne-Marie Torrens
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	Cecilia Cotter Cat Paulo Eric Dias (Assembly) Colleen Weatherall
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Diana Bland Carmel Gauci Skip Fernandes (Assembly) David Touma
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Bimy Baby Ancilla Shibu Isa Urbano

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donations to the Parish: \$3281

Planned Giving (cash): \$ 695

Planned Giving (credit cards): \$ 535

Loose cash: \$ 776

Direct Deposits: \$ 625

Tap & Go: \$ 650

Weekly target: \$4000

To donate online, our banking details are:

BSB: 067 950

Account Number: 00602

Account Name: Wentworthville Catholic Church.

Reference: [YourSurname]DONATION

Coming events

- 8 May** Catholic Outlook i interview at 11am in Parish Centre
- 9 May** Feast Day of St George Preca (Carmelite)
- 9 May** Finance Committee meeting at 1:30pm in the Parish Centre
- 11 May** SVdP meeting at 10am in the Parish Centre
- 13 May** Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima
- 14 May** Mother's Day
- 15 May** International Day of Families
- 20 May** Timor Leste Restoration, 2002

Next week's readings

Sunday 13/14 May - 6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Second Reading: 1 Pet 3:15-18

Gospel: Jn 14:15-21

Please pray for

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

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, Renee Harris, In honour of St Anthony, Stella Galea, Rita Fenech, Filomena Zammit, Baldas Parnis, Rhonda Parnis, Joyce, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Mary & Frank Camilleri, Doreen Camilleri, Joseph Teuma, Joe & Maria Vella, Rosa Titian, Sonia Spittle, Jesse & Kevin McManus

Please look out for our new Mass Intention envelopes where you can specify whether you'd like names published. If you had a special understanding with Lyn in the past regarding Mass Intentions, please email the parish office and we will honour your wishes as much as we can.

Carmelite Centre, Melbourne

Are you looking for a meaningful spiritual conversation? Think about visiting the Carmelite Centre website for online meditation and prayer. Learn by listening to other people's stories and share your own thoughts and experiences with like-minded people.

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:

9 May [Eco-Spirituality Reading Circle](#), 'Sacred Nature' at 5pm

9 May [Prayer Meditation via Zoom 5pm to 5:40pm](#)

Around the Diocese

Diocesan Synod

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/

Faith in Marriage Seminar: 19 May

The annual Diocesan Faith in Marriage Seminar returns in 2023 with Chris Padgett, American Speaker, Musician, Author and Professor of Theology. This free event will be held on Friday 19 May at 7:30pm at St Paul the Apostle Church, 40 Buckley's Road, Winston Hills. Please register your attendance at marriage@parracatholic.org



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in the care of the Carmelite Friars

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Parish Office

Open Monday to Thursday, 8:30am to 4:30pm
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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: Gennie 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 Mt 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.