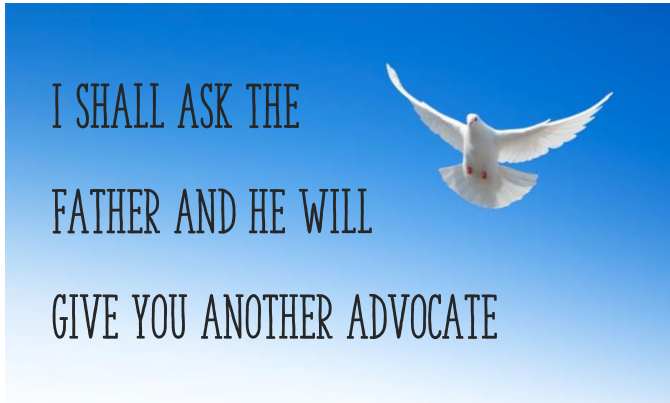




**Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel**  
Wentworthville

## **Carmel Bulletin**

**Sunday 14 May 2023**



### **Reflection**

**Jn 14:15-21**

#### **Love and evidence**

No lover is fooled by words of love that are not supported by actions. Love is in the evidence. Flowers and poems are good, but holding a feverish child is better. A candlelight dinner or an anniversary present helps, but what's worth more is constancy, fidelity, presence.

Jesus says knowing the commandments is not enough: lovers of God will be known by their observance of a faithful life. We can't fool divinity by ritual acts and pious looks. The One who sees into human hearts knows if our love is lip service or real passion.

#### **Let us pray:**

**Holy God, as we reflect on the mystery and the miracle of your presence with us and among us, anchor us in your love, ground us in your peace, and open us to the truth and the comfort of your Holy Spirit, today and always. Amen.**

#### **To do this week:**

**Make your love of God real in three concrete ways. Love your neighbour, show unnecessary kindness, bring compassion where there is accusation, remember the poor.**

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## **Parish News**

### **Happy Mother's Day**

Today, we thank and remember all mothers and mother-figures in our community: grandmothers, aunts, godmothers and friends. May Our Lady of Mt Carmel intercede for you to our Father, may you look to her for the example of hope and courage, wisdom and patience, and may the Spirit of the Lord be with you always as you care for our families.

### **Mother's Day roses for East Timor**

Thank you once again to our wonderful florist, Sophie, who has worked tirelessly to present the beautiful displays before you.

After taking out the expenses, we raised just over \$1200 for the East Timor Committee. These funds will go to support the scholarships we have been listing over these past few weeks.

Thank you to all who donated and contributed to this very important mission.

### **Mother's Day Morning Tea**

This morning after the 10am Mass, we will be hosting a Morning Tea for all those who wish to thank and remember mothers on this special day.

### **Welcome to the Christian Community**

This weekend, we welcome Nicholas to the community of the Faithful. Welcome back to his big brothers, Joshua and Zachary, who were baptised here as well, and to his parents, Kylie and Jonny who present him today.

### **Nuptial Wedding**

Congratulations to May Jubran and Elian Massoud who celebrate their Sacrament of Marriage this Friday in our parish. May and Elian were baptised in the Melkite Rite and have asked their own priest to celebrate. We wish them all the very best in their new life together.

### **Carmelite on a Mission by Fr Anthony**

Orders have arrived for Fr Anthony's book of reminiscences *Carmelite on a Mission!*

If you've already ordered through us, please ask one of our priests for your signed copy after Mass. If you would like a copy, please visit the website of the [Carmelite Media in the USA](#). Although it's listed on the website in \$US, it is \$33.17 in Australian dollars which includes postage.

If you've already paid, your order will indicate this. If you've yet to pay, please do so by cash to one of our priests after Mass, or you could place it in an envelope and leave it in the priory mailbox.

## 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 have been focussing on one of the five students who are being supported directly by the Wentworthville Parish community.

This week, we focus on **Ricardo Barreto**.



Ricardo was born in Dili in 2003. Unfortunately, his mother died giving birth to his younger sister, who also passed away. Maternal mortality rates are still exceedingly high in East Timor.

In 2005, Ricardo and his two older siblings lived at the orphanage run by the Carmelite Sisters in Maubara.

When he was 8yo, Ricardo and his brother then moved to the Carmelite boarding house in Zumalai.

When their father died in 2013, the boys didn't feel the grief many children experience as their father had not been a part of their lives. Grief overcame them, though, when their extended family gathered around them and hugged them at their father's funeral.

Ricardo is now living at a boarding school in Salele (just outside Suai) so he can attend university there. Ricardo enjoys working with his hands and so enjoyed his construction studies at boarding school that he is now studying a Bachelor of Civil Engineering.

Br Antonio, the head of the boarding school in Zumalai, observed about Ricardo that, 'when Ricardo first came to us in primary school, he was always tired. He was lethargic and unmotivated. Now he is engaged and is an active student. He will have a bright future.'

### 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](#).

## Finance Committee update

The Finance Committee met this week, to discuss our current financial situation and to plan for the future.

During that meeting we discussed the Financial Report for the period ended 31 March 2023, the budget for 2023-24, payment towards the Catholic Foundation fund, the counting and banking arrangements, maintenance of the church, replacement of motor vehicles, and the viability of subscribing to The Catholic Weekly.

The Diocesan Catholic Foundation arrears from last year of \$25,369 will be paid by end of June.

In terms of maintenance, they recognised that one of the doors is rusting and will need to be treated, the fascia for the apex of the church needs repairs, the church organ needs a major service, the confessional needs a glass door. Paper towel dispensers have been installed in the bathrooms, a broken hose in the men's toilet has been repaired and cleaned, and a level platform has been fitted in the choir gallery for the drum kit. Thank you to a generous parishioner for organising the replacement of the pie warmer door.

It was also decided that we will not subscribe to *The Catholic Weekly* as the interest received would not be enough to pay for the postage each week.

And lastly, a petty cash system has been set up for minor expenses.

## Liturgy Corner

### Singing the Mass

Singing is integral to our celebration of the Mass. When choosing what should be sung at Mass, the first priority is always to sing the actual acclamations, responses and prayers of the Mass. Above all, the assembly should always strive to sing the Gospel Acclamation and the acclamations of the Eucharistic Prayer - the Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamation and Great Amen.

After Pentecost, we will be introducing new music for the responses and acclamations of the Mass at our Saturday 6:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am Mass. Collectively titled *Mass of Carmel*, the music is written by parishioner and music minister Adriel Sukumar. We will continue to use this music until Advent to help us learn it. You may also hear this music being used before or after Mass to help familiarise us with the various melodies.

## Rosters for 20 and 21 May 2023

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader Commentator Communion	Angela Carlino Anne-Marie Torrens Charlie Felice (Assembly) Caz Learmonth
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	David Rodrigues Michelle Rodrigues Cat Paulo (Assembly) Cathy Rossiter
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Marina Peter Fiona Bylsma Mary Vijila (Assembly) Rosemary Chung
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Isa Urbano Eugene Urbano Fran Sharpe

## Thank you for your generosity

**Last week's donation to the Parish:**      **\$3308**

**Planned Giving (cash):**                      \$ 585

**Planned Giving (credit cards):**        \$ 100

**Loose cash:**                                      \$ 774

**Direct Deposits:**                              \$1109

**Tap & Go:**                                        \$ 740

*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.

**Reference:** [YourSurname]DONATION

## Coming events

**15 May** International Day of Families

**16 May** Feast Day of St Simon Stock (Carmelite)

**18 May** Church cleaning after 9am Mass

**18 May** Funeral for the late Ernesto Gumayagay at 10:30am

**19 May** Wedding of May Jubran and Elian Massoud

**20 May** Timor Leste Restoration, 2002

## Next week's readings

**20 and 21 May - The Ascension of the Lord**

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11

**Second Reading:** Eph 1:17-23

**Gospel:** Mt 28:16-20

## The Catholic Outlook article

Thank you to all who submitted their story to *The Catholic Outlook* for their next publication. If you would like to contribute to the article, please email the Communications Officer, Mary Brazell, at [Mary.Brazell@parracatholic.org](mailto:Mary.Brazell@parracatholic.org)

## Parish Safeguarding

Safe Parishes Week begins on 5 June 2023, and the Parramatta Diocese is offering a week's programme of face-to-face mandatory and elective modules at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To register for this event, please visit [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org). Of course, you are still welcome to register for the online Safeguard Training module at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>

## 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, Febreece Fernandes, Rhonda Parnis, Thu Tran, Yu Lo Mai Ling, Soewanto Tio, Robbins David, Noelene Lennon, Mary 'Lina' Farrugia.

**Our special intentions**, especially Genowefa Kanachowski, Mary Joseph, George Borg, Maraline, Richard & Noel de Souza, Malcolm Farquharson, John & Danny Doolub, Rajendram, Miriam Morgan, Rina Matteo-Slaviero, Joyce, Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Tony & Antonia Cini, Shaji John, Nga Tran, Ngoc Tran, Lawrence & Sinfarosa Dias, Inacio, Sacramento & Ilda Boccaro, Anna & Simaó Dias, Kaitelyn, Madielyn-Rose, & Levi Tuyau, Charles Borg and Carmelo Sultana.

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.

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## Around the Diocese

### Diocesan Synod

There are a lot of activities for you to get involved surrounding the Parramatta Diocese Synod to be held 12 – 15 October 2023:

### Synod Convocation Mass

All are invited to celebrate the Convocation of our Diocesan Synod on Pentecost at 11am on Sunday 28 May 2023. We have been asked to send two representatives from our parish to attend, receive a blessing and a gift as a symbol of our unity in this journey.

### Parish Synod meeting

All are welcome to attend a Parish Synod meeting from 7pm to 8:30pm on Wednesday 7 June in preparation for the Diocesan Synod. Topics for discussion may include:

- What do you want for the church today?
- What do you want for our parish?
- What would you like for the future of our parish?
- What would help you to build a deeper relationship with God?
- How would you like your children to be more included in our church?

If you would like to attend the Synod Convocation Mass and/or the Parish Synod meeting, please email the parish office for more information.

### Deanery Listening Consultations

Over the next six weeks, Bishop Vincent is travelling throughout the Diocese and listening directly to people's stories and suggestions about our Church. Join him at one of four locations to have your say.

Events start at 6:30pm with light refreshments:

- Saturday 20 May at St Columba's Catholic College, Springwood.
- Saturday 3 June at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
- Saturday 17 June at St Andrew the Apostle Primary School, Marayong.
- Saturday 24 June at Holy Spirit Primary School, St Clair.

There will also be a youth-focussed consultation on Thursday 18 May from 7pm at West HQ, Rooty Hill.

To register for your local consultation and to learn more about the Diocesan synod, visit [parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://parracatholic.org/synod2023)



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Email [ocarmswenty@gmail.com](mailto: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

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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:** 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

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*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.*

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

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