



**Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
Wentworthville

Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 21 May 2023



Reflection

Mk 16:15-20

Don't just stand there: Do something!

The Ascension of Jesus is an event recorded three times in the New Testament: at the end of Luke, the beginning of Acts, and here, in what's called the longer ending of Mark. (Early manuscripts record several different endings to his gospel.) In each version of the Ascension story, Jesus has different final instructions for the disciples – the ones in “longer Mark” being the most colourful. But in every account we have, Jesus tells the disciples to go and be witnesses of the gospel they have received. On this point, all three speak in one voice. It would seem this mission is non-negotiable.

How we do that is up to us. If we want to knock on doors or preach in the park, suit yourself. If you feel drawn to foreign missions, the prayer of the church will support you. Maybe the least missionized corner of the world is right where you are. Do you have good news to share?

To do this week:

Allow someone's testimony of faith to speak into your life: read a biography of a holy person. Allow your testimony to speak to someone else. Practice the virtues of faith, hope, and charity until they become the “new normal” for you. “Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the message of God's good news to one and all”.

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Parish News

Welcome to the Christian Community

This weekend, we welcome Neomai to the community of the Faithful. Neomai's parents, Sofi and Sione, celebrated their wedding at OLMC last year and regularly attend Mass here.

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 (see the last page of this Carmel Bulletin). Topics for discussion may include:

- 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?

Signatures needed

As most parishioners would know, the Clivin family have been faithful and generous members of our parish community for more than 14 years. We have been fortunate-enough to call them friends, and we have witnessed their kind and gentle involvement in our parish.

Their plight to receive permanent residency has endured longer than what most of us would tolerate (more than 14 years!). Now, we urgently need your help to assist them with the fight for their futures.

In the parish centre is a petition to The Honourable Andrew Giles MP, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, to grant Laila, Clivin and their two daughters, Ann Maria and Ann Sapna, permanent residency in Australia.

Please consider signing this petition either on paper or using the online petition [ClivinFamilyPermanentResidency](#) as soon as possible so they can present this to the Minister along with other legal paperwork.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

This week, we are asked to donate to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal which supports the Aboriginal Catholic Care drop-in centre at Emerton. The centre provides comfort, kinship and practical support to help lighten the load for our First Nations sisters and brothers experiencing hardship. This may be in the form of healthcare, financial or legal counselling, for those experiencing domestic violence, or with everyday family needs.

Please consider donating to this worthy cause via the website yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Parish Safeguarding

Safe Parishes Week begins on Monday 5 June 2023, and the Parramatta Diocese is offering a week's programme of elective and mandatory face-to-face courses (aka *modules*) at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown.

All volunteers and employees of our parish must complete the mandatory courses and at least one elective course.

If you would like to complete any of these courses in this face-to-face format, please register to attend them. You can register at safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org. The programme is as follows:

Monday 5 June

10am – 11:30am *Introducing the Safe Parishes Framework.* This ELECTIVE course provides strategy and support for volunteers and employees in parish ministry so that our processes ensure we are building a safe parish community.

1pm – 2:30pm *Safeguarding and Assessing Risk.* This ELECTIVE course helps us develop the skills of Risk Assessment to comply with Child Safe Standard 8 – safe physical and online environments.

4pm – 6:30pm *First CPR training*

Tuesday 6 June

10am – 1:30pm *Renewal of Mandatory Modules for continuing volunteers.* These MANDATORY courses are best for those volunteers who completed the Safeguarding courses before May 2022. They consist of topics such as Understanding Safeguarding, the Child Safe Standards and Working with Adults at Risk, as well as Legal Compliance. If you can't attend this course on this day, it is repeated at the same time on Wednesday 7 June.

2pm – 3:30pm *Providing a Respectful Workplace – understanding respect at work and psychosocial hazards.* This course is ELECTIVE for volunteers, but MANDATORY for clergy and staff. It contains the latest legislative changes that we want to be aware of and comply with.

7pm – 9pm at St Andrews Hall, Marayong. *Applying the Risk Assessment Framework to Safeguard Safe Spaces in Parish Communities.* This ELECTIVE workshop is for Parish Priests, Parish Staff, Parish Pastoral Councils, Parish Finance Committees, etc who wish to workshop together to apply the Risk Assessment Tool to assess the physical and online spaces in the parish. If your ministry would like to attend this workshop together, please email the parish office, as we would like to attend this with you.

Wednesday 7 June

10am – 1:30pm *Renewal of Mandatory Modules for continuing volunteers.* These MANDATORY courses are best for those volunteers who completed the Safeguarding course before May 2021 and would like to continue to volunteer in our parish. They consist of topics such as Understanding Safeguarding, the Child Safe Standards and Working with Adults at Risk, as well as Legal Compliance.

2pm – 3:30pm *Developing a Respectful Response to Domestic and Family Violence.* This ELECTIVE course responds to the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2022-2023 *RESPECT: Confronting Violence and Abuse*. See our pamphlet stand for more information.

Thursday 8 June

10:30am – 12pm *Accidental Counsellor.* This ELECTIVE course explores how we respond when a person comes to us in distress, and what that may look like.

Friday 9 June

9:30am – 2:30pm These courses are MANDATORY for new volunteers and consist of topics such as Introduction to Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards, Legal Compliance, and Understanding Boundaries and Working with Adults at Risk. These courses are the beginning point for all volunteers involved in ministry, staff and clergy of the Diocese.

Of course, you can still complete all these same mandatory and elective courses online at the Diocesan Safeguard Training website: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>

Each course has an expiry date of two years so, if you completed these courses before May 2021, you will need to complete them again before commencing any paid or unpaid work.

Parish Sacramental Process

Practice for those candidates celebrating their sacrament of Confirmation will be held at 3:30pm and at 7pm on Thursday 25 May. All children must be accompanied by a responsible parent/carer.

Then, at the 6pm (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 27 May, our parish will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Vincent Long as the main celebrant.

Please keep all 32 candidates, their sponsors and their families in your prayers; that they may seek the Holy Spirit for help and guidance throughout their lives, and continue to develop a long and enduring relationship with the Her.

Funeral Notice

If you are reading this bulletin online, a funeral for the late George Borg will be celebrated at 10:15am on Saturday 21 May 2023 at OLMC. We pray for his bereaved family at this time.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

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](#).

Rosters for 27 and 28 May 2023

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader Commentator Communion	Janine Hanna Bob Hanna May Pepin
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	Joshua Angelo Jeremy Angelo Roslyn Khattar (Assembly) Pauline Cassar
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Ann Sapna Cliven Ann Maria Cliven Marina Peter (Assembly) Skip Fernandes
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Nelissa Almeida Mark Attwood Jovan Titus

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's donation to the Parish: \$3048

Planned Giving (cash): \$ 795

Planned Giving (credit cards): \$ 100

Loose cash: \$ 1103

Direct Deposits: \$ 365

Tap & Go: \$ 685

If you would like to pay fees or are able to donate to our parish online, our banking details are:

BSB: 067 950

Account Number: 00602

Account Name: Wentworthville Catholic Church.

Reference: [YourSurname]DONATION

Coming events

22 May - St Joachina de Vedrunda de Mas (Carmelite)

24 May - Our Lady, Help of Christians (Patroness of Australia)

25 May - St Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi (Carmelite)

25 May - SVdP meeting in Parish Centre at 10am

25 May - Confirmation practice at 3:30pm and at 7pm

27 May - Confirmation at 6pm (Vigil) Mass

5 June - Safe Parishes Week

7 June - Parish Synod meeting from 7pm – 8:30pm

Next week's readings

27 May – Pentecost Vigil

First Reading: Joel 3:1-5

Second Reading: Rom 8:22-27

Gospel: Jn 7:37-39

28 May – Pentecost

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: Jn 20:19-23

School Roof Replacement

Catholic Schools Diocese of Parramatta are funding the replacement of the tiled roof on our school buildings. The work commenced at the beginning of this term and is expected to be completed in stages by the end of term, with minimal disruption to the children's learning program. We apologise for the inconvenience this causes parishioners during the weekend, and we look forward to a refreshed and leak free roof.

Thank you

At the risk of embarrassing him, we'd like to thank John Casha for giving some of our brass equipment some much needed cleaning and attention. They look like new!

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

Our special intentions, especially the Cliven family, John Mills, Dinusha Abeyesundere, Kaitelyn, Madielyn-Rose and Levi Tuyau, Charles Borg, Joyce Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Tony & Antonia Cini, Mary Peter, and Carmelo Sultana.

Fees for special Services

If you are considering celebrating a wedding, baptism, memorial service or funeral at our parish, please be aware of the current fees and recommended donations.

Wedding - \$350 to be paid to parish via electronic bank transfer, and \$350 cash donation to celebrant.

Baptism - \$50 to be paid to parish via electronic bank transfer, and \$50 cash donation to celebrant.

Funeral - \$350 to be paid to parish via electronic bank transfer, and \$350 cash donation to celebrant.

Memorial service - \$200 to be paid to parish via electronic bank transfer, and \$200 cash donation to celebrant.

Parish fees are for the use of the church (cleaning, maintenance, insurance, etc) and are separate to the celebrant's donation so, if you are choosing a celebrant from another parish, you would need to discuss his fees with him.

For further information, please email the parish office.

Around the Diocese

Diocesan Synod

The Parramatta Diocese Synod will be held from 12 to 15 October 2023 and there are a lot of activities for you to get involved.

What is a Synod?

Put simply, a Synod is an evaluation. Bishop Vincent wants to hear what we want for our parish; what we are doing well, what we should continue doing, what we could be doing better, and how we could continue to improve.

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. If you would like to represent our parish at this Mass, please email ocarmswenty@gmail.com asap.

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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in the care of the Carmelite Friars

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Parish Office

Open Monday to Thursday, 8:30am to 4:30pm

Parish Office is closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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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

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Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School

Principal: Olimpia Pirovic

Phone: 8832 1100

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

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.