



**Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel**  
Wentworthville

## Carmel Bulletin

Sunday 28 May 2023

### Parish News

#### Welcome to the Christian Community

This weekend, we welcome little baby Leon to the community of the Faithful. And we welcome his dear parents, Audrey and Declan, as well.

#### 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

Thank you to all who have taken an interest in the Clivin family's application for permanent residency. Last weekend, 170 of you signed the paper petition and at the time of printing (Thursday morning), we have received 460+ online signatures.

While this is an issue that's very close to our community's heart, it's also a larger social justice issue that speaks about how vulnerable families can so easily be dismissed if they are sweet and gentle, and not confident or assertive.

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.

#### Parish Sacramental Process

CONGRATULATIONS to all 32 candidates who celebrate their sacrament of Confirmation at the 6pm (Vigil) Mass this Saturday.

We would also like to welcome Bishop Vincent as the main celebrant at this Mass, and we thank sponsors, parents, teachers and SRE who support these young people on this journey of faith.

May the fire of the Holy Spirit excite you into purposeful works of faith, hope and love!



### Reflection

**Jn 20:19-23**

#### The miracle of language

God created the world with a word, Scripture tells us. God spoke the word BE, and all that is came into being. In the same way, God spoke divinity into human form when Jesus the Word "became flesh and dwelt among us". Finally, the Spirit of Holiness becomes available to us when Jesus breathes the simple words, "Receive the Holy Spirit".

The gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit are defined by lists of words that school children memorise, but behind those words are powerful realities. Invoking the Spirit of joy, peace, patience, and love will create quite a different world than the one invoked by anger, bitterness, and indifference. Lives are bound together or drawn apart by words spoken or withheld. Stewardship over the power of words is a holy reality.

**To do this week: Choose one fruit of the Holy Spirit that is least present in your life, and make conscious decisions to employ it this week.**

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#### Vinnies Winter Appeal

This year, the Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held on 4 & 5 June. We have not been able to have this for a few years, so it'll be good to support it this year. More details to come.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

Please consider donating 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. For more information, please visit the website [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal). All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

## Funeral Notices

Carmen Jones (nee Formosa) passed away peacefully last Sunday surrounded by family including her sister, Tessa, a Josephite Sister. Her funeral will be held at 10:30am Monday 29 May at Sacred Heart Chapel in Rookwood.

The details for the funeral for the late Dorothy Serrao will be published as soon as we receive the details.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

## Unit for rent

Neat, clean, one bedroom, ground-floor, self-contained unit for rent in Greystanes. Partly furnished. Built-in wardrobe in bedroom. Includes own bathroom, kitchen, fridge and air-conditioner. Shared laundry, driveway, swimming pool and garden. For further details, including rent and bond etc, please contact Robert on 0407 723 797.

## Rosters for 3 and 4 June 2023

MASS	ROLE	VOLUNTEER
6pm (Vigil)	Reader Commentator Communion	Trish Maldigri Ancilla Shibu Ann Zahra
8am	Reader Commentator Communion	Isabella Dias Coretta Dias Cecilia Cotter (Assembly) David Rodrigues
10am	Reader Commentator Communion	Youth Minister Youth Minister David Touma (Assembly) Rosemary Chung
6pm	Reader Commentator Communion	Carmel Ruddy Bimy Baby Isa Urbano

## Thank you for your generosity

<b>Last week's donation to the Parish:</b>	<b>\$3659</b>
<b>Planned Giving (cash):</b>	\$ 870
<b>Planned Giving (credit cards):</b>	\$ 100
<b>Loose cash:</b>	\$ 795
<b>Direct Deposits:</b>	\$ 1174
<b>Tap &amp; Go:</b>	\$ 720

Weekly target: \$4000

**Online Banking details:** If you would like to pay fees or are able to make a donation, our online banking details are:

**BSB:** 067 950

**Account Number:** 00602

**Account Name:** Wentworthville Catholic Church.

**Reference:** [YourSurname]DONATION

## Coming events

**28 May** - Memorial Mass for Christiane Victoire at 2pm

**31 May** - The Visitation of the BVM

**1 June** - Church cleaning after 9am Mass

**1 June** - St Justin, philosopher and martyr

**2 June** - Sts Marcellinus and Peter

**5 - 11 June** - Safe Parishes Week

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

## Next week's readings

**3 and 4 June - The Most Holy Trinity**

**First Reading:** Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

**Second Reading:** 2 Cor 13:11-13

**Gospel:** Jn 3:16-18

## 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.

## Keep toilets clean

Please remember that only toilet paper should be flushed in the toilets. Hand towels, sanitary napkins, band-aids, or any other object **MUST NOT** be flushed down the toilet. Bins are provided for all these items. If you wouldn't do it in your own homes, please don't do it in the church!

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

**Our special intentions**, especially the Clivin family, Doris Vella, Joe, Michel & Nick Tuyau, Angelo Borg, Kathleen Micallef, Joyce Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Tony & Antonia Cini, Christiane Victoire, Ngoc Tran, 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 fee to parish via online banking, and \$350 donation to celebrant via cash or online banking.

**Baptism** - \$50 fee to parish via online banking, and \$50 donation to celebrant via cash or online banking.

**Funeral** - \$350 fee to parish via online banking, and \$350 donation to celebrant via cash or online banking.

**Memorial service** - \$200 fee to parish via online banking, and \$200 donation to celebrant via cash or online banking.

Parish fees are for the use of the church (cleaning, maintenance, insurance, etc) and are separate to the donation you would give to the celebrant. 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.

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## 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.

### Deanery Listening Consultations

Over the next five 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 three locations to have your say.

Events start at 6:30pm with light refreshments:

- 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.

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

### Synod resources

To help you have this discussion amongst yourselves and with your family, the Diocese has provided a sheet of questions that both parents and children can fill out. Some questions may include:

- What is the best thing about being part of God's family, the Church?
- As a household, what are some of the joys and challenges you experience that impact your family's participation in church?

Please submit your responses to [www.parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://www.parracatholic.org/synod2023) by 31 July.



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**in the care of the Carmelite Friars**

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### Connect with us

Online at [www.olmcwenty.org.au](http://www.olmcwenty.org.au)

On Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @olmcwenty

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

**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

#### 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

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*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.*