

# Carmel



## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

As Vinnies responds to a growing demand for services following the end of JobKeeper and cuts to JobSeeker, St Vincent de Paul Society is calling for donations to help support the rising number of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including older women and children.

As temperatures drop, more people are living in cars, couch surfing or sleeping in situations that put them at risk.

With generous support, Vinnies can help maintain the dignity of those on the edge and restore hope to people who have fallen on hard times. Donate to the 2021 Vinnies Winter Appeal at [www.vinnies.org.au/winterappeal](http://www.vinnies.org.au/winterappeal) or by calling 13 18 12. Envelopes are also available around the church today, as well as the wishing well in the Narthex.

*thank you*

This week we received a letter of thanks from Fr Paul Cahill for funds Wentworthville raised for East Timor. Here is an excerpt:

*Please accept my deepest gratitude for your gift towards our*

*Timor-Leste Student Scholarship Fund. The establishment of this fund has enabled Timorese students from Zumalai to be given an opportunity of furthering their education. Without your support these students would probably be denied an education because their families are too poor . . . We often hear that education is the key to eradicating poverty, and these young people are being given the opportunity for a better life . . . Be assured of our prayers for you and know that your gift to us will be used well.* Fr Paul Cahill O Carm

Please remember those who are in ill health, especially: Joe Spiteri, Grit Conroy, Thelma Blakeman, Julianna D'Souza, Joan Cameron, Krishnan Rengasamy, Fleur Fernandes, Cody Bailey, Baby Charlie Sultana, Charlie Micallef, Lyn Craddy, Baby Noha Larkin, Francois Tuyau, Sienna Calandrucchio, Teresa Li, Lisa Boys, Greg Boys, Carol O'Loughlin and all who are sick.

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville In the care of the Carmelites

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Denis Andrew OCarm  
**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Fr Januario Pinto OCarm  
**CARMELITE COMMUNITY:** Fr Anthony Scerri O Carm  
**PARISH SECRETARY:** Lyn Bryant (9.30am—5.30pm Tuesday to Friday)

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**SUNDAY MASSES:** 6pm (vigil), 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm

**DAILY MASSES:** Monday to Thursday and Saturday 9.00am  
Friday 9.15am

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 9.30am

### MONEY MATTERS:

**Envelopes:** \$ 2,258  
**Loose:** \$ 445  
**Tap and Go:** \$ 605  
**Donations:** \$ 250  
**TOTAL:** \$ 3,558

**WEEKLY TARGET: \$4,000**

**NOTE:** Banking details for direct contributions, are: BSB: 067 950; Account Number: 00602; Account Name: Wentworthville Catholic Church; So that we can acknowledge your generosity would you please just put your name first and add donation if there is room.



## East Timor News



As indicated last week more information would be given regarding providing a scholarship for Ricardo Barreto, who is the new student replacing Luciana for whom sponsorship is no longer required.

Ricardo is an orphan. His mother died giving birth to his younger sister, and his father died in 2013. Ricardo lived for several years at the Carmelite's boarding house in Zumalai.

He then moved to a boarding house to complete high school and has been studying at the Claretian Technical Secondary College which teaches subjects such as practical carpentry, electronics, construction and agriculture skills. \$1,100 for this year's scholarship has already been sent. It covers his boarding costs and living allowance, as well as his school registration fees, extra-curricular costs associated with the technical training, and any travel costs during the year. As with our other high school students, we will see what Ricardo wants to do when he finishes Year 12 this year, and we may continue to support further studies depending on his needs and interests.

- Sr Margaret Harrison (East Timor Committee)

### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTERS!

#### READERS & COMMENTATORS: 19th & 20th June 2021

MASS TIME	READER	COMMENTATOR
<b>Saturday</b> 6.00pm	Don Crockett	Anne-Marie Torrens
<b>Sunday</b> 8.00am	Carmel Hetherington	Cecilia Cotter
<b>Sunday</b> 10.00am	Basli Sathi	Cyprian Fernandes
<b>Sunday</b> 6.00pm	Pam Colman	Colleen Fuller

## SPEAKING IN PARABLES

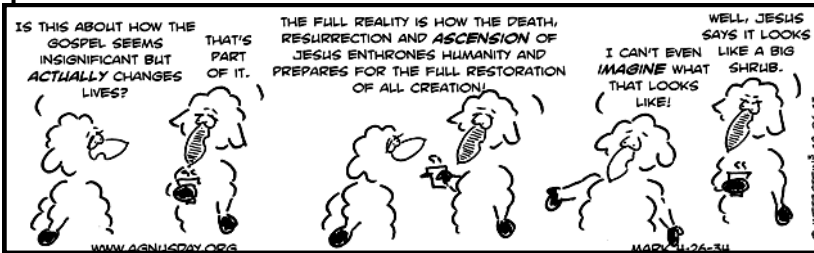


The Gospel tells us that Jesus spoke to the people only in parables. Why did he do that? All the parables of Jesus are taken from everyday life. Thus, Jesus is saying that God is to be found in the things and events of everyday life. He also speaks only in parables, because the parables bring to light the deeper meaning hidden in the things of everyday life. The parables reveal the extraordinary presence of the Kingdom of God in the ordinary, everyday things with which the people were familiar: sowing seeds, fishing, vineyards, shepherds, and sheepfolds, and so on. A parable does not say everything, but leaves room for each hearer to make further discoveries from his or her personal experiences in life.

Today's Gospel recounts two short parables, the seed that grows on its own, and the mustard seed. The farmer who sows the seed knows what happens, first the seed, then the stalk, then the ear, and finally the grain. He does not know how this happens, what power it is that makes this happens. It is a process that takes time. So is the kingdom of God a process that takes time; the kingdom of God of the world, and the kingdom of God in each one of us.

Perhaps you can work out for yourself what Jesus is saying to you in the parable of the mustard seed, and how this applies to your life and to the world. Perhaps also you may want to share what you have discovered with someone else and compare notes. Enjoy a lovely Sunday!

- Fr Anthony Scerri O Carm



### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B**

1st Reading: Job 38: 1, 8—11

2nd Reading: Corinthians 5: 14—17

Gospel: Mark 4: 35—41



### A Little Zen . . .

*Throughout this life, you can never be certain of living long enough to take another breath.* - Huang Po

*Walk as if you are kissing the Earth with your feet.* - Thich Nhat Hanh  
*Life isn't as serious as the mind makes it out to be.* - Eckhart Tolle

### SAVE OUR GRAVES

You are encouraged to sign a petition from the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney to reverse the NSW government's decision to exclude faith and charitable groups from cemetery management. The petition can be signed at [saveourgraves.com.au](http://saveourgraves.com.au)

### *In Loving Memory*

**Recently Deceased:** Chinnaraj, Allan Young, Harry Billington, Regieetamma & Seshayyan, Mary Zammit, Kate Glendenning, Crisanta Araullo, Robyn Vella

**Anniversaries & Memorials:** *Louis D'Souza, John & Mary Xuereb, Roman Kanachowski, Frank & Loretta Gatt, Anne & Laurie Sparks, Anton Paiva, Joe Tuyau, Joyce, Mary & Frank Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Simao & Anna Dias, Dias Family, Sinfarosa Dias, Inancio, Sacramenta A& Ilda Bocarro, Bocarro Family, Melvin & Rita Rodrigues, Edward Angelo, Ivy Peters, Charlie Sultana, Michael & Carmen Attard, Frank & Pauline Vella, Rani Sathi, Pushpa Kantha, Anthony Peter, Connie Bezzina & Jeanne Black, Pauline Grech, Renato Zammit, Francesca Zammit, Concetta & Joseph Sciberras, Joseph & Josephine Gauci, Holy Souls in Purgatory & All Souls, All Saints, Suffering Souls*

### Other Intentions

**Special Intentions:** Dias Family, Raymond Jabbour (Birthday), Murugappan Family

### THE PARISH KITCHEN IS OPEN!

We are so happy to have the Parish kitchen open again after Mass.

Volunteers are needed after each Mass to serve, but we need to do this in a COVID-safe manner:

- \* If you are not feeling well, please do not enter the kitchen.
- \* **Gloves must be used at all times.**
- \* To avoid unnecessary handling of food and equipment, please allow the servers to serve you; they will handle the tea, coffee, water, milk, biscuits, spoons, etc.
- \* Only single-serve portions will be served.
- \* All equipment and counters must be thoroughly washed after use.

Thank you for helping to observe all hygiene standards.

We look forward to seeing you after Mass for some Carmelite hospitality.

### CatholicCare Community Visitors Scheme VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Community Visitors Scheme is looking for volunteers to provide a friendly visit to residents in local Aged Care Facilities who are lonely or isolated from their family and friends. If you feel you could spare one hour a week or a fortnight to help a person feel more valued and respected, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or [deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au).

### Feast Days this Week

**Monday:** St Basil, St Elisha  
**Tuesday:** St Vitus  
**Wednesday:** St Benno  
**Thursday:** St Albert Chmielowski  
**Friday:** St Elisabeth of Schönona  
**Saturday:** St Romuald, BVM  
**Sunday:** 12th Sunday Ordinary Time

