



# Ministries

at

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish  
Coorparoo**

**PRAYER. COMMUNITY. SERVICE.**

## Mt Carmel Ministry Sign Up

Our OLMC community thrives on the involvement of so many parishioners across a large range of ministries. Thankyou!

You are invited to let us know how you would like to contribute\*.

Click on the following link and complete the form: <https://forms.office.com/r/q6q5eJ2wyc>

It will take just a couple of minutes to complete. The link is open initially until **March 1, 2025**.

The Parish Advisory Council will communicate with you after March 1 to clarify your interest and organise next steps.

*\*Current ministers do not need to register to continue in their current ministries. If you need to relinquish your ministry please indicate this in the Notes section for your current ministry.*

If you would like further information on our parish ministries, please contact the parish office [mtcarmel@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:mtcarmel@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone 3397 1587 during office hours.

## Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy

Mt Carmel implements the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy. Further information about this policy is available on the [parish website](#) and the [Archdiocesan website](#). As is the case with any organisation that interacts directly with children and/or vulnerable adults, engagement in some ministries at OLMC will be require you to have an up to date Blue Card or Police Check. The parish office will provide assistance in obtaining a current Blue Card or Police Check. This simple and straightforward application process will take place once you have registered your interest to take part in a ministry.

### Welcome and Hospitality

We seek to be a truly welcoming community where all are known and loved. Building on the hospitality that is already a hallmark of Mt Carmel, we invite parishioners to join a new **Welcome and Hospitality** Team. The initial focus would be on having people at the door to greet everyone who enters the church for weekend masses.

### Baptismal Preparation Team

Our baptismal preparation teams assist families preparing for their baptismal celebration. An important part of this ministry is the welcome and friendship extended to other young families in the parish. Preparation sessions take place monthly, with each team required once or twice per year.

### Carmel Care

Carmel Care is a dedicated community of cooks and carers, who believe in the power of connection through shared meals and other moments, creating opportunities for people to build friendships and experience a true sense of belonging. We offer compassionate service where our skills can make a difference. We aim to fill the gaps by providing care, comfort, or simply a friendly presence.

### Carmel Cellars

Carmel Cellars is the parish wine-tasting group which meets on the last Thursday of each month in the Carmel Community Room at 7:30pm. A selection of wines and cheese, together with expert commentary and score sheets are available at each meeting.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

CLOW provides the opportunity for children to engage with the Word of God in a way that gets their attention. A large number of children attend the program at the 8:30am Mass each Sunday (with the exception of school holidays). We are always looking for new ministers to assist with this vital ministry to the children of our parish. Training and accompaniment is provided for new ministers.

### Church Cleaning

Participants attend to sweeping of foyer, outside the sacristy and other areas, and the dusting of pews, window ledges and similar in the church.

## **Church Grounds**

Mowing, pruning and tidying grounds on a roster basis.

## **Communion to the Sick**

We welcome volunteers to undertake this richly rewarding ministry of taking Communion to the sick and housebound in our parish. Training is provided for new ministers. Ministers are rostered on a regular basis. All visits are within the local Mt Carmel Parish. An experienced minister accompanies new ministers on the first few visits.

## **Data Projector Operators**

Data projector operators are required at all weekend masses. They follow the mass script using the computer, screen and projector. Training is provided for new ministers.

## **Music**

Music for prayerful and inspiring liturgy is heart and soul of our parish. We welcome instrumentalists and vocalists to our ministry. Music ministers work together in groups and are rostered regularly across the year.

## **Lay Carmelites**

Lay Carmelites are people who freely commit themselves to live out the Carmelite way in the ordinary circumstances of family, working and everyday life. The Lay Carmelites meet on the third Sunday of each month in the Carmel Community Room after 8:30am Mass.

## **Ministers of Communion**

Ministers of Communion serve at each of our weekend masses. They are rostered via the Ministry Scheduler Pro App. New ministers attend a training session prior to commencement. New ministers are scheduled with experienced ministers. After Mass the Ministers of Communion wash up used utensils.

## **Ministers of the Word**

Ministers of the Word proclaim the readings at our weekend masses. Formation sessions for readers and other liturgical ministers are provided four times per year. Readers are rostered via the Ministry Scheduler Pro App. A copy of *Break Open the Word* is provided to guide scriptural understanding and practice for readers.

## **Ministry of the Word with Communion**

Ministers facilitate liturgies of the Word with Communion on a rostered basis. Ministers are trained and invited to attend regular parish ministry formation opportunities.

## **RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Our RCIA leader and team oversee the RCIA at Mount Carmel and provides pastoral support for all involved, especially candidates, sponsors and catechists. The program begins as required in response to the context of all those involved and runs through until Easter. We would love to hear from parishioners open to being a sponsor, team member or catechist.

## Sacristans

Sacristans prepare the altar and associated spaces for our masses. They are available before and after each mass. New sacristans work with experienced ministers at the beginning of their ministry. Sacristans are rostered regularly via the Ministry Scheduler Pro App.

## St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul is a community of lay people animated by the desire to serve the poor. Members visit people who are in need and sometimes provide food, clothing, furniture and the basics of living. Members also organise the presentation of gifts and the collection at Sunday Masses. Meetings are held monthly.

## Leadership Ministries

The **Plant and Resources Committee** assists with the coordination of the maintenance of parish buildings and resource and infrastructure projects. It meets monthly as required.

The **Liturgy Team** plans and assists the facilitation of prayer and liturgy that inspires us to be a vibrant, worshipping Carmelite community, seeking to deepen our spirituality. It meets regularly.

The **Parish Advisory Council**, with our Carmelites, shares in the leadership of the parish seeking to enable our community to be true to our Parish mission and our Carmelite focus on Prayer, Community and Service. It meets monthly.

The **Finance Council** supports the parish and advises the Parish Priest regarding the financial administration of parish resources. It meets quarterly.