

Scriptures, Prayers & Responses

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!



GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 4: 8 - 11. 14 - 16

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day Elisha was passing through Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived, who urged him to have a meal. So whenever he passed that way, he would stop there for a meal. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure that this man who regularly passes our way is a holy man of God. Let us make a small roof chamber with walls, and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that he can stay there whenever he comes to us.'

One day when he came there, he went up to the chamber and lay down there. He said, 'What then may be done for her?' Gehazi – his servant, answered, 'Well, she has no son, and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' When he had called her, she stood at the door. He said, 'At this season, in due time, you shall embrace a son.'
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 89

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
Through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
That your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
Who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
Who find their joy every day in your name,
Who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
It is by your favour that our might is exalted;
For our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
Our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

FOR VIGL MASS & 8:30AM SUNDAY

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 6: 3 - 4. 8 - 11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again from the dead,
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty,
From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, Bless his holy name.



Next Sunday's Readings

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

First Reading: Zechariah 9: 9 - 10

Second Reading: Romans 8:9. 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11: 25 - 30



Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

Parish of St Charles Borromeo - Church of Mary Immaculate

Waverley Parish will be a sign of God's love for all people by being a welcoming and caring community which embraces the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

1 – 2 JULY 2017



Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 9:15am

Saturday: 9:15am

9:45 - 10:15am *Reconciliation*
6pm *Vigil*

Sunday: 8:30am, 10am & 5pm

**Note: Children's Liturgy will alternate - 1st & 3rd weekend of the month at 8:30am mass; 2nd weekend of month at 10am mass and 4th weekend is Family mass.*

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Gospel: Matthew 10: 37 - 42

Jesus called the twelve to him and sent them out with the following instructions: Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Reflection

Jesus made sure that the disciples had no illusions about what following him meant. At times they might have to make hard choices about family and friends; their lives would not necessarily be peaceful and easy, and they would encounter the cross in some form. At the same time every good thing they did would be known to God, even the simple act of giving someone a cup of cold water. The disciples and the people who received them would have their own reward.

God rewards us for our faithfulness, for making tough choices and for bringing his love to another person, even if we do that through small and seemingly insignificant acts. Everything matters to him so we should let no opportunity pass. The reward will always be something that brings us closer to Jesus. There is no other reward with a similar value. In fact, the value of the reward is priceless.

"Nothing seems tiresome or painful when you are working for a Master who pays well; who rewards even a cup of cold water given for love of Him... I can't do big things but I want everything to be for the glory of God." *Saint Dominic Savio*

Further Reflection

To follow Jesus means putting other important relationships second. It means taking up the cross and perhaps facing the same fate that Jesus met – persecution, suffering, death – but remaining faithful leads to eternal life. In ancient times, a person's agent was seen to be the person themselves and here, Jesus is giving great dignity to the apostolate of following him by saying it derives from the Father himself through Jesus.

In the Scriptures, a prophet is a person who speaks for God. To be a prophet, one must have a very clear understanding of what God wants and the task is to transmit that message to the people. There are many instances of the people rejecting the message of the prophets. Some scholars translate 'holy man' as 'just man' or someone who does the will of God. To recognise and welcome the truth is to be a disciple. The cost of discipleship may be high but the rewards are great.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Sunday

Every primary school child knows that Captain Cook 'discovered' Australia in 1770. But such a simple statement masks the fact that, in the centuries before Captain Cook, seafarers from several countries had visited our region and made a number of landings on the coast of this country. But most significantly of all, before any of these newcomers came our way, the country had already been discovered and inhabited for some 60,000 years.

In that almost unimaginable length of time the original discoverers of this land developed and sustained a radically non-material culture that was supported by a profoundly spiritual understanding of the world around them. Part of the enduring tragedy for modern Australia is that when European Christians eventually began to occupy this country they had neither the eyes to see nor the ears to hear the richness of what they were encountering. The people who lived the ancient spirituality of this land found no welcome in the material culture that overtook them. There was no welcome either for the prophets and the holy men of the Dreaming and so much of what could have enriched our Christian spirituality was ignored.

But hope still prevails. We are an Easter people and today we stand ready to take up the cross of lost opportunity. Today, as a Christian people, we stand ready to work together towards a genuine reconciliation and a truly inclusive Australian Church. Much has already been achieved. Legal discrimination that was once a soul-destroying part of the daily life of Indigenous people has been substantially removed. Constitutional recognition, treaties and sovereignty are being proposed. All this is good. But the law has no jurisdiction over the heart and no amount of legislative or constitutional reform can, by itself alone, achieve the goal we seek.

Genuine reconciliation and a truly Australian Church depend upon what we hold in our hearts and the personal relationships we can each build between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples of our country. Offering a cup of cold water may be a beginning but we long for the day when Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and Australians of other backgrounds can all take their place together around the same table to partake of the banquet that could be ours to enjoy.

Fr. Robert Greenup
Indigenous Connections – Mareeba, QLD

Taxation Receipts

Taxation receipts for the following will be available for collection on the table near the glass dividers on the weekend of 8th and 9th July:

- ◆ Planned Giving
- ◆ CWF
- ◆ Project Compassion

As previously advised due to legislative changes a 100% tax deduction is only available for Planned Giving contributions from 1 July 2016 - 31 December 2016 (next year a tax deduction of at least 25% for the entire year will be available, more on that later).

CWF and Project Compassion are still 100% tax deductible.

Please collect your receipts promptly to help minimise our postage costs.

Thank you for your continued support.



Did You Know?

- ◆ At the time Matthew's Gospel was being written, Jewish families were being literally split by those who were making the decision to move away from traditional Jewish beliefs and follow Christ.
- ◆ Even though family relationships are vitally important, 'the first vocation of a Christian is to follow Christ'.

Let Us Pray For...

Those who are sick

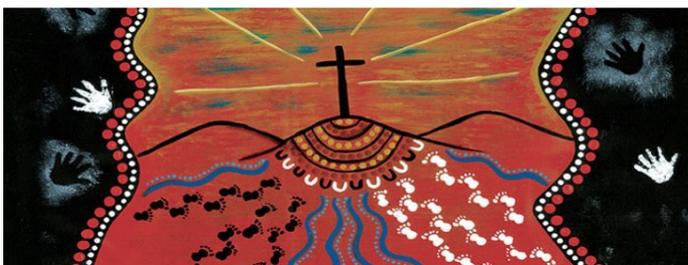
Nicola Jarman, Margaret Jones, Teresa Wong, Terry Dodds, Damian Johnson, Lorraine Ladd-Hudson, Maria Alves, Joanne Macrae, Audrey Moran, Catherine Davis, Sr Francis Murphy osc, William Beaudoin, Denis Lindsay, Albert Miu, Jett Jarvis, Grazia Mafodda, Ana Letec, Helene Beazley, Wayne Townson, Dick See, Meryl Tapsell, Helen Andrews, Jessica Amelia, Behan Kahler, Kathleen Schlink, Bob Lloyd, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Nick Klafas, Stan Vesper, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Kiely, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Kim Roper, Ian Godby & Gary Shipton

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Antonio Rochta, Antonio Meoli, Vince Meoli, Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca, Jack Duncan, Peter Chin

Those recently deceased

Silvana Pugliese, Pietro Chiodo



Aboriginal Thanksgiving Prayer

(Prayed together)

God of Holy Dreaming, Great Creator Spirit,
from the dawn of creation
you have given your children the good things of Mother Earth.
You spoke and the gum tree grew.
In the vast desert and the dense forest,
and in the cities and at the water's edge
creation sings your praise.
Your presence endures at the rock at the heart of our Land.
When Jesus hung on the tree
you heard the cries of all your people
and became one with your wounded ones:
the convicts, the hunted, the dispossessed.
The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew,
and bathed it in glorious hope.
In Jesus we have been reconciled to you,
to each other and to your whole creation.
Lead us on, Great Spirit,
as we gather from the four corners of the earth;
enable us to walk together in trust
from the hurt and shame of the past
into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ. Amen.
[Permission to use this prayer was given by Lenore Parker.]

News and Notices

ADVERTISE WITH US

Our Parish would like to encourage and support local Catholic businesses. Do you or somebody you know have a small Catholic business that would benefit from advertising in our weekly Church bulletin? Our weekly bulletin is viewed by the number of people outside the Parish via the internet and from the 200 copies printed each week!
For a small monthly donation of \$50 your business card sized advertisement would appear 4/5 times a month in our Church bulletin. This donation supports the printing costs of our bulletin. Please contact Carla in the office (02) 9369 9399 for more details.

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SFO FAMILY DAY - SUNDAY 16 JULY

Invites you to attend our Family Day on Sunday 16 July at 10:30am - 2:30pm
At the Parish House, 45A Victoria Street Waverley. Come and meet our Lay Franciscan Community and friars.

ROMAN PILGRIMAGE 2018

The parish is looking at organising a Franciscan focussed parish pilgrimage to Rome (with one day in Assisi) 26th April to 3rd May 2018. If you're interested or would like more info, please email Fr Bernie bthomas@franciscans.org.au

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE

Praying With Poetry. We invite you to join us for the experience of exploring the ways in which poetry can lead to prayer in reflecting on the thoughts, feelings and experiences in selected poems attending to their images, rhythms and capacity to surprise. Poems selected will be from a wide variety of poets including Mary Oliver, RS Thomas, Jessica Powers, Denise Levertov to name a few. There will be time and space for reflection and the invitation for participants to share their favourite poem. The day will be facilitated by well-respected teacher and scholar Glenda Bourke sgs.

Date: Sat, 8 July 10am-3.30pm.

Cost: \$30 Morning Tea provided, BYO Lunch. **Reservations** 9484 6208 or mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au.

Where: 449D Pennant Hills Rd.



International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Scholarship

Santa Sabina College is offering the successful candidate a three year scholarship from Year 10 2018 to Year 12 2020.

The scholarship recipient will intend to study the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme in Years 11 and 12. Applications are open to new students for Year 10 2018 continuing to Year 12 2020. The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Scholarship application form can be found at www.ssc.nsw.edu.au/scholarships. Applications close on Friday 2 Sep 2017. Please contact Marion Malouf, College Registrar at 9745 7030 or m.malouf@ssc.nsw.edu.au for further information.



PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

The current series of planned giving envelopes finished last Sunday, 25 June 2017. The next series is available. Please collect your envelopes promptly at the back of the Church to save on postage costs. We thank you for your support!

MORNING TEA & KNITTING

Each Friday after the morning Mass there is a Morning Tea and knitting in the Parish Centre, please come along for a chat and cuppa and stay for knitting also. The idea for the knitting is to knit beanies, hand-warmers and maybe scarves for people in need. Fr Bernie has all the patterns needed and will teach anyone who is keen to learn. These beanies etc will be then be given to charities like St Vincent de Paul, Cana Community and Matt Talbot Centre who support those people on the streets and in need of good warm clothing.
N.B: Please bring 8 ply wool, and 3.75mm & 4mm needles.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION COMMUNITY

Every Monday at 5:30pm, Mary Immaculate is offering Christian Meditation in the Parish House. Meditation, also known as contemplative prayer, is the prayer of silence and listening. All are welcome. If you have any questions or are interested in coming, please contact Trisha Brookes on 9665 9017 (please mention it is a Meditation Enquiry)

HOLY FATHERS APPEAL 2 JULY

The annual Holy Father's Appeal will be held this weekend. Through this appeal you will become a vital partner of Pope Francis in his mission to deliver corporal works of mercy to where they are needed the most. Thank you for your generous support.