

### MINISTRY ROSTER—SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

Please see the roster for the month of September & October.  
If you have any concerns or cannot attend your rostered day, please see Fr Bernie or call 9369 9328.

23 - 24 September (Week 4)				
Ministry	6pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	5.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
Proclaimer of Word	Adrian Brown	Rory Reed	Des Durkin	Mary McCafferty
Eucharist Minister	Vincent Conroy	Fran Laura Neeson	Genevieve Roberts Gisella Musumeci	Elizabeth Rosa
Hospitality	Warren	Phyllis Spratt Margaret Duncan	Laura Neeson Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly

30 September - 1 October (Week 5)				
Ministry	6pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	5.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Gabrielle McAnespie	Eddie Seeto	Joy Pertile
Euch Minister	Cameron Ward	Gaye Zammit Michelle Byrne	Laura Neeson Jackie Durkin	Miriam Wairau
Hospitality	Clare Cinhvu	Phyllis Spratt Michelle Byrne	Jackie Durkin Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly

7 - 8 October (Week 1)				
Ministry	6pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	5.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto Christian Abruzzese	-
Proclaimer of Word	Adrian Brown	Mia Vincigierra	Bianca Abruzzese	Elizabeth Rosa
Euch Minister	Margaret Blake	Kevin Brookes Margaret Kelly	Dominic Abruzzese Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
Hospitality	Clare Cinhvu	Phyllis Spratt Margaret Duncan	Laura Neeson Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly

14 - 15 October (Week 2)				
Ministry	6pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	5.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto Christian Abruzzese	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Anne Fahy	Annabella Abruzzese	Katy Smith
Euch Minister	Barry Anderson	Fran Laura Neeson	Tony Abruzzese Alison Abruzzese	Mandy Petherbridge
Hospitality	Warren	Phyllis Spratt Michelle Byrne	Jackie Durkin Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly



## 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.

### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 - 24 September 2017

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16**

*The parable of the workers in the vineyard; God welcomes all into his kingdom*

Jesus said to his disciples: "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last."



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:6-9**

*Turn to the Lord in prayer; for he never ignores the prayer of the humble*  
Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 145**

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured.  
The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts.

**FOR 8:30AM & 10AM SUNDAY MASS**

The Lord is near to all who call him.

**SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24, 27**

*Though Paul longs to get to heaven, he will live this mortal life as long as God wills it*

It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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## A FEW WORDS FROM FR BERNIE...

Hello Parishioners,

Please see enclosed article by Anthony Cleary (Director of Religious Education & Evangelisation at Sydney Catholic Schools) that was published in last week's Catholic Weekly .

We have provided this for you to read over the weekend as we believe it offers a balanced discussion regarding the latest debate on same-sex marriage.



Blessings,  
Fr Bernie

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 24 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled:

### EVERYONE'S BUSINESS: DEVELOPING AN INCLUSIVE & SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

*Who are the ones excluded by the economy of today's world?*

*What is their experience and what do we need to do to ensure the economy works for every person and for society as a whole?*

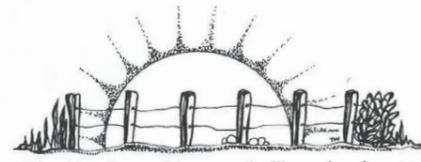
The Australian Catholic Bishop's Social Justice Statement is calling on Australians to consider the poor in our community. For example, workers in low-paid, insecure and intermittent employment; women in the workforce continue to fare worse than men in terms of lower average earning and limited promotion opportunities; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are overrepresented on almost every indicator of disadvantage. "Through this statement we are reminded of the most vulnerable" (Bishop Vincent Long).

Inequality in Australia is less extreme than in developing countries but it is still serious and widening. As people of the gospel we need to be concerned about this.

*"We have to commit ourselves courageously to eliminate unjust structures in our own surroundings, countries and region."* (Pilgrims and Strangers in the World 2008).

The Statement calls us to build an economy founded on true solidarity with those who are most vulnerable. Such a society will reject an 'ideology of the market' that forgets the principles of justice and equity. Justice must be built into the very foundations of our community, and business can work for everybody's benefit, not just for shareholders. The excluded and vulnerable must have a voice in decision making. God is calling us to use his bounty wisely, for the good of all and of our planet.

*"We need to move beyond the 'them and us' to say that there is only 'us'"* (Frank Brennan SJ). For more information and resources: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au).



*The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner hiring workers at daybreak.*

## 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.

## 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.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ In the Greco-Roman world, casual labourers used to gather in the agora or town-square waiting for employers to hire them.
- ◆ In the early Church there was sometimes a jealousy between those who had believed in the risen Christ from the earliest days and thus suffered persecution for their faith and those, especially Gentiles, who came to belief later on.

## 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 on 2nd  
Sunday of month 8:30am Mass & on  
4th weekend at 10am is Family Mass

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**School Principal**  
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## 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, Jessica Amelia, Behan Kahler, Kathleen Schlink, Bob Lloyd, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Stan Vesper, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Kiely, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Gary Shipton, Kim Roper, Br Stan Cusack, Joan Roberts, Hernan Enrique Caceres, Veronica Chavez, Maria Sol Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Joan Dunsmore, Patricia Byrne

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Cesare Scarfone, Giuseppe Vecchio Ruggeri, Purcell & O'Hara Families & Quintana Family,

**Those who have recently deceased:** Meryl Tapsell,

**Those who have recently been baptised:** Hunter Di Palma, Lana Hook, Rose Marshall & Sienna Muston

**Those recently married:** Denny Chow & Helena Susanto, Christopher Massillamany & Roshni Joseph, Carl Martin & Mariz Aberin



## NEWS AND NOTICES

### NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

We have a new email to contact the Parish Office -  
**[office@waverleycatholic.org.au](mailto:office@waverleycatholic.org.au)**  
and a new email to contact Fr Bernie -  
**[parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au](mailto:parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au)**



You are cordially invited to the next meeting of the **Holy Spirit Fraternity Waverley** which will be held next **Wednesday, 27 September** commencing at 7pm in the Friars Chapel. Please note that we will be showing the DVD, "St. Francis and the Sultan – The Story".

### TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS

The Transitus will be held in Mary Immaculate Church on Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7pm followed by a light supper provided in the Parish Centre. All are invited to this special event in preparation for St. Francis' Feast Day on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

### FRIARS RETREAT

Please note Fr Bernie will be away from the 24—29 September at the Friars Retreat. Please note the Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion will be held on 24 to 26 Sept at 9:15am Mass, but the 28 – 29 Sept 9:15am Mass will be as per usual with visiting priest.

### IT'S OK TO SAY NO

You can vote no in the postal plebiscite and still love your same-sex attracted relatives and friends. Voting no does not make you a bigot. Serious consequences will follow any redefinition of marriage in Australia. Just this week no campaigners have been physically and verbally assaulted and have lost their jobs. Vote no to protect our freedoms. To volunteer, donate or for more info visit:  
[www.coalitionformarriage.com.au](http://www.coalitionformarriage.com.au)



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Just a reminder that Daylight savings begins on Sunday, 1 October at 2am. Our Sunday evening service will be again at 6pm from Sunday, 1 October, not 5pm.

### BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Following an 800 year old tradition the Blessing of the Animals will take place at St Francis' of Assisi church Paddington on Saturday, 14 October 2017 from 9:30am to 12 noon. Many have heard of St Francis of Assisi, the man of God who cared for all creation. You are invited to bring your pets - cats, dogs, goldfish, rabbits, guinea pigs and birds to have them blessed individually by the Franciscan Friars. For more info call 9331 4043 or email [administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com](mailto:administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com).