

MINISTRY ROSTER - FEBRUARY/MARCH

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Please see rosters for the month of February. If you cannot attend your rostered day, please see Fr Bernie or call 9369 9328.

10 - 11 February (Week 2)

Ministry	6pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	6.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto Christian Abruzzese	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Mario Vinciguerra	Bianca Abruzzese	Joy Pertile
Eucharist Minister	Vincent Conroy	Kevin Brookes Margaret Kelly	Tony Abruzzese Alison Abruzzese	Marta Ramriez
Hospitality	Clare Cinhvu	Margaret Duncan Phyllis Spratt	Laura Neeson Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly

17 - 18 February (Week 3)

Ministry	6pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	6.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto Christian Abruzzese	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Sally Crane	Annabella Abruzzese	Elizabeth Rosa
Eucharist Minister	Barry Anderson	Fran Laura Neeson	Genevieve Roberts Gisella Musumeci	Mandy Petherbridge
Hospitality	Warren	Laura Neeson Grainne Tierney-Reed	Jackie Durkin Eddie Seeto	-

24 - 25 February (Week 4)

Ministry	6pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	6.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Bernadette O'Connor	Des Durkin	Sally Crane
Eucharist Minister	Susana Hansen	Gaye Zammit Michelle Byrne	Laura Neeson Jackie Durkin	Joy Pertile
Hospitality	Clare Cinhvu	Phyllis Spratt Michelle Byrne	Laura Neeson Eddie Seeto	-

3 - 4 March (Week 1)

Ministry	6pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	6.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Trisha Brookes	Eddie Seeto	Peter Foley
Eucharist Minister	Cameron Ward	Kevin Brookes Gaye Zammit	Genevieve Roberts Jackie Durkin	Elizabeth Rosa
Hospitality	Warren	Laura Neeson Margaret Duncan	Jackie Durkin Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly



Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO

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.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

10 - 11 February 2018

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: LEVITICUS 13:1-2;44-46

The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: When a person has on the skin of his body a swelling or an eruption or a spot, and it turns into a leprous disease on the skin of his body, he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests. he is leprous, he is unclean. The priest shall pronounce him unclean; the disease is on his head.

The person who has the leprous disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head be dishevelled; and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease; he is unclean. He shall live alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 32

Happy those whose offense is forgiven
whose sin is forgiven
O happy those to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit there is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: "I will confess my offence to the Lord."
And the Lord, has forgiven the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord

Exult all you just!
O come ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

RESPONSE AT MORNING MASS ONLY:

In time of trouble I turn to you O Lord

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31-11:1

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please all people in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



GOSPEL: MARK 1:40-45

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people. Alleluia

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

WEEKDAY READINGS

Mon 12 Feb	James 1:1-11	Mark 8:11-13
Tues 13 Feb	James 1:12-18	Mark 8:14-21
Wed 14 Feb	Joel 2:12-18	Matthew 6:1-6. 16-18
Thu 15 Feb	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Luke 9:22-25
Fri 16 Feb	Isaiah 58:1-9	Matthew 9:14-15
Sat 17 Feb	Isaiah 58:9-14	Luke 5:27-32

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15
Psalm: Ps 24:4-9
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

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REFLECTION

The lepers in Jesus' time experienced the pain of their physical condition, but they also suffered deeply as a result of their isolation from society. Contact with them was feared because people had long observed that regular contact with a leper eventually led to leprosy. Isolation inevitably plunged the leper into material poverty but the isolation from others was also a painful form of poverty. Jesus chose to touch the leper who approached him, possibly the first time the leper had been touched by a healthy person for many years. To be welcomed in this way and to have his leprosy cured must have been a great joy for the leper. No wonder he went through the towns talking about what had happened to him. The price Jesus paid for freeing the leper from his isolation was to become more isolated and restricted in what he could do himself. "He could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived". That had been the leper's lot before he encountered Jesus. The reason for the isolation of Jesus and the leper were opposites – no one wanted to be near the leper and everyone wanted to be near Jesus.

We need to have a certain amount of freely-chosen isolation in our lives if we are to have the opportunity to reflect, pray and de-stress ourselves. For true introverts isolation is where they find their energy and inspiration. But isolation which is not freely chosen is very damaging to the human spirit. In our society some people are isolated by forces in their lives which they have difficulty managing. Old people, alcoholics, ex-prisoners, people in abusive relationships and the mentally ill can live very lonely lives if they do not have alert and supportive family and friends. Some people are isolated by their own low self-esteem, shyness or fear of engaging with others, or by pride which prevents them admitting they are lonely or need help. If this is our situation or that of someone we know, then small steps towards engagement with others are likely to be the most effective way of engaging. A cup of coffee with one person may seem a small achievement, but much more manageable than attending a barbeque. We often do not see the isolation which young people experience. It begins in playgrounds when groups of children choose to exclude one or more children. The experience of rejection can lead some children to become loners who long to engage but for whom the pain of rejection is too big a risk. This experience may even shape their adult lives. The parent who encourages their child to be inclusive, to look for the child who is cast out, to encourage those on the fringes to join in, is doing a great service to both their child, to others, and to society.

FEW WORDS FROM FR BERNIE

This week we begin our journey of renewal from death to life - towards Easter. We begin with ashes being placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday which is done for two reasons: A personal act of remembrance and as a sign or a witness for others. In this season of hope we will make sacrifices, in order to try to let God reform our hearts. When ashes are placed on our foreheads, the minister challenges us with a mission to "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." Through this symbol of ashes we are reminded that our call is to turn away from sin and to believe the Good News of our salvation in Jesus. This is a joyful reminder. It challenges us, for sure, but reminds us that God wants us to be renewed.

We wear our ashes as a sign to say that, I've been reminded of where I come from and where I am going. And, I've heard the call to turn away from a life of sin and to give my life to living the Gospel of Jesus. In order to help us remember that we are in a special time in our Church's liturgical calendar and that we are always in need of God's forgiveness, this year you will find, a bowl of ashes (no holy water) at the entrance to the church. You are invited each time you enter to re-sign yourselves with the ashes. This will give us daily/weekly reminders of the pilgrimage we are on and the hope we have in anticipation of the new Water to be blessed at Easter. Blessings, Fr Bernie



DID YOU KNOW?

- As the first reading suggests, having or being suspected of having leprosy caused a person to live outside the community. They were considered unclean and had to warn of their approach so that they would not contaminate others. While this was a measure to protect the community, it must have been unbearable to live this way, not only sick but totally excluded.
- The very elaborate regulations about leprosy and becoming purified after its cure can be read in Leviticus 13 and 14. Leviticus is one of the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures known as the Torah or the Law. They are often referred to as the books of Moses.
- By responding to the leper and touching him, Jesus put himself 'outside the community' and is now forced to 'stay outside in places where nobody lived'.

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.**



Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 9:15am

Saturday: 9:15am, 9:45 - 10:15am
Reconciliation & 6pm Vigil

Sunday: 8:30am, 10am & 6pm

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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, James Elliott, Alice Chapman, Marie Lee

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maureen McLean, Ed Reilly, Christine Harrison, John Harrison, Nancy Trindade, Eileen Bridle, James & Lynnette Toms,

Those recently deceased: Andre Leung, George Caruana, Barbara Wran, Jorge Leon Rodriguez, Patricia Gladstone,

NEWS AND NOTICES

LENTEN CARBON FAST 2018

This Lent, we reflect on and transform our relationship with all of God's creation. Through mindful consumption and simple daily gestures, we make a renewed commitment to stewardship of the Earth and its gifts.

"You are called to care for creation not only as responsible citizens, but also as followers of Christ" - Pope Francis

Wednesday 14 February

Start your journey by reflecting on your current habits. Where could you improve? Write down a few goals for this season.

Thursday 15 February

Spend some time researching climate change.

Friday 16 February

Each Friday in Lent, tape over one light switch in your home to avoid using it and to remind you of your commitment.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION COMMUNITY

Meditation has been proven to benefit you mentally, physically and spiritually. If you would like to find out more, then come along to our Christian Meditation Group which meets in the Parish House at 5.30 p.m. each Monday. Interested? Call Trisha (02) 9665 9017.

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2018 WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY @ 7PM

Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 14 February 7pm in the Parish Centre. Please complete the enrolment form by Wednesday 14 February with \$20 fee for your child's sacrament book. Any questions, please contact Parish Secretary on (02) 9369 9399 or visit our website.

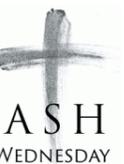
ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

**9:15am Parish Mass
with Yr3-6**

(Incl. distribution of ashes)

7:00pm Mass

(Incl. distribution of ashes)



TUESDAY MORNING MASS

As Tuesday is Father Bernie's scheduled "Day Off", and our older priests are not able to assist as regularly, Tuesday Mass will now be replaced with a Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion, led by one of our Extraordinary Ministers. This will include the usual St Anthony's Devotion.

MUMS' PRAYER GROUP

A prayer group consisting of Mums from St Charles will meet on first Wed of every month at 7:30pm at Church for 45 mins of prayer and reflection. If you are interested in joining please contact Laura by email laura@habitatmedia.com.au

DAYS OF FASTING AND REPARATION

The Australian Catholic bishops have proclaimed the days from Ash Wednesday until the Saturday (14-17 Feb) Days of Fasting & Reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and the healing of victims. In addition to the work that has been undertaken in the area of the protection of children and vulnerable adults, the Days of Fasting and Reparation are an authentically Catholic response to supplement those efforts. Resources can be accessed at www.catholic.org.au/fastandrepairation