

MINISTRY ROSTER - JUNE

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

16 - 17 JUNE (Week 3)

Ministry	5pm Vigil	8.30am	10am	5pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto Christian Abruzzese	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Rory Reed	Bianca Abruzzese	Sally Crane
Eucharist Minister	Susana Hansen	Margaret Kelly Laura Neeson	Dominic Abruzzese Alison Abruzzese	Elizabeth Rosa
Hospitality	Clare Dinhvu	Margaret Duncan Laura Neeson	Jackie Durkin Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly

23 - 24 JUNE (Week 4)

Ministry	5pm Vigil	8.30am	10am	5pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Gabrielle McAnespie	Eddie Seeto	Mary McCafferty
Eucharist Minister	Barry Anderson	Michelle Byrne Laura Neeson	Genevieve Roberts Gisella Musumeci	Joy Pertile
Hospitality	Warren	Phyllis Spratt Grainne Tierney-Reed	Laura Neeson Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly

30 JUNE - 1 JULY (Week 5)

Ministry	5pm Vigil	8.30am	10am	5pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Mia Vinciguerra	Marta Ramirez	Joy Pertile
Eucharist Minister	Shirley Lyons	Fran Gaye Zammit	Cameron Ward Laura Neeson	Elizabeth Rosa
Hospitality	Clare Dinhvu	Michelle Byrne 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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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

16 - 17 June 2018

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 92

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar of Lebanon
planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God.

They are still bearing fruit when they are old;
they are full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just,
in Him, my rock, there is no wrong.

RESPONSE AT MORNING MASS ONLY:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.
My brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.

All who come to him will live forever.

Alleluia

Mark 4:26-34



GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowd, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

WEEKDAY READINGS

Mon 18 June	1 Kings 21:1-16	Matthew 5:38-42
Tues 19 June	1 Kings 21:17-29	Matthew 5:43-48
Wed 20 June	2 Kings 2:1. 6-14	Matthew 6:1-6. 16-18
Thu 21 June	Sirach 48:1-14	Matthew 6:7-15
Fri 22 June	2 Kings 11:1-4. 9-18. 20	Matthew 6:19-23
Sat 23 June	2 Chronicles 24:17-25	Matthew 6:24-34

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm: Ps 71:1-6. 15. 17
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:8-12	Gospel: Luke 1:5-17

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Parables are very short stories with a double meaning. They act like metaphors and can be interpreted very broadly. To understand the parables of Jesus we must be attentive to both the literal and metaphorical language used.
- The nearness of the kingdom (or reign) of God is the central plank of the teaching of Jesus in Mark's Gospel.
- The term 'kingdom of God' occurs only in the New Testament but similar expressions are found in the Old Testament. It refers to a time when God's will would be done on Earth.
- Matthew uses the term 'kingdom of heaven' as a way of avoiding the use of the sacred name of God.

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.**



REFLECTION

The tree does not start to grow without a seed. Then it grows slowly but continuously, imperceptibly to someone who sees it daily. Growth in virtue is like the growth of the tree from seed; it needs a starting point. That starting point may be an earnest desire to grow in a particular virtue as the response to a personal weakness. When we seek God's help in such growth it may seem that our prayer is not immediately answered. But over time, in small steps, the seed which is our desire to conform ourselves more closely with Christ in relation to a particular virtue will grow, and its branches will extend into all areas of our life.

For many people who were baptised as children and raised as Catholics there is no one momentous experience which changes their lives. Instead they grow in faith and the other virtues gradually. Each step is the prelude to another, building their lives into a tree of faith which provides support, shelter and assistance to others as a result of the life that flows within the tree. We could say that God constantly offers us the seeds which are the virtues and our role is to plant them in our lives. Our decision to plant them, and our continuing desire that they should grow, draw from him the grace that fosters and directs their growth. The many small decisions we make in response to grace and the Holy Spirit form us and grow the "tree of virtue" within us. We do not grow in virtue by ourselves – it is always in partnership with God. <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/>

FUTHER REFLECTION

Parables provoke interpretation. They make us wonder what Jesus was referring to and what he really meant. At times, he is quite vague about the real meaning and his disciples are left wondering. Think for example of the parable of the Sower which Jesus must later explain (Mk 4: 13-20). At other times, like the instances we have in this gospel reading, Jesus is quite explicit: he tells his hearers that he is talking about the kingdom of God. Even so, he must still explain his meaning to the disciples when he is alone with them. Unfortunately, Mark does not report for us what interpretation Jesus places on these parables.

In the Old Testament, the imagery of the reign of God had an apocalyptic dimension; it was to come to fullness at the end times when the wicked would be punished and the faithful vindicated. Only then would there be a new heaven and a new Earth. The message in Mark's Gospel however, is quite different. Jesus proclaims that the kingdom of God has already begun. It is among us now. 'This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand' (Mk 1:15). Like the seed planted, it takes root and grows mysteriously into something much larger than itself. The kingdom or reign is a gracious gift from God brought near in Christ and demanding a response of faith from those who recognise the truth of his word. The kingdom offers a challenge; like the man who sowed the seed, we must be ready to cooperate in God's work when the harvest time comes.

LIVING THE WORD

The mystery of the kingdom of God is echoed in the mystery of the Church. *It was the Son's task to accomplish the Father's plan of salvation in the fullness of time. Its accomplishment was the reason for his being sent. 'The Lord Jesus inaugurated his Church by preaching the Good News, that is, the coming of the Reign of God, promised over the ages in the scriptures.' To fulfill the Father's will, Christ ushered in the Kingdom of heaven on earth. The Church 'is the Reign of Christ already present in mystery.'* *'This Kingdom shines out before men in the world, in the works and in the presence of Christ.' To welcome Jesus' word is to welcome 'the Kingdom itself'. The seed and beginning of the Kingdom are the 'little flock' of those whom Jesus came to gather around him, the flock whose shepherd he is... To those who he thus gathered around him, he taught a 'new way of acting' and a prayer of their own.'* (CCC §763, §764)

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 9:15am

Saturday: 9:15am, 9:45 - 10:15am
Reconciliation & 5:00pm Vigil

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 5:00pm

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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 Caceres, Veronica Chavez, Maria Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Bringas, Carolina Perez, Rodolfo Arruabarrena, Joan Dunsmore, James Elliott, Alice Chapman, Mary Thompson,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: James Spratt, Michael Gauci, Bill Lynch, Allan Smith, Andrew Chin, Peter Chin, Elida Hilda Peirce, Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca, Joan Margaret Lynch,

NEWS AND NOTICES

ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS & RENEWAL OF VOWS

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on **Sunday, 8th July** at **St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney**, at **10.30 am**. All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on (02) 9307 8404 or email LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org. Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th, or 65th wedding anniversaries will receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher. Special recognition will also be given to couples who were married at the Cathedral.

WAVERLEY SENIOR COLLEGE & JUNIOR SCHOOL Open Days 2018

Thu 8 November
Senior School Info Morning
9am – 10.30am
Tue 17 October Junior School
Short Tour 4pm – 5pm



ST CLARE'S COLLEGE WAVERLEY Open Days 2018

21 June 2:00pm - 3:30pm
25 July 9:00am - 10:30am
28 August 2:00pm - 3:30pm
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Join the Sydney Catholic Youth Team to raise funds for CatholicCare Sydney's HOPE program in this year's City2Surf. We're aiming to raise \$75,000 to help vulnerable 16-25 year old mothers and their babies. They often have no family support and no one to turn to. The HOPE In A Box program provides essential needs so that young mothers can start off on the right foot. Challenge yourself and run for HOPE! Register online at <https://fundraise.catholiccare.org/city2surf> and join the Sydney Catholic Youth Team today! For further information please contact Ashleigh Green on 0419 954 839 or at community@catholiccare.org.au



You are cordially invited to the next meeting of the Holy Spirit Fraternity Waverley on Wednesday, 27 June at 7:00pm in the Friars Chapel.

LISTENING TO YOU CARDS

These cards found at the back of the church are designed to provide you an opportunity for feedback with any child related or vulnerable adult concerns you may have within the Parish. We at Mary Immaculate Church aim to provide knowledge and resources to our community to remain a child-safe Parish. If you have any concerns, please contact our Parish Priest on (02) 9369 9328 or parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au.