



Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

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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.

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

26 - 27 January 2019

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING: NEHEMIAH 8:2-6, 8-10

The priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiyah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 18

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

May the spoken words of my
mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock

RESPONSE AT MORNING MASS ONLY:

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12: 12-30

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,"

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that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the organs in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single organ, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those parts of the body which we think less honourable we invest with the greater honour, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior part, that there may be no discord in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring good news to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL: LUKE 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

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.**



EXPLORING THE WORD

It is very unusual in the sequence of Sunday gospels to have two texts from completely different chapters, but such is the case this week. The opening text from Luke claims that he has a special purpose in undertaking to write his gospel. It is clear that Luke did not know Jesus personally—indeed he places himself among those to whom the story of Jesus ‘was handed down’, first by eyewitnesses and then by ministers of the word. Luke is of the second or third generation of Christians, and his purpose is to ‘write an ordered account’ to instruct Theophilus so that ‘he can learn how well founded the teaching is’.

The Lectionary then moves to this central text in Luke—where the mission and mandate of Jesus is proclaimed. The text from Isaiah chosen by Jesus is about the coming of the Messiah or the ‘anointed one’. Two weeks previously, we read the text of the baptism of Jesus, where the Spirit had indeed been given to him and he had indeed been anointed by God as the one who carries God’s favour. Here Jesus announces how he will carry out his messianic mission of bringing hope to the hopeless. The gospel continues with Jesus carrying out this mandate. Luke includes many stories of Jesus bringing good news to the poor, of raising up those who are downtrodden, of bringing sight to the blind. His whole ministry is his living out this very task. Indeed, ‘this text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

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A WORD FROM FR BERNIE

I would like to thank everyone who had blessed me at Christmas. I was showered with wonderful food, wine and other great gifts. I wish to thank you for your support and to say I appreciate your thoughtfulness.
Blessings, Fr Bernie



NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19 **Psalms:** Ps 71:1-6. 15. 17
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13 **Gospel:** Luke 4:21-30

WEEKDAY READINGS

Mon 28 Jan	Hebrews 9:15. 24-28	Mark 3:22-30
Tue 29 Jan	Hebrews 10:1-10	Mark 3:31-35
Wed 30 Jan	Hebrews 10:11-18	Mark 4:1-20
Thu 31 Jan	Hebrews 10:19-25	Mark 4:21-25
Fri 1 Feb	Hebrews 10:32-39	Mark 4:26-34
Sat 2 Feb	Malachi 3:1-4	Luke 2:22-40

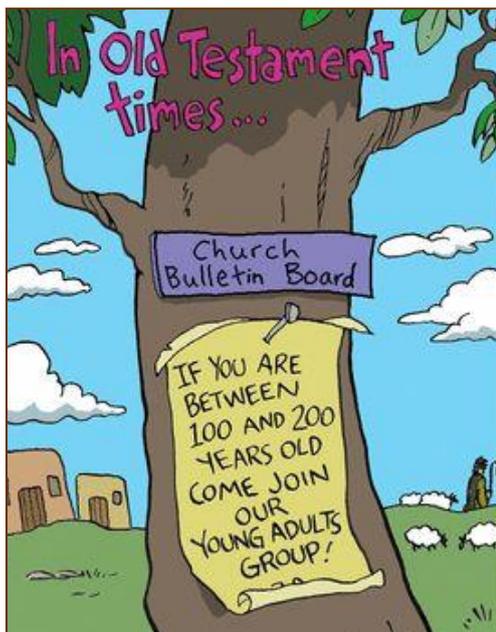
A WORD FROM FR CHARLIE

In reflecting on my almost 17 years of ordained life in the Lebanese Maronite order, especially in its mission in Australia and my engagement with the Roman Catholic church through the Franciscan order, I think back to July 6, 2002, where in the church of the Holy Spirit-kaslik in Lebanon, I was ordained a priest. Looking at the excitement on the faces of these six men, who were about to embark on such a fulfilling and enriching vocation of service to God and his people, was truly special. I couldn’t help but smile and think of how proud we are of each of them and to think of how God will use them to do great things for our church.

God has blessed me abundantly as a priest. A priest has the privilege of entering people’s lives in so many different ways, from the high points to the most difficult times as well. From celebrating Mass and praying for the world each day, to baptising a child, to walking with a couple preparing for marriage or sending loved ones to heaven—the priest is the instrument of God’s grace for others. I think of my many visits to the schools, the hospitals and senior homes, the home blessings and the fun I have had in spending quality time with the people of God— each experience was certainly a God moment for me.

Let us continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and the diaconate. May we encourage children, grandchildren, parishioners and friends to consider this special call from God.

Fr Challita (Charlie) Al Boustany



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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, Terry Dodds, Damian Johnson, Lorraine Ladd-Hudson, Maria Alves, Joanne Macrae, Audrey Moran, Catherine Davis, William Beaudoin, Denis Lindsay, Albert Miu, Jett Jarvis, Grazia Mafodda, Ana Letec, Helene Beazley, Wayne Townson, Jessica Amelia, Behan Kahler, Bob Lloyd, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Stan Vesper, Rosa Santos, Maria Kiely, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Gary Shipton, Br Stan Cusack, Hernan Caceres, Veronica Chavez, Maria Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Bringas, Carolina Perez, Rodolfo Arruabarrena, Joan Dunsmore, James Elliott, Mary Thompson, Cathy Murray, Patrick Lucas, Maria Murabito, Ellen Mallia, Neeco Orsini,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Robert Teagle

Those recently deceased: Georgina Szymanski, Theresa Perrett, Tristan McCartney & Josipa Martljan



NEWS AND NOTICES

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

We will not be meeting on Monday, 28th January as it is a Public Holiday. We will meet up again on Monday, 4 February in the Parish Centre at 5:00pm

DID YOU KNOW?

- The name Theophilus literally means 'friend of God' or 'lover of God'. Both the Gospel of Luke and Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, are addressed to him. It is not known who he was.
- Of all the gospels, Luke's is the most explicit and frequent in its references to the Holy Spirit.
- The Jewish Sabbath runs from sunset on Friday until sunset on Saturday.
- All Jewish men who have been 'bar mitzvah' (meaning 'son of the law') are eligible to come forward to read the sacred scrolls.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ENROLMENT OPENS 1st Term 2019

Enrolment Form Due:

Wednesday, 13 February 2019

Parent Information Night:

Wednesday, 13 February 2019 at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre Hall

Commitment Mass & Training Session:

Saturday, 23 February 2019 at 5:00pm
Family Mass

Sacrament of First Reconciliation:

Wednesday, 3 March 6:30pm

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST ENROLMENT OPENS 3rd Term 2019

Enrolments close:

Wednesday, 7 August 2019.

Parent Information Session:

Wednesday, 7 August 2019 at 6:30pm in the Parish Centre Hall

Commitment Mass & Training:

Saturday, 24 August 2019 at 5:00pm Family Mass

First Eucharist Ceremony: TBC Sat, 21

September 2019 at 5:00pm Family Mass

For more information, visit our website or contact the Parish Office on 9369 9399.

PARISH & ALTAR LINEN ROSTERS

Are you rostered on to help in one of our liturgical ministries each month? Make sure you check our website for the most up to date roster for Jan & Feb 2019 and let Fr Bernie know if you cannot make it by calling (02) 9369 9328 or email him at

parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au

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MINISTRY ROSTER - JANUARY/FEBRUARY

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

26 - 27 JANUARY (Week 4)				
Ministry	5pm Vigil	8.30am	10am	5pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Marta Ramirez	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Mario Vinciguerra	Des Durkin	Elizabeth Rosa
Eucharist Minister	Vincent Conroy	Margaret Kelly Fran	Genevieve Roberts Eddie Seeto	Mary Westall
Hospitality	Kathleen Fenlon Ruth Lucas	Margaret Duncan	Jackie Durkin Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
3 - 4 FEBRUARY (Week 1)				
Ministry	5pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	5.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Marta Ramirez	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Gabrielle McAnespie	Genevieve Roberts	Daniel Wairau
Eucharist Minister	Susana Hansen	Gaye Zammit Fran	Genevieve Roberts Laura Neeson	Miriam Wairau
Hospitality	Warren	Phyllis Spratt	Laura Neeson Jackie Durkin	Mary Westall
10 - 11 FEBRUARY (Week 2)				
Ministry	5pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	5.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto Christian Abruzzese	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Anne Fahy	Des Durkin	Peter Foley
Eucharist Minister	Barry Anderson	Kevin Brookes Margaret Kelly	Dominic Abruzzese Eddie Seeto	Joy Pertile
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