



Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO BULLETIN

TAKE THIS HOME

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

15 – 16 FEBRUARY 2020

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.*

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: SIRACH 15:15-20

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. The Lord has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever we choose will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts.
You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes.

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law.

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart.

RESPONSE AT MORNING MASS ONLY:

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10

My brothers and sisters, among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. As it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37

On the mountain, Jesus gathered his disciples around him and he taught them, saying: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God. Let your word be 'Yes,' if 'Yes' or 'No,' if 'No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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



MASS TIMES

- Monday - Friday:** 9:15am.
- Saturday:** 9:15am, 9:45 - 10:15am
Reconciliation & 5:00pm Vigil.
- Sunday:** 8:30am, 10:00am & 5:00pm.
- Baptism:** Last two Sundays of each month at 11:30am.
- Anointing of the Sick:** Last Saturday of each month.
- Family Mass:** Fourth Saturday of each month (during school term).

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Director of Jnr School: Ms Gabrielle Smith

EXPLORING THE WORD

The central theme of this week's reading from Matthew is built upon for the next several weeks. In this text, Matthew is reassuring his Jewish audience that Jesus has not come to replace the Law of Judaism but to bring it to fullness and completion. In this gospel, Jesus reassures his hearers that 'not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law.' Instead, Jesus extends the Law of Israel and interprets it in a new way. His emphasis is on the spirit of the Law, not the letter of the Law. Doing only what the Law requires as a minimum is, for Jesus, not enough. Disciples are called to discern what is at the heart of faith and to bring this to all our dealings with people. The observance of outward expressions of faith is hollow unless it is accompanied by an attitude that shapes our whole being and informs all our actions, responses and decisions.

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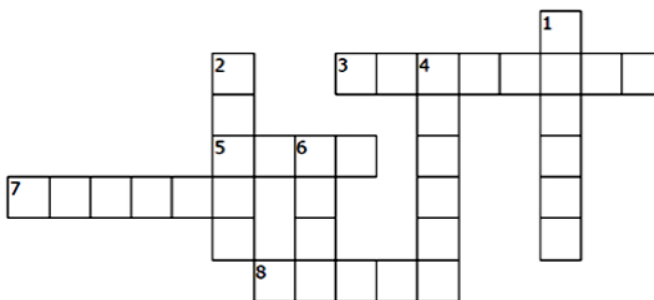
LENTEN PROGRAMME 2020

The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong had prepared a Lenten Programme for 2020 titled "Grace". The Parish believes this to be an excellent programme and will present it on Saturday mornings over six 6 weeks of Lent. A beautifully produced booklet will guide participants through the programme, which will reflect on each Sunday Gospel of Lent. Reflections provided by Fr Christopher Sparkis, Parish Priest of Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow, who is noted for opening a magnificent new church in 2019. His reflections are a starting point for sharing and discussion. Spiritual direction is provided by Dominican Sister Anastasia Reeves, who builds on Fr Christopher's reflections with practical directions for implementation during the week ahead. Saturday mornings will begin on 29 February after the Saturday Morning Mass and conclude before midday. We would like early indication of your participation so that we can order individual booklets. Please contact Margaret Blake on 9662 3455 or write your details on the Lenten Program 2020 list on the back table near the glass dividers.



KIDS CORNER

- ★ Read this Gospel out loud. What do you think Jesus means by, "let your 'yes' mean 'yes,' and your 'no' mean 'no'"?
- ★ This week, talk at home about what it means to live as a Christian today in the world. How should followers of Christ behave? The Bible is God's living word among us. What does this passage instruct us to do as followers of Jesus?



- 1. DANGER
- 2. JUDGMENT
- 3. PEOPLE
- 4. GIFT
- 5. ANGRY
- 6. ALTAR
- 7. MURDER
- 8. FOOL

ACROSS

- 3. To decide if a person is guilty or innocent
- 5. A present that is given to another person
- 7. Killing of a person by another person
- 8. The place where gifts or sacrifices to God are made

DOWN

- 1. A group of human beings (men or women or children)
- 2. To be furious
- 4. To be at risk of being injured or harmed
- 6. A person who lacks good sense

Forgiving and Forgiven

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24



UPCOMING DATES

- 16 Feb** Baptisms at 11:30am
- 17 Feb** Living the Change Conversation 4pm in Parish Centre
Christian Meditation 5:30pm in Parish Centre
- 19 Feb** Taizé Prayer Night at 7:30pm
- 22 Feb** Family Mass 5:00pm Vigil
First Reconciliation Commitment Mass
- 23 Feb** Baptisms at 11:30am
- 26 Feb** Ash Wednesday
7:00am, 9:15am & 6pm



LET US PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick: Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Libby Brookes, Lisa Roper & Cathy Murray

Those recently deceased: Damien McGann, Catherine Lees, Joan McGann & Margaret Roberts

Those recently married: Alexis Bouniol-Laffont & Jeehye Choi and Robert Rando & Patrice Gzelck

Those recently baptised: Memphis Iyare Osifo, Marvin Iyare Osifo & Lacey Lee Conti

Those with anniversaries at this time: Saverina Chiodo (14/2)

DID YOU KNOW?

- Two of the major divisions of the Jewish Scriptures are the Law (comprising the first five books of the Old Testament, the Hebrew *Torah*) and the Prophets (*nebi'im* in Hebrew). The other major division is known as the Writings (*ketubim* in Hebrew) and comprises the Wisdom literature of Israel, including such books as the Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job and Ruth.
- The Pharisees were a group of very pious Jews who observed all the laws of Israel. They are often depicted in the gospels as overly legalistic or even hypocritical, but this is probably an unfair depiction that has been influenced by the events surrounding the separation of the early Christians from the mainstream Jewish religion after the destruction of the temple in AD 70.
- The origin of the term *scribes* is unclear and seems to cover a variety of functions and bureaucratic officers. The term does not seem to denote a group with particular religious beliefs but, rather, learned men more generally. During the time of Jesus, they were probably influential in the temple and at various levels of government.

NEWS & NOTICES

JOIN A CONVERSATION

Topic: "Living the Change"

This program was initiated by ARCC (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change) for faith based groups to collectively work towards a more sustainable future. We meet at the Parish House on the 3rd Monday of each month 4pm - 5.15 pm beginning Feb 17 and would welcome any newcomers. You would also be welcome to join the Christian Meditation Group which follows at 5.30pm. More info: janetos239@gmail.com

FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

Join St Charles Borromeo Parish on a journey live on location in the Holy Land of Israel. From Sunday 6 September for 14 days, enjoy a genuine pilgrim experience with Harvest Journeys accompanied by Fr Bernie Thomas, OFM. Information brochures are found at the back of the church near glass dividers.

HOUSE OF WELCOME

A reminder to support The House of Welcome on the 4th of Sunday of each month.

Non-Food Items: (NO CLOTHES PLEASE)

- * Nappies (larger sizes—walker / junior)
- * Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- * Laundry detergent, dishwashing Liquid
- * Shampoo, conditioner, soaps
- * Cleaning Products & Cloths
- * Deodorant (men's and women's)
- * Sanitary Pads (no tampons) & toilet paper
- * Razors & Shaving Cream
- * Aldi/Woolworths/ Coles vouchers

Great food items to donate include:

- * Cook oil, sugar/flour, salt/pepper/spices
- * Canned tuna, tomatoes, chick peas, peas, carrot, fruit & corn (not creamed)
- * Basmati rice & instant noodles
- * Biscuits, tea/coffee, honey/jam & juices

TAIZÉ PRAYER - 19 FEB 7:30PM

Taizé Prayer Nights are held on the third Wednesday of every month. The services use sung repetitive chants in an environment of peace, and traditionally have included praying around a prayer focus with many candles. One of the most important aspects of the prayer is silent prayer. We invite you to come along on **Wed 19 Feb at 7.30pm for an hour of Taizé prayer in our church**. We assure you this time of reflection, will nurture and strengthen your prayer life and relationship with God.



WEEKDAY READINGS

- Mon 17 Feb** James 1:1-11 John 14:6
- Tue 18 Feb** James 1:12-18 John 14:23
- Wed 19 Feb** James 1:19-27
Mark 8:22-26
- Thu 20 Feb** James 2:1-9
Mark 8:27-33
- Fri 21 Feb** James 2:14-24, 26
Mark 8:34-9:1
- Sat 22 Feb** 1 Peter 5:1-4
Matthew 16:13-19
- Sun 23 Feb** Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48



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OPEN DAYS
THURSDAY, 5 MARCH 9.30am–11am
FRIDAY, 6 MARCH 9.30am–11am

OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY, 5 MARCH 7pm–8:30pm

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NEW TO OUR CHURCH?

Welcome To Waverley Parish! Have you completed a Parish Census form? The Parish Census is a vital tool used by the Parish Office to meet the pastoral, spiritual and official needs of parishioners. It is important that we have an up to date parish roll. New catholic families that have recently moved into the Mary Immaculate Parish zone and those families living here, but not yet registered are kindly asked to complete a Parish Census Form as soon as possible.

Have you completed a Planned Giving Programme Registration form? Interested in being a Volunteer? These forms are also available at the Church entrance near the glass dividers. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME 2020**FIRST RECONCILIATION (PENANCE)**

Parent Information Night: Wednesday, 5 February at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

Commitment Mass & Training: Saturday, 22 February at 5pm Family Mass.

First Reconciliation Ceremony: Wednesday, 1 April at 6:30pm

**RECONCILIATION****FIRST EUCHARIST (COMMUNION)**

Enrolments close: Wednesday, 29 July.

Parent Information Session: Wednesday, 29 July at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Commitment Mass & Training: Saturday, 22 August at 5pm.

First Eucharist Ceremony: Sunday, 20 September at 10am Family Mass.

**CONFIRMATION**

Enrolment Form Due: 29 April 2020 at 6:30pm

Parent Information Night: Wednesday, 29 April 2020 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Commitment Mass: Saturday, 23 May at 5pm Family Mass.

Training Session: Thursday, 11 June 11:15-12:30pm.

Confirmation Ceremony: Saturday, 27 June 2020 at 5pm.



Enrolment forms available on our website OR in the church foyer near the glass dividers. For all Sacramental Dates for 2020, please visit our website: www.waverleycatholic.org.au

MINISTRY ROSTER - FEBRUARY

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot serve. Fr Bernie parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au

15 - 16 FEB	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Christian Abruzzese	-
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Genevieve Roberts Trisha Brookes	Bianca Abruzzese Annabelle Abruzzese	Baricevic Family
EUCHARIST MINISTER	Vincent Conroy	Kevin Brookes Francine Darvill	Tony Abruzzese Alison Abruzzese	Mary Westall Joy Pertile
HOSPITALITY	Laura Neeson Teresa Vigroux	Margaret Duncan	Jackie Durkin	Leanne Langlands
22 - 23 FEB	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Anne Fahy Trisha Brookes	Des Durkin Eddie Seeto	Peter Foley
EUCHARIST MINISTER	Shirley Lyons	Kevin Brookes Daniel Murray	Gisella Musumeci Jackie Durkin	Janet Gerzina Kathy Reilly
HOSPITALITY	Kathleen Fenlon Ruth Lucas	Phyllis Spratt	Eddie Seeto Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly

PARISH MINISTRIES

Would you like to volunteer in our Parish? We are still in need of more volunteers to help in our Parish Ministries. If you still have forms at home or wish to get a new form please see Fr Bernie or the Parish Secretary.

Our Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am Mass times require the most need at the moment. There will be training for each of our ministries, so if you are concerned that you may not be capable, please chat with Fr Bernie to find out what might be involved.

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For a small monthly donation of \$50 your business card sized ad 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.