



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

21 - 22 MARCH 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." When the sons of Jesse came, Samuel looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." Jesse sent and brought David in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
He leads me near restful waters,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

RESPONSE AT MORNING MASS ONLY:

The Lord is my Shepherd there is nothing I shall want.



SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then the man who was blind went and washed, and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.



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

A WORD FROM FR BERNIE

Dear Parishioners,
 With the current health crises becoming more real in the last few weeks I have decided that to protect all of us from spreading the COVID-19 virus the following decisions have been made – after consultation with our school principals and listening to advice from health providers.

- The Chalice with the Precious Blood of Christ will no longer be offered to the community.
- I ask that the Body of Christ be received on the hand only – not the tongue.
- At the sign of peace I suggest you just bow to your neighbours and say “Peace be with you”.
- The school children will no longer attend any weekday Masses or Reconciliation Services, until Term 2.
- The First Sacrament of Reconciliation will be postponed until Term 2/3.
- Confirmation is also postponed until Term 3/4.

I apologise for any inconvenience these decisions will create, but until we have a clearer idea of how this virus is going to affect our lives it is best to take every precaution possible to prevent the spread of the virus and to look after one another. Masses will continue each day but I do encourage everyone to practice personal care and social distancing as encouraged by Health authorities. I will be taking extra care to cleanse any areas like door handles and hand rails where the virus can be transferred. Please keep praying for a quick end to this virus.
 Blessings + peace, Fr Bernie

REFLECTION

We may wonder why Jesus used ritual signs (spittle, mud and water,) in order to heal the man who had been blind from birth. Other people were healed by his touch, or simply by his word. We read how he sent the ten lepers on their way with a promise, and they were healed on their journey to see the priest who would attest to their cure. Equally, he sent the Roman centurion away with the promise of a cure, before he reached home the man got word that his servant was healed. I imagine this is how Jesus heals many of us. We ask for a blessing, and nothing seems to happen immediately. Maybe, after asking to be blessed we should simply let the healing come gradually, in the Lord's own time. “Lord, that I may see” was his sincere and simple prayer. It may be short but it came from the heart as a powerful plea. There was another blind man named Bartimeus who, when he heard that Jesus was passing by, was determined to get his attention. People tried to silence him, but he shouted even louder, until he too got the cure he needed. But first Jesus asked the pointed question: “Do you want to be healed?” As the story unfolds, the man's eyes were fully opened, including the eyes of his mind. Jesus was intent on healing the whole person, body and soul. When the man in today's gospel knew how fully he was healed, he fell on his knees, full of worship and joy. Could we too share in his gift of healing? The greatest good we can do for other people is not given with money, though that has its proper place, but by helping them count their blessings and revealing their own value to them. It is good to help others feel affirmed, loved and appreciated. Many people are burdened with a poor self-image, and they may not see the good in themselves. That is a form of blindness in others that any of us can help to heal. The most certain proof that Christ lives in us is our willingness and ability to affirm and bring a blessing to other people.
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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and 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.

KIDS CORNER

Word Search

BLIND	EYES	
WORLD	SINNED	
HOME	MUD	
SILOAM	PARENTS	
SPIT	POOL	WASH
SIGHT	NIGHT	BORN
LIFE	OPENED	LIGHT
RECEIVED	BIRTH	GROUND



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DID YOU KNOW?

- In Jesus' time, blindness and other illnesses were seen as punishment for sin.
- The Sabbath was a day for God, and no work could be done. The action of 'making a paste' was considered work, so the Pharisees accuse Jesus of breaking the Sabbath laws.
- The Pool of Siloam was famous from ancient times as it was a pool inside the city walls of Jerusalem that was linked by a tunnel, built by King Hezekiah, to the Gihon Spring outside the city. This meant that during times of siege, the city always had a water supply.

**LET US PRAY FOR...**

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

Those recently deceased: Jodie Pawsey & John Hyland

Those recently baptised: Ryder Vincent Romero

NEWS & NOTICES

Thirty-two-year-old Sakun lives in a village in central east India. She developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples.** You can donate through Parish envelopes, or visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

**EARLY MORNING MASS DURING LENT**

As a special way of celebrating Lent this year, Fr Bernie will be offering an extra Mass on Friday mornings at 7am. All are welcome to come celebrate. The Church will be open from 6.30am on Fridays for those who wish to spend some time in prayer before Mass.

FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

Please note that due to the current situation regarding Corona Virus, Harvest Journeys and Fr Bernie have agreed to postpone the Pilgrimage until further notice. For those that have already registered or want more information, please contact Fr Bernie on 9369 9328 or parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

**FRANCISCAN SECULARS HOLY SPIRIT FRATERNITY GATHERING**

You are invited to our Franciscan Seculars Holy Spirit Fraternity Gathering on **Wednesday 25 March 2020**. All interested are welcome to join us at **7:00pm** Mass at Star of the Sea Friary, 45 Victoria St, Waverley followed by dialogue & discussion at **8:00pm** at the Parish Hall, 45a Victoria St Waverley. RSVP text 0435 013 733 or timothyofs@gmail.com by 24 Feb.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

The St. Charles' Prayer Group will be postponed until further notice. Interested in joining or need more info please contact - Laura laura@habitatmedia.com.au.

WEEKDAY READINGS

- Mon 23 Mar** Isaiah 65:17-21
John 4:43-54
- Tue 24 Mar** Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
John 5:1-3, 5-16
- Wed 25 Mar** Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10
Luke 1:26-38
- Thu 26 Mar** Exodus 32:7-14
John 5:31-47
- Fri 27 Mar** Wisdom 2:1, 12-22
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Sat 28 Mar** Jeremiah 11:18-20
John 7:40-52
- Sun 29 Mar** Ezekiel 37:12-14
Ps 129
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

CHARING CROSS MARKET FAIR DAY

Please note that from 9:00am next Saturday, 28 March to Sunday, 29 March at 5:00pm, the council carpark next door will be closed. Please allow additional time to find parking before Mass. The Charing Cross Market Fair Day is on Sunday, 29 March from 11:00am to 4:00pm with live entertainment, food and activities for the kids. For more info, please visit waverley.nsw.gov.au

**SAFEGUARDING**

We understand how difficult it can be for people who have experienced abuse to make a complaint. We want to support you in this process and we can provide access to counselling and support services if needed. www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/ for more info. Following the Safeguarding Protocols set by the Archdiocese, there are to be **no photographs** (particularly of people) during Masses without the permission of the Parish Priest.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP**

Meditation Group will be postponed until further notice. For info, please phone Trisha - 0405 516 972 or Maureen - 0425 225 095.

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.

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.

**ADVERTISE WITH US**

Our Parish would like to encourage and support local Catholic businesses. Do you or somebody you know have a small Catholic business that would benefit from advertising in our weekly Church bulletin? Our weekly bulletin is viewed by the number of people outside the Parish via the internet and from the 200 copies printed each week!

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.

MINISTRY ROSTER - MARCH/APRIL

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

21 - 22 MAR	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	-	Celina Seeto Christian Abruzzese	-
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Mario Vinciguerra Trisha Brookes	Annabelle Abruzzese Bianca Abruzzese	Daniel Wairau Joy Pertile
EUCARIST MINISTER	Shirley Lyons	Kevin Brookes Francine Darvill	Tony Abruzzese Alison Abruzzese	Miriam Wairau
HOSPITALITY	Kathleen Fenlon Ruth Lucas	Margaret Duncan	Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
28 - 29 MAR	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	Genevieve Roberts Anne Fahy	Des Durkin Eddie Seeto	Peter Foley
EUCARIST MINISTER	Cameron Ward	Gaye Zammit Margaret Kelly	Gisella Musumeci Susana Hansen	Janet Gerzina
HOSPITALITY	Laura Neeson Teresa Vigroux	Margaret Duncan	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly

4 - 5 APRIL	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	Mario Vinciguerra Trisha Brookes	Eddie Seeto Des Durkin	Joy Pertile
EUCARIST MINISTER	Laura Neeson	Kevin Brookes Daniel Murray	Susana Hansen	Kathy Reilly
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Phyllis Spratt	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly

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