



# 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 OF EASTER - YEAR A

16 - 17 MAY 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;  
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.*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

### FIRST READING: ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17

A severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did, for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralysed or lame were cured. So there was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 65:1-7, 16, 20

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might.

Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me.

### RESPONSE AT MORNING MASS ONLY:

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

### SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:15-18

In your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: JOHN 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. "They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



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Parish Office is contactable by phone or email with visits only for critical matters.

From 18 May to 31 May, people can "book" in for a Mass. Monday to Saturday 9.15am; Saturday 5pm; Sunday 8am, 9am, 10am & 5pm. You must have booked in with Fr Bernie via phone, text, or email and received confirmation that you have been booked in.

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## ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A FRANCISCAN FRIAR?

### BECOME A FRANCISCAN FRIAR!

Join the friars in an online chat about the life of the Franciscan Friars in Australia and New Zealand.

St Francis of Assisi wrote a Rule that leads the friars into a radical Gospel life which places an emphasis on community and humble service. Do you have any questions about the life of the friars? Do you feel called to this life?

The Franciscan vocation is open to single men 18-40 years of age ready to answer God's call to St Francis to "Go, rebuild my Church."

Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 at 7:30-8:30pm (Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne)  
Zoom Meeting ID: 991 0577 4084  
or <https://zoom.us/j/99105774084>

Further info: email Friar Joe McKay:  
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## FURTHER REFLECTIONS

Today, on our thirty-sixth day of the Easter season, our attention shifts from the risen Lord to the promised Spirit. We are thankful today because we are people of hope. What is the basis of that hope? One of the grounds for our hope is the fact that all the earth can cry out to God with joy. The purpose of Acts of the Apostles is to show that the good news brought by Jesus is not limited or restricted in any way: it does not belong to one people but to all people. The author outlines how the gospel reaches to the ends of the earth. We hear about the first step in that expansionary process in chapter 8 of Acts. We met Philip last week, like Stephen, one of the seven chosen to help with the distribution of food to the widows among the Hellenists in the Jerusalem community. These Hellenists were Greek-speaking Christian Jews who seem to have been discriminated against on cultural grounds. The ministry of service exercised by the seven would later be seen as the basis for the ministerial order of deacons. Philip is to be distinguished from Philip who was one of the Twelve. Interestingly, while chapter 6 of Acts presents the seven being chosen so that the Twelve could devote themselves to preaching, here in chapter 8 we find Philip also engaged in preaching. He is in Samaria. We know that, after the death of Solomon, according to the biblical accounts, the kingdom had been split into two: the kingdom of Israel in the north and the kingdom of Judah in the south. Two hundred years later (720 BC), the Assyrians destroyed the northern kingdom and some of the people were taken away in captivity. The land later became known as Samaria and the people living there regarded as foreigners, even though they worshipped the same God as the Jews. Philip baptised, but the author of Acts says that the people did not receive the Spirit until Peter and John laid hands on them. This is a little odd, since elsewhere we are told that baptism conferred the Spirit. It seems that what the author wanted to emphasise is that Philip's practice of taking the Good News outside the borders of Judaea was confirmed by the Twelve. It is a statement about the unity of the followers of Jesus, whatever their background. This piece of Scripture would become the later justification for the separation of baptism and confirmation in our western tradition. What happens to the person who receives the Spirit? John's Gospel, recounting the words of Jesus in the discourse at the Last Supper, says that such a one is united in truth and united in Christ. The indwelling of the Spirit is the indwelling of the Trinity and the unity of the community. To have the Spirit is to be driven towards unity; it is to be impelled towards care for others, all others. In the fifth century, Augustine told the newly baptised what it meant for them to be filled with the Spirit in loving God and keeping God's commandments. 'Thus, before all else, Christ came so that they might learn how much God loves them, and might learn this so that they would catch fire with love for him who first loved them, and so that they would also love their neighbour as he commanded and showed by his example—he who made himself their neighbour by loving them when they were not close to him but were wandering far from him.' [Footnote: *De catechizandis rudibus* 4.8. The excerpts from Augustine's *De catechizandis rudibus* come from Augustine, *Instructing Beginners in Faith*, trans. Raymond Canning (Hyde Park, NY: New City, 2006).] Let us give thanks to the Lord for that Spirit who makes us one. We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song. By Geoffrey D Dunn

## A WORD FROM FR BERNIE

Dear Parishioners,

First of all, my apologies for the lack of video reflections in the last week. Last week and this week Fr Oscar and I have been working on finishing the cleaning in and around the church, as we prepare to open up the church again. This week, with all the pews unscrewed because we needed to move them originally for the scaffolding we used to clean the statues, we decided to also get the carpets cleaned. This meant lifting all the pews to one side and then once that side was cleaned moving them again to the other side. I definitely didn't need to go to this gym this week (if only they were open ☺). Each pew must weigh over 100kgs. So, with the help of one of our young parishioners (thanks Tom Jaeger) we moved them. Yesterday was the day of reinstalling the pews, which wasn't as simple as we thought. When you have two mildly pedantic priests, especially when it comes to straight lines, working on this type of project, it can be very interesting ☺. However the pews are now back in place. All the windows now have new cords (for opening and closing), and hopefully by next week, some of the lower windows in the side chapels will be clean.

As I'm sure you are aware, next week we will be able to once again open our church for prayer during the day and small Masses. (10 participants). For the next two weeks **18 May to 31 May**, I will be offering the opportunity for people to "book" in for a Mass. **Monday to Saturday 9.15am; Saturday 5pm; Sunday 8am, 9am, 10am & 5pm**. You must have booked in with me via phone, text, or email and received confirmation from me that you have been booked in. Once the 10 people have arrived for Mass the doors of the Church will be closed so as to follow the rules set by our NSW State Government. Please do not turn up and expect to get in without booking! Over these next two weeks, I suggest you only book once and that will then enable 110 people per week to come to Mass. A total of 220 people in the next two weeks.

**The church will be open for personal prayer from 10am - 1pm each day.** As per the latest instructions from the Archbishop, if we are to keep the church open during the day, we need to monitor people entering and record their names, emails, and/or phone numbers. In order to do this, **I would like to invite anyone who is able to volunteer to be present, on a roster system, for an hour each day.** This would mean, sitting near the entrance of the church, welcoming any visitors, making sure they sanitise their hands then asking for them to sign the register – this is a requirement also of the NSW State Government for contact tracing purposes. You could use this hour for your own personal prayer time whilst keeping an eye on the church. People attending Mass also need to sign in. If you wish to volunteer please contact Carla in the parish office with the day and time you can "church sit". The information recorded will be stored securely in the parish office and will not be available to anyone other than the NSW government should they require contact tracing.

We all still need to be careful and I suggest you wear facemasks to Mass, (however I will not whilst presiding at Mass – it's a bit hard to lead worship whilst masked up ☺). All Masses will take place in the Side Chapel and chairs will be spaced out according to social distancing guidelines. Each day the pews and seats will be wiped down, and one door only will be left open to avoid having to open a door. This virus apparently can last on surfaces for quite some time. This is a small step towards normality, but we all need to take care of one another and be patient and peaceful. It will be so lovely to see you all again. Let us continue to spend time in prayer at home and keep in contact with neighbours and friends. Blessings and peace, Fr Bernie