



# Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO BULLETIN

TAKE BULLETIN 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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

11 - 12 JULY 2020

## A WORD FROM FR BERNIE

Dear Parishioners,

Having just completed the first weekend with our usual Mass timetable since March (March 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> being our last Masses together) it was wonderful this weekend to welcome back so many old faces. Whilst we have been "open" now for about 6 weeks, there have been very limited numbers allowed. Now we are able to come together without too many restrictions. However I thought it was a good time to offer a reminder of these restrictions and a reflection on some of the liturgical changes I have introduced since Covid-19.

Firstly the current status regarding restrictions.

- When entering the church at any time, even for a visit during the week, the Government requires you to enter your name and phone number. These documents are to be kept for 4 weeks in the parish in case there is a need to trace anyone if there is an outbreak in our area.
- Please sanitise your hands on entry, and if possible wipe the area you use to pray with one of the sanitising wipes provided on the entrance table. The wiping of seats is not necessary on Weekends as the seats are wiped down between each Mass.
- I suggest you also wipe the pen you use although these are wiped and sanitised each morning when I open the church.
- For our normal weekend Masses, we are able to easily seat up to 80 -90 people in the Nave of the church, which is more than enough for our usual Sunday Mass congregations. Every second pew will remain roped off for the time being to help with social distancing. People living in the same household are welcome to sit together, but others should maintain a comfortable distance from other people in the pews.
- Please, if you feel sick you are not obliged to attend Mass.
- Collection plates will no longer be passed around the pews, however we still need money to run our parish so I do encourage if possible to continue to support the church financially with your donations in the collection plates at the rear of the church. I suggest you put your donation in on your way out – to avoid any temptation for someone to remove the money during Mass.

### Liturgical Changes

Why am I asking you to stand during the Eucharistic Prayer?

- As a community We show our unity as an assembled people not only by our sung and said responses during Mass, but also externally. We worship the Lord with our whole being; with our hands, feet and bodies as well as with our eyes, ears and mouth. Because of their unspoken power, gestures and posture in the liturgy deserve as much care as the words we use.
- You may think standing for the Eucharistic Prayer is a new innovation, however standing in prayer is more traditional and dates right back to the beginning of our Christian community. Standing symbolises that we are united in prayer and we stand before God as **a Resurrection People**, lifted up to greet our Risen Lord, called to stand in God's presence and serve through the celebration of the Eucharist – **a Priestly People** fully engaged in the liturgical action. In this way, standing reflects the assembly at work actively given to participation.
- By standing in prayer we show honour and reverence to God. We can see something similar in everyday life. We stand when the Queen arrives at an event and we stand when a judge enters or leaves the courtroom. Standing therefore is a sign of respect to someone in authority. If we stand before earthly kings and queens, it is clear that we should stand in church where we worship the King of heaven and earth (cf. Matt. 28:18).
- Historically, kneeling is a penitential posture, (a medieval innovation, following the feudal practice of kneeling in obeisance before the overlord or prince, and was unknown in Catholic worship before feudal times), whereas the Eucharist is joyful and communal; therefore, standing during the Eucharistic Prayer is a sign of the joy we share as a people of the Resurrection. Kneeling however may be appropriate after the Lamb of God, where we can pause and recognise that we are indeed in the presence of our merciful Saviour.
- At all times however, your health is most important and if you need to sit please do so.

The second major change is the praying of the Prayers of the Faithful from the pews.

- Whilst some may find it hard to hear the prayers depending on people's skills to project their voices, this truly is a symbol of the community at prayer.
- Don't stress if someone starts the prayer at the same time as you, prayer doesn't have to be a perfect controlled dialogue – it should be led by the Spirit. Whilst the prayers are written out in the bulletin (and eventually on the projector) it is the Spirit that encourages us to pray the prayers.

Fraternally in Christ, Bernie



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:10-11**

Thus says the Lord: "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 65:10-14**

You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain.

And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows,  
you level it, soften it with showers,  
you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat,  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.



**SECOND READING: ROMANS 8: 18-23**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-23**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables.

"Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Then the disciples came and asked Jesus, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.' With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: 'You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn - and I would heal them.'"

"But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it. Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for her young:  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**Celebrant:** Let our prayer give voice to the needs of the whole creation that waits with eager longing for God's word to accomplish its purpose.

**For the Church** – that like the sower in the parable, we not judge the soil or measure the seed, but trust God to insure a bountiful yield.  
*Nurturing God of hope* *Hear our prayer*

**For leaders of nations** – that they would seek to overcome division and disagreement between nations, and endeavour to create a sense of unity among all peoples. *Nurturing God of hope* *Hear our prayer*

**For an end to racial divisions** – that racial inequality will end and that all will come to see the variety of human customs, colours and cultures as precious, and an insight into the divine. *Nurturing God of hope* *Hear our prayer*

**For the whole of creation** – that people of all occupations will ask themselves how they can work in ways that respect the natural world, and seek ways of living that recognise the interdependence of all things.  
*Nurturing God of hope* *Hear our prayer*

**For sowers of seed** – that in the simplicity of producing food from the earth to sustain people's lives, their work will be for them, an opportunity to encounter the divine. *Nurturing God of hope* *Hear our prayer*

**For people who are hungry** – that they will have food, that people from all countries will share what they have so nobody goes hungry.  
*Nurturing God of hope* *Hear our prayer*

**I invite you to pray the final prayer together:**

*Nurturing God of Hope, may your Word not return to you without carrying out your will in us, strengthen us in faith, hope and love, that we may share in the mission of Christ, to spread the seed of hope throughout the world, We ask this through Christ our Lord... Amen.*

**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.*

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

**Mon 13 Jun** Isaiah 1:10-17  
Matthew 10:34 - 11:1  
**Tue 14 Jun** Isaiah 7:1-9  
Matthew 11:20-24  
**Wed 15 July** Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16  
Matthew 11:25-27  
**Thu 16 July** Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19  
Matthew 11:28-30  
**Fri 17 July** Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8  
Matthew 12:1-8  
**Sat 18 July** Micah 2:1-5  
Matthew 12:14-21  
**Sun 19 July** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16  
Romans 8:26-27  
Matthew 13:24-30



**LET US PRAY FOR...**

**Those who are sick:** Abp Anthony Fisher, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Adrian Lafleur & Maya Renouf.

**Those with anniversaries at this time:**

**Recently deceased:** Fioravante D'Alessandro & Alison Stephen

**NEWS & NOTICES**

**FIRST EUCHARIST SACRAMENT 2020**

Due to the current COVID-19 situation and Government regulations the Sacrament of Eucharist will **now occur over 4 Sundays in Term 3**. This will ensure all Government guidelines are met and adequate distancing occurs in the church.

**First Eucharist Parent Information**

**Night:** Wednesday, 22 July 2020 at 6:30pm

**First Eucharist Ceremony sessions at Mary Immaculate Church are:**

- Sun 23th August at 11.30am
- Sun 30th August at 11.30am
- Sun 23th September at 11.30am; and
- Sun 20th September at 11.30am

**Enrolment opens today. Please enrol before 22 July to begin working on your child (s) book.** Enrolment closes 22 July. For more info, contact the Parish Centre.

**MINISTRY ROSTER - JULY**

With our Mass times now returning to normal, we will begin our roster for ministry groups. If you cannot attend, please let the Parish Office know. Please still register for the Mass that you are serving in. Thank you

**TAX RECEIPTS 2020**

Taxation receipts will be available for collection on the table near the glass dividers for the following:

- Planned Giving (100% tax deduction)
- CWF (100% tax deduction)
- Project Compassion (100% tax deduction)

**CONFIRMATION SACRAMENT 2020**

We just received word from the Sydney Archdiocese that due to the pandemic restrictions, Confirmations for 2020 have been indefinitely postponed. As we are still unsure if late 2020 will become available, we are looking to hold Confirmations next year once we confirm a date with the Sydney Archdiocese for August 2021. We encourage those currently in Year 6 to keep in contact with the Parish to complete this Sacrament once a date has become available. We thank you for your patience.

**Palms Australia is currently seeking office volunteers**

Palms Australia is a registered Catholic charity that has been working to reduce poverty through long-term, skilled volunteering for 59 years. **Here's a great opportunity to assist in the following part-time volunteer roles.**

**The Connector:** Help promote Palms placements and programs through church and community networks.

**Events Support:** Collate stories and images from Palms' history to prepare for our 2020-2021 Diamond Jubilee.

**Donor Support:** Work with our Fundraising Co-ordinator to organise support for overseas placements.

**To find out more about these opportunities, call the Palms team on 02 9560 5333.**



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 13 - 15 JULY**

Please note that the Parish Secretary will be away from 13-17 July 2020 returning to work Tuesday 21 July. The Parish Office will be closed from 13-15 July, but Fr Bernie is contactable on 9369 9328 for urgent matters. Please feel free to also email us at [office@waverleycatholic.org.au](mailto:office@waverleycatholic.org.au).

**KINDNESS CUPBOARD**

Clementine Hartson (a former student of St Clare's College) and our local State Member of Parliament and parishioner Marjorie O'Neill, have launched the Kindness Cupboard, found in the Church foyer.

- Take what you need and leave what you can. The cupboard will be available when the church is open 8am – 5pm; 7 Days a week but excluding rainy days.
- If you need food, please come and take what you need. If you have extra non perishable items at home, please come and leave them for those in need.
- Together we can all make a difference and be a loving and supportive community.



**PARISH CENTRE**

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

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**Pastoral Coordinator:**

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**LOCAL SCHOOLS**

**St Charles' Primary School**

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 P (02) 9387 3845  
 W <https://stcwaverley.catholic.edu.au>  
**School Principal:** Mr Paul Croker

**St Clare's College, Waverley**

41-51 Carrington Road, Waverley 2024  
 P (02) 8305 7100  
 W <https://stclares.nsw.edu.au/>  
**School Principal:** Ms Antoinette McGahan

**Waverley College, Senior Campus**

131 Birrell Street, Waverley 2024  
 P (02) 9369 0600  
 W <https://waverley.nsw.edu.au/>  
**Principal:** Mr Graham Leddie

**Waverley College, Junior Campus**

44 Henrietta Street, Waverley 2024  
 P (02) 9387 5022  
 W <https://waverley.nsw.edu.au/2>  
**Director of Junior School (Acting):**  
 Ms Gabrielle Bransby

**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. Bookings essential.
- Sacraments:** Visit our website for more information. Bookings essential.
- Booking a Mass:** You must have booked in through our website or contact the Parish Office to secure your seat for a Mass.

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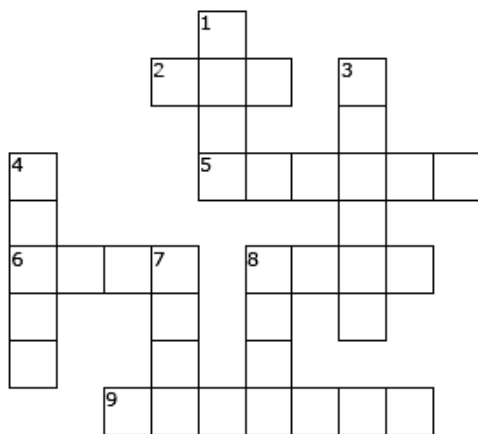
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**MINISTRY ROSTER - JULY**

11 - 12 JUL	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
<b>ALTAR SERVING</b>	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Christian Abruzzese	-
<b>PROCLAIMER OF WORD</b>	Margaret Blake	Gabrielle McAnespie Genevieve Roberts	Bianca Abruzzese Annabelle Abruzzese	Daniel Wairau
<b>EUCARIST MINISTER</b>	Vincent Conroy	Francine Darvill Gayle Zammit	Dominic Abruzzese Tony Abruzzese	Miriam Wairau
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Kathleen Fenlon Ruth Lucas	Margaret Duncan	Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
18 - 19 JUL	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
<b>ALTAR SERVING</b>	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Christian Abruzzese	-
<b>PROCLAIMER OF WORD</b>	Margaret Blake	Anne Fahy Mario Vinciguerra	Bianca Abruzzese Annabelle Abruzzese	Baricevic Family
<b>EUCARIST MINISTER</b>	Shirley Lyons	Margaret Kelly Genevieve Roberts	Tony Abruzzese Alison Abruzzese	Joy Pertile
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Warren Kelly	Phyllis Spratt	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly

**KIDAS CORNER**



PATH	CROP	SOIL	THORNS	ROOT
SHALLOW	FARMER	SEED	SOW	ROCKY

**DOWN**

1. The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
3. A person who owns or takes care of a farm
4. Covered with stones
7. A way made by or for people walking on the ground
8. The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow

**ACROSS**

2. To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
5. Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
6. Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
8. A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
9. Not deep