



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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

18 - 19 JULY 2020



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.

Booking a Mass: You must have booked in through our website. If you cannot book through the website, contact the Parish Office to secure your seat for a Mass.

PARISH CENTRE

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REFLECTION

There were people in Our Lord's time who wanted him to separate the bad from the good as well. Among them were people who claimed the moral high ground, the Pharisees whose name means "the separated ones." Even John the Baptist expected Jesus to separate the cream from the skim, to have only holy people around him. John foretold that Our Lord would separate the chaff from the wheat. He said (Mt 3:12) "He will gather his wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out." That's precisely what Our Lord didn't do. He had all sorts of people around him, a rainbow coalition of people, the learned, the ignorant, the good-living, the bad-living, tax-collectors, prostitutes, the lot. What in God's name is he doing, they said. Why doesn't he get down to business? Why doesn't he weed them out?

As any gardener knows, weeding can be the greatest threat of all to the life of the young seedling. At first, the problem is one of identifying which is which. The weeds must be left until the seedling can be clearly recognised. Even then, removing the weeds may pose an even greater threat. It might sever the seedling's root system. Often the weed brings the seedling away with it.

In the case of human beings it is an even more risky business.

"Weeding-out" has no history of success which doesn't seem to curb people's passion for it. Seventy years after Hitler's final solution, the horrendous weeding out of six million Jews in concentration camps, the Bosnian Serbs are attempting the brutal policy of "ethnic cleansing." Race, religion, colour, sex, politics are still considered ready-reckoners for identifying society's weeds. Increasing power over nature provides new and sinister instruments for weeding out. The unborn child, the seed of life is threatened with abortion. At the other end of life, euthanasia is proposed as the final solution for the new Jews, the old, the maimed, the incurables and the burdensome. Right through life, the weeding-out continues remorselessly. The handicapped axe institutionalised, the delinquent are penalised, the deviant are ostracised and the poor are patronised.

Weeding out is not confined to faceless bureaucracy. We're all tempted to try our hand at it. We are sharp at spotting the undesirables, the troublemakers, the misfits. One shudders to think of the people who might have been weeded out if God had not chosen to intervene. Probably most of the saints in the calendar. Peter, after his triple denial in the crucifixion crisis should have been weeded out for failing the leadership test. Strange isn't it, that Christ never weeded out Judas? The church did not always show her master's tolerance. Galileo could testify to that. The spirit of the Inquisition lives on. Excommunications and anathemas may be out of fashion but old habits die hard. The parable of the weeds is starkly simple and yet widely ignored. To the question "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" the answer of Jesus is a categorical "No." And the reason is self-evident. Only God has eyes sufficiently discerning and fingers sufficiently gentle for this job. Weeding out is God's prerogative. Life would be so much better for everybody, if only we would leave it to him.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING: WISDOM 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you, Lord, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8: 26-27

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will 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 13:24-43

Jesus put before the crowds a parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world." Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

Celebrant: We hear in the Gospel that God is patient with us in our weakness, and in the psalm and first reading we hear that God is forgiving. Let us now bring our needs in prayer and in the sure knowledge that we will be heard.

For the Church – that in this 25th anniversary year of the encyclical 'That they may be One' all Christian people strive toward unity, seek to overcome divisions and reach out in love toward one another. *God of Unity* *Hear our prayer*

For world leaders – that as leaders, they seek to overcome disunity among peoples, and strive to be guided by the principles of wisdom, sound judgement, care for the vulnerable, and love. *God of Unity* *Hear our prayer*

For those suffering from the effects of Covid 19 – that people who are grieving will find compassion, people who have lost income will be supported, people who are ill will be cared for. *God of Unity* *Hear our prayer*

For our families – that parents will gently help their children know right from wrong, and do what is right. *God of Unity* *Hear our prayer*

For the earth – that people everywhere will deepen their respect for the earth, marvelling at its beauty, majesty and life, and that this respect will overflow into care for the planet. *God of Unity* *Hear our prayer*

For the deceased - that our loved ones who have died, and all the deceased, will receive the infinite mercy of God and swiftly be brought into the joys of heaven. *God of Unity* *Hear our prayer*

I invite you to pray the final prayer together:

Gracious God of Unity, your Son Jesus has asked us to be attentive to the message he gave us while he lived among us. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, help us to be ever attentive to him who lives among us forever and ever. 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 20 Jun** Micah 6:1-4, 6-8
Matthew 12:38-42
- Tue 21 Jun** Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Matthew 12:46-50
- Wed 22 July** Song of Songs 3:1-4
John 20:1-2, 11-18
- Thu 23 July** Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13
Matthew 13:10-17
- Fri 24 July** Jeremiah 3:14-17
Matthew 13:18-23
- Sat 25 July** 2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Matthew 20:20-28
- Sun 26 July** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Ps 118:57,72,76-77,127-130
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-46

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:

Those recently baptised: Molly Rodgers & Matthew Martin

NEWS & NOTICES

FIRST EUCHARIST SACRAMENT 2020

Reminder that the **First Eucharist Parent Information Night** is on 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 close 22 July , but please begin working on your child (s) book now. 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 your are serving in. Thank you

TAX RECEIPTS 2020

Taxation receipts are available for collection on the table near the glass dividers for:

- Planned Giving
- Charitable Works Fund
- Project Compassion.

All 100% tax deduction)



Palms Australia is currently seeking office volunteers



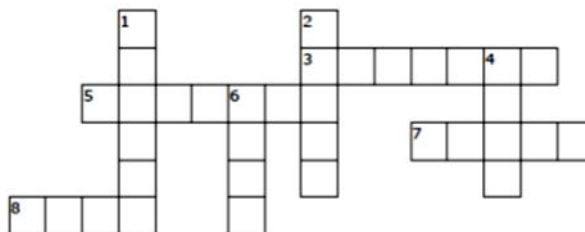
Palms Australia is a registered Catholic charity that has been working to reduce poverty through long-term, skilled volunteering for 59 years. **Here's a great opportunity to assist in the following part-time volunteer roles.**
The Connector: Help promote Palms placements and programs through church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

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. Visit: www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/ for more information. Following the Safeguarding Protocols set by the Archdiocese, there are to be no photographs (of people) during Masses without the permission of the Parish Priest.



KIDS CORNER



ACROSS

- 3. The time for gathering crops
- 5. Stories told by Jesus to teach his followers
- 7. A plant that crowds out the good plants
- 8. A building used for storing grain and housing farm animals

DOWN

- 1. The place where God is
- 2. A grain that is ground into flour used in cooking
- 4. A small pod placed in the ground to grow a plant
- 6. To damage or destroy by fire

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WEEDS	BURN	SEED	HARVEST
HEAVEN	WHEAT	BARN	PARABLE

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.

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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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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
Religious Education Coordinator:
 Mrs Leanne Quinn
Family Educator: Mrs Caroline Doherty

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
REC: Mr Mark McCoy

Waverley College, Senior Campus
 131 Birrell Street, Waverley 2024
 P (02) 9369 0600
 W <https://waverley.nsw.edu.au/>
Principal: Mr Graham Leddie
Dir of Identity & Student Formation:
 Ms Suzanne Walsh

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
Asst Dir of Identity & Student formation:
 Mr Steve Ghattas

MINISTRY ROSTER

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot serve. Fr Bernie on 9369 9328 or parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au

18 - 19 JUL	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	Anne Fahy Mario Vinciguerra	Bianca Abruzzese Annabelle Abruzzese	Baricevic Family
EUCARIST MINISTER	Shirley Lyons	Margaret Kelly Genevieve Roberts	Tony Abruzzese Alison Abruzzese	Joy Pertile
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Phyllis Spratt	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly
25 - 26 JUL	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
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