



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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

25 - 26 JULY 2020

The Kingdom is like...

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

✉ 45a Victoria St, Waverley NSW 2024

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REFLECTION

Those of us reared in the country are familiar with how fiercely an old farmer can cling on to his land. Even a miserable patch of grassy bog feels like an insurance against abandonment. But hanging on is not the answer. It only sows bitterness and frustration in sons whose best years are squandered in waiting. Sons who in turn never learn themselves from the mistakes of their fathers. Love alone can guarantee security and care in one's declining years. Possessions provide only the illusion of security. Elderly farmers are not the only ones who hold on to things for security. Others have their own holdings from which only death can separate them. It may be property and wealth, status and prestige or power and influence. It may even be an awful lot less, trivial comforts and an easy life. It may be a sixteen-hour day or the thankless responsibility of high office. Or a reputation we can no longer live up to. There is nothing more pathetic than an ageing beauty queen who refuses to accept the ravages of time. "Ask what you would like me to give you," God said to Solomon. "Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil," he replied. It is the kind of gift we all need. Possessions come in many forms. It is not so much these possessions that we should rid ourselves of, as the demon of possession itself that should be exorcised. Poverty has become a dirty word in the world we live in. We should not let an Ethiopian famine or a Rwanda disaster make us forget that poverty is also a Christian virtue. It is no accident that Christ began his Sermon on the Mount with "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Or that the only condition for his followers is that "they leave all things." Or that the rich young man should have failed all because he failed this one test, "for he had great possessions." Or that the pearl in today's parable could only be bought by "selling everything he owns." The trouble with most people is that they want it both ways. All this and the good life too. But they can't have it both ways. There is a pearl for everyone. And there is a price for everyone to pay. A price tailored to each individual circumstances. Detachment is that price. To be able to walk away from what we cherish most without so much as looking back with regret. Our tragedy is not that we cannot find the pearl but that we are unwilling to pay the price. @<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/>

PRAYER FOR HEALING FROM COVID-19

Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical people
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
that hope may never die
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,
may shine upon us and the whole world.
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever **Amen.**



(By Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 3:5, 7-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this, your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:28-30

We know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.
For those whom God foreknew
he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son,
in order that he might be the firstborn
among many brothers and sisters.
And those whom God predestined he also called;
and those whom he called he also justified;
and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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 13:44-52

Jesus spoke to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this? They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Let us bring our prayers before our God of wisdom and love:

For the Church – that we will find meaningful ways to share the Gospel, and speak of the Kingdom of God in today's world.
God of Wisdom *Hear our Prayer*

For parents who are unable to provide for their family – that they will be supported by family, friends, community, and be able to receive with grace what is offered to them. God of Wisdom *Hear our Prayer*

For youth and young adults – that they will do what is good, choose what is right, and be attentive to the calling of the Spirit within their own hearts. God of Wisdom *Hear our Prayer*

For those who doubt their faith – that all who find themselves doubting their faith and confused in moral issues may, as Solomon did, learn to distinguish right from wrong. God of Wisdom *Hear our Prayer*

For people struggling under financial burden – that they use what little they have for good, seek what they need, and accept what is offered, and that neighbours and communities would be attentive and provide support.
God of Wisdom *Hear our Prayer*

For our world, still tortured by COVID-19 – that those in refugee camps and other cramped living spaces will be protected, the sick healed, the grieving consoled and the pandemic ended. God of Wisdom *Hear our Prayer*

We pray together... God of wisdom and love, your will is wonderful indeed: hear the prayers we make and help us live by your precepts, 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 27 Jun** Jeremiah 13:1-11
Matthew 13:31-35
- Tue 28 Jun** Jeremiah 14:17-22
Matthew 13:36-43
- Wed 29 July** John 4:7-16
Luke 10:38-42
- Thu 30 July** Jeremiah 18:1-6
Matthew 13:47, 53
- Fri 31 July** Jeremiah 26:1-9
Matthew 13:54-58
- Sat 1 Aug** Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24
Matthew 14:1-12
- Sun 2 Aug** Isaiah 55:1-3
Ps 145:8-9, 15-18
Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

LET US PRAY FOR...

- Those who are sick:** Abp Anthony Fisher, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum) & Maya Renouf (Carla's Mum)
- Those with anniversaries at this time:** Jim Connelly (25/7)
- Those recently baptised:** Ella Kathryn Connery & Theodore Peter Chow
- Those recently deceased:** Akash Anthony & Laurence Bowery



NEWS & NOTICES

FIRST EUCHARIST SACRAMENT 2020

Enrolment are closed. More information, contact the Parish Centre. Reminder that **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.

HERMITAGE RETREAT - NURTURING THE SPIRITUAL 28 AUG TO 30 AUG

This retreat offers a quiet and reflective space away from the busy nature of daily life. It includes a variety of input, styles of prayer, accompaniment and the Eucharist. This is a silent retreat. Why not consider some time away in the Southern Highlands to nurture your spiritual world?
Contact Br Bill 02 4872 1911 or bill.sullivan@marists.org.au if you would like to participate. Prices may vary according to retreat requirements and catering packages.

MINISTRY ROSTER - JULY

With our Mass times now returning somewhat 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.

CONFIRMATION SACRAMENT 2020

The Sacrament of Confirmation is back on! Thankfully we have been given the OK to hold a separate celebration for our Parish students. Parish students will have a separate celebration to the St Charles's school students. **Confirmation Ceremony:** Saturday 19 September at Mary Immaculate Church at 2pm. Places are limited to Parish students only and it is first in first served.
Parent Info Night: 6 August 2020 at 6:30pm via Zoom Meeting. Link will be sent to those enrolled. More information, call our Office.

TAX RECEIPTS 2020

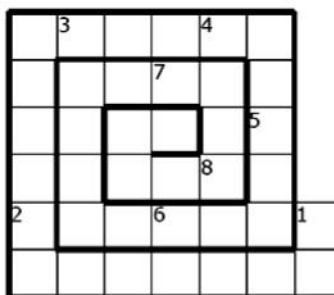
Taxation receipts are available for collection on the table near the glass dividers for:

- Planned Giving
- Charitable Works Fund
- Project Compassion.

All 100% tax deduction



KIDS CORNER



1. Something of great value; gold, silver, or jewels, for example
2. A small, shiny, hard ball that forms inside some oysters
3. A feeling of great happiness
4. To put in a place where something cannot be seen or found (past tense)
5. Gave something in exchange for money
6. A territory or country ruled by a king or queen
7. An adult male human
8. The worth of something in money

VALUE	PEARL	HID	KINGDOM
TREASURE	MAN	SOLD	JOY

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
Matthew 13:44



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.

LOCAL SCHOOLS**St Charles' Primary School**

53-63 Carrington Road, Waverley 2024
 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

25 - 26 JUL	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	-	-
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Gabrielle McAnespie Trisha Brookes	Eddie Seeto	Peter Foley
EUCARIST MINISTER	Laura Neeson	Kevin Brookes	Susana Hansen	Janet Gerzina
HOSPITALITY	Teresa Vigroux	Margaret Duncan	Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly

1 - 2 AUG	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	-	-
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Anne Fahy & Mario Vinciguerra	Des Durkin	Daniel Wairau
EUCARIST MINISTER	Shirley Lyons	Francine Darvill	Genevieve Roberts	Miriam Wairau
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Phyllis Spratt	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly
8 - 9 AUG	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	Gabrielle McAnespie & Trisha Brookes	Bianca & Annabelle Abruzzese	Baricevic Family
EUCARIST MINISTER	Vincent Conroy	Margaret Kelly	Tony & Alison Abruzzese	Joy Pertile
HOSPITALITY	Kathleen Fenlon Ruth Lucas	Margaret Duncan	Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly