



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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

8 - 9 AUGUST 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.

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REFLECTION

A little-noticed phrase in this text adds significantly to the way we understand this story. Jesus told the disciples to cross to the other side of the lake. In doing this, they were heading away from the Jewish region and into Gentile territory. The boat is a symbol of the church, and as such, we can detect in this text a reflection of the situation of Matthew's community, who have been forced out of the synagogue and away from traditional Judaism. More and more, it is Gentiles who are coming to belief in Jesus. This is causing fear and concern for some in the community.

Matthew gives a prominent place to Peter, whose actions do not make sense, except as a combination of impulsive love and faith weakened by doubt. While his full attention is on Jesus, Peter is fine, but as soon as he allows what is going on around him to distract him from Jesus, he begins to sink.

This text offers a parable of the church besieged and being tossed about. Peter's response is to be bold and to step out into the unknown, yet he is vulnerable. The great comfort is in the risen Lord stretching out his hand to restore morale. This manifestation of the power of Christ is greeted by that great acclamation of faith: 'Truly you are the Son of God.'



FURTHER REFLECTION

How does God reveal himself to us? Most of the time, in precisely the way we do not expect! This is what happened to Elijah: we expect God - all-powerful, almighty - to appear in dramatic effects of nature; but no, God is in a gentle breeze. Similarly in the Gospel: the disciples do not expect Jesus to come towards them walking on the lake - but he does. And when God is revealed in the unexpected, he gives courage and strength: Elijah was afraid when he went to Horeb, but was strengthened by his encounter with God to continue his mission; in the same way the disciples are given courage and faith by the Lord who walks to them on the waters.
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DID YOU KNOW?

- For the Hebrew people, the waters of the sea are a symbol of the chaos from which creation sprang. Never having been a seafaring people, they were fearful of the watery deep.
- Even today, storms can blow up on the Sea of Galilee very quickly and make it dangerous for boats out on the lake.
- In art, the church is often represented as a boat. A boat carries its passengers through threatening waters but is not exempt from the turbulence of storms. The church can bear us through the storms of life, but it does not exempt us from the stresses and struggles.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19:9,11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 85

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit. I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God be blessed forever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning Jesus came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: God's help is near for those who believe, so we can present our petitions with confidence.

For the Church – that our parishes will be places of conversion, where the Mission of Christ is ever more fully grasped and followed.
God of compassion and mercy **Hear our Prayer**

For the leaders of nations – that law makers not consider themselves above the law but rather, act as models of ethical behaviour.
God of compassion and mercy **Hear our Prayer**

For the people of this faith community – that we continue show the gentle face of God and that when our faith is struggling we feel the hand of Jesus lift us from the water of fear.
God of compassion and mercy **Hear our Prayer**

For the people of Lebanon – that as they struggle with political unrest, Covid-19 and general feeling of despair they will find a sense of hope in the support from each other and other world communities. God of compassion and mercy **Hear our Prayer**

For people who feel failure or inadequacy – that they encounter God's love like the freshness of a gentle breeze, and respond to this encounter with an open heart.
God of compassion and mercy **Hear our Prayer**

For our world, still struggling with the covid-19 virus – that in those countries where the numbers are still increasing they feel God's hand of compassion and find strength in their daily lives.
God of compassion and mercy **Hear our Prayer**

We pray together...

Faithful God, your outstretched hand commands the forces of your creation and calms the savage sea. Accept these prayers we offer today and walk beside us through every storm until we come to rest in you. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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 10 Aug 2 Corinthians 9:6-10
John 12:24-26

Tue 11 Aug Ezekiel 2:8 - 3:4
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wed 12 Aug Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22
Matthew 18:15-20

Thu 13 Aug Ezekiel 12:1-12
Matthew 18:21-9:1

Fri 14 Aug Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63
Matthew 19:3-12

Sat 15 Aug Revelation 11:19;12:1-6,10
Luke 1:39-56

Sun 16 Aug Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

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: Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca, Joan Roberts (6/8) & Joseph Cauchi (11/8)

Those recently deceased: Salvatore Tomasiello,

NEWS & NOTICES**MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP**

The St. Charles' Mothers' Prayer Group gathers on the first Wednesdays of each month during school term at 7:30pm in the Church. You are warmly invited to spend some time in prayer and reflection with other parents from our school community. Interested in joining - Laura laura@habitatmedia.com.au

WRAP WITH LOVE

Wrap with Love is a not for profit organisation who provide love and warmth in Australia and around the world. If there are any enthusiastic knitters in your family they are seeking donations of squares 25cm by 25cm and these can be brought to the Parish Centre. All donations will be brought to the drop off point and organised knitting groups will then sew beautiful warm wraps and distribute to those in need. For more details - <https://www.wrapwithlove.org/>

KINDNESS CUPBOARD

Clementine Hartson (former student of St Clare's) and 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2020

In the best interest for the health of all, we have made the sad decision to postpone all Sacraments until next year. After our discussion, it was felt that our Sacraments need to be celebrated in a meaningful and reflective manner, rather than rushing the faith formation of our students. We are aware that the current COVID-19 restrictions mean that we can not have full family participation, which is an important aspect of any Sacramental celebration.

The proposed plan for next year will be:

- First Reconciliation in **Term 1 - Yr 2 & 3,**
- Sacrament of Confirmation in **Term 2 for Yr 6, 2021 & any 2020 Yr 6 students** (Yr 7 2021 students)
- Sacrament of Eucharist **Term 3 - Yr 3 & 4.**

We are aware that for some people this will be received positively but we also acknowledge that there will be some disappointment. However, we are living in unprecedented times with daily changes to our lives. Our priority is the health and wellbeing of all community members and ensuring everyone's safety. Thank you for your support and understanding in these challenging times. We look forward to a joyful and prayer celebration with all family members in 2021.

BAPTISM AT MARY IMMACULATE

We are taking bookings for Baptism at either 11:30am or 12:30pm. One ceremony per family due to current restrictions.

The next available date is 20 September at 12:30pm. To book your child for baptism, please confirm dates with us via - office@waverleycatholic.org.au. Thank you

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)

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.

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
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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 Abruzzese Annabelle Abruzzese	Baricevic Family
EUCARIST MINISTER	Vincent Conroy	Margaret Kelly	Tony Abruzzese Alison Abruzzese	Joy Pertile
HOSPITALITY	Kathleen Fenlon Ruth Lucas	Margaret Duncan	Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
15 - 16 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	Mario Vinciguerra	Bianca Abruzzese Annabelle Abruzzese	Peter Foley
EUCARIST MINISTER	Laura Neeson	Gaye Zammit	Tony Abruzzese Dominic Abruzzese	Janet Gerzina
HOSPITALITY	Teresa Vigroux	Phyllis Spratt	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly

KIDS CORNER

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