



# Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

## PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO - CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE BULLETIN

### MISSION STATEMENT

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.

### 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.

**Wedding:** 11:30am or 2:00pm timeslots. Bookings essential.

### PARISH CENTRE

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

#### Parish Priest:

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#### Pastoral Coordinator:

Mr Barry Blake

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### EXPLORING THE WORD

Jesus' teaching about the need to settle conflict, the basis of last week's gospel, was a surprising summons for Christians to fly in the face of accepted standards of judgement and condemnation. Here the teaching becomes even more outrageous! There is no end to the forgiveness offered.

For the average person, represented by Peter, forgiving another person seven times would show a very substantial commitment to mercy. Seven is used in the Bible to signify perfection, so Peter is not being mean in his suggestion. This is a very reasonable degree of tolerance. Yet Jesus, in his parable of the servant who is forgiven a debt equivalent to millions but cannot forgive his fellow a lesser sum, turns our human understanding of what constitutes a fair thing on its head. God's forgiveness is prodigious, but it is dependent on our willingness to forgive each other in the same way. The inability or unwillingness of the servant to match the master's forgiveness provides a powerful contrast. The master forgives in compassion, but the servant resorts to violence. If one has truly experienced the loving forgiveness of God, it must be shared with others.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The sum of ten thousand talents would have been an impossibly huge debt. A Jewish talent was made of silver, weighing 43 620 grams!
- A debt of one hundred denarii was still a hefty sum. The denarius was a commonly used Roman coin made of silver, weighing 3.64 grams. A denarius was the wage paid for one day's casual labour.
- The use of the word 'torturers' in this text is problematic. The Greek term is linked to the notion of 'tormentors'. It may be that the debtor's friends and relations would more vigorously try to raise the necessary funds if the culprit is undergoing torment but it may also be an eschatological reference given what follows in the next verse.

### 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)



### SIGN IN FOR MASS TODAY?

Please use your mobile phone to **scan this QR code and fill in your details** before, during or after Mass. Even if you are visiting for 5 mins or attending a baptism, funeral or wedding, please sign in. Help stop the spread in our community!

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**FIRST READING: SIRACH 27:30-28:7**

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them. The vengeful will face the Lord's vengeance, for he keeps a strict account of their sins. Forgive your neighbour the wrong that is done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does anyone harbour anger against an other, and expect healing from the Lord? If one has no mercy toward an other like oneself, can one then seek pardon for one's own sins? If a mere mortal harbours wrath, who will make an atoning sacrifice for that one's sins? Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside remember corruption and death, and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 103**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love & compassion.

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so strong is his love for those who fear him  
As far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our sins.

**SECOND READINGS: ROMANS 14:7-9**

My brothers and sisters, we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, a brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' The lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, called upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. "So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**Celebrant:** *Sisters and brothers, the word of Jesus, following the tradition of the wisdom of his own people, compels us to have forgiving hearts in our relationships with each other.*

That the constant call of Pope Francis for people to seek reconciliation in personal relationships and between nations - will echo in every heart which seeks peace and harmony, God of mercy and forgiveness **Hear our Prayer**

That each of us will turn away from hate, bear no ill-will against others, nor hold resentment or anger in our relationships. God of mercy and forgiveness **Hear our Prayer**

That the Lord's mercy for all people will lead nationalities and families to share the gift of mutual forgiveness and healing God of mercy and forgiveness **Hear our Prayer**

That the Lord's gift of the Eucharist will bind us together in the new covenant of reconciliation they need. God of mercy and forgiveness **Hear our Prayer**

That as citizens of Australia will continue to support one another in this time of pandemic and care for those who are suffering from illness and fear, God of mercy and forgiveness **Hear our Prayer**

That in life and in death we will always belong to the Lord, as we entrust our departed relatives and parishioners into God's loving hands, God of mercy and forgiveness **Hear our Prayer**

**We pray together...** *Lord God, our needs are great, but your merciful love for us is far greater. Hear and answer the prayers we have made to you this day, for we offer them in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever 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 14 Sept** Numbers 21:4-9  
John 3:13-17

**Tue 15 Sept** Hebrews 5:7-9  
Luke 2:33-35

**Wed 16 Sept** 1 Corin 12:31 - 13:13  
Luke 7:31-35

**Thu 17 Sept** 1 Corin 15:1-11  
Luke 7:36-50

**Fri 18 Sept** 1 Corin 15:12-20  
Luke 8:1-3

**Sat 19 Sept** 1 Corin 15:35-37,42-49  
Luke 8:15

**Sun 20 Sept** Isaiah 55:6-9  
Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18  
Philippians 1:20-24, 27  
Matthew 20:1-16

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**Those with anniversaries at this time:** Allan Smith

**NEWS & NOTICES****PETITION TO IMPROVE SAFETY OF CHARING CROSS INTERSECTION**

Waverley Council is currently conducting a review of the traffic conditions at the Charing Cross intersection of Carrington Road, Bronte Road and Victoria Street. We'd like to petition both Council and the State Government to ensure that this upgrade addresses the multiple hazards that exist here and that they prioritise the safety of the hundreds of pedestrians who use this intersection every day. We need your help to get 500 signatures to be heard in State Parliament. Please sign this petition at Mary Immaculate Church as soon as possible to ensure our voices are heard. Thank you for your support.

**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.

**BAPTISM AT MARY IMMACULATE**

Looking to Baptise your child? Due to restrictions, we are taking bookings for two or three families per ceremony to keep everyone safe. The next available dates are: 13th & 20th December at 11:30am. Baptism preparation essential. Book via email or call 9369 9399 [office@waverleycatholic.org.au](mailto:office@waverleycatholic.org.au).

**MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP**

The St. Charles' Mothers' Prayer Group gathers on first Wednesday of each month 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? - contact Laura at [laura@habitatmedia.com.au](mailto: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/>

**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/](http://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.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

The next series of Planned Giving envelopes will be available from the 3rd & 4th October 2020. If you wish to continue your planned giving by direct deposit, please contact the Parish Centre during office hours. We thank you for your continued support!

**HOUSE OF WELCOME****Non-Food Items: (NO CLOTHES PLEASE)**

- \*Nappies (larger sizes—walker / junior)
- \*Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- \*Laundry detergent, dishwashing Liquid
- \*Shampoo, conditioner, soaps
- \*Cleaning Products & Cloths
- \*Deodorant (men's and women's)
- \*Sanitary Pads (no tampons) & toilet paper
- \*Razors & Shaving Cream
- \*Aldi/Woolworths/ Coles vouchers

**Great food items to donate include:**

- \*Cook oil, sugar/flour, salt/pepper/spices
- \*Canned tuna, tomatoes, chick peas, peas, carrot, fruit & corn (not creamed)
- \*Basmati rice & instant noodles
- \*Biscuits, tea/coffee, honey/jam & juices

**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

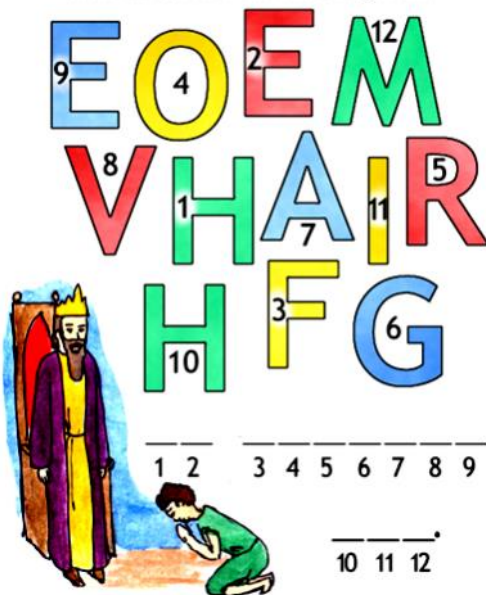
**Waverley College, Junior Campus**  
 44 Henrietta Street, Waverley 2024  
 P (02) 9387 5022  
 W <https://waverley.nsw.edu.au/2>  
**Director of Junior School (Acting):**  
 Ms Gabrielle Bransby  
**Asst Dir of Identity & Student formation:**  
 Mr Stephen Ghattas

**MINISTRY ROSTER**

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot serve. Fr Bernie on 9369 9328 or [parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au](mailto:parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au)

12 - 13 SEPT	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	Bianca Abruzzese Annabelle Abruzzese	Baricevic Family
EUCHARIST MINISTER	Laura Neeson	Francine Darvill	Tony Abruzzese Alison Abruzzese	Joy Pertile
HOSPITALITY	Teresa Vigroux	Phyllis Spratt	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly
19 - 20 SEPT	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	Trisha Brookes	Bianca Abruzzese Annabelle Abruzzese	Joy Pertile
EUCHARIST MINISTER	Vincent Conroy	Kevin Brookes	Dominic Abruzzese Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
HOSPITALITY	Kathleen Fenlon Ruth Lucas	Margaret Duncan	Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly

**KIDS CORNER**



*What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness? Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!*

**FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER!**