



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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EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel offers yet another challenge to human ideas about what is just and reveals the generosity of God. The Master makes a point of having those who came last paid first. One must imagine the queue, with the newly arrived workers at the head and those tired from a full day's labour watching as the late-comers are paid in full. In many ways, the audience is drawn into sharing their disappointment and indignation. If those employed early had been at the head of the queue, they would have gone off happy with their contracted wage. The problem arises only when they see the latecomers reaping the same reward.

This alludes to a problem that has arisen in Matthew's community. Those Jewish Christians who have risked all and believed from the beginning are now seeing the newcomers to faith being offered the same reward. Jesus' answer is simple: the kingdom is God's. God can do as he likes, and what God chooses is to welcome all and offer reward to all who come to belief, no matter at what stage.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ In the Greco-Roman world, casual labourers used to gather in the *agora* or town-square waiting for employers to hire them.
- ◆ In the early church, those who had believed in the risen Christ from the earliest days—and had thus suffered persecution for their faith—were sometimes jealous of those, especially Gentiles, who came to belief later on.

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:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to
our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your
thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the
heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your
ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 145

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24;27

My brothers and sisters: It is my eager expectation and hope that I
will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all
boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether
by life or by death. For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am
to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not
know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire
is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in
the flesh is more necessary for you. Live your life in a manner worthy
of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am
absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in
one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the
gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples. "The kingdom of heaven is
like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers
for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily
wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine
o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said
to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever
is right.' So they went."

"When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he
did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others
standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here
idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said
to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' "When evening came, the
owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and
give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the
first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them
received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they
thought they would receive more; but each of them also received
the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled
against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and
you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the
day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I
am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual
daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this
last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose
with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am
generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

Celebrant: *Through Christ who is our life, let us seek the Lord in prayer and call upon the God who is near.*

For the Church – that we be a community of mercy reaching out to the world with arms of comfort and healing.

God of comfort and healing

Hear our Prayer

For our world – that countries rich in agricultural and technological resources may be generous in sharing these benefits with nations in need.

God of comfort and healing

Hear our Prayer

For an end to the Covid-19 pandemic – that the citizens of countries work together to combat the virus, support the sick, the grieving, and those facing economic hardship.

God of comfort and healing

Hear our Prayer

For people who work the land to produce food – that they develop new respect for the soil which gives them their livelihood, care for it and establish practices to sustain its vitality for future generations.

God of comfort and healing

Hear our Prayer

For all workers – that their work provides them with a living wage, sufficient for them and their family to live on.

God of comfort and healing

Hear our Prayer

For our parish community – That we may be the gospel's model of community in which there are neither first nor last but only sisters and brothers in Christ.

God of comfort and healing

Hear our Prayer

We pray together... *Holy God, you have revealed the mystery of your mercy in the Word-made-flesh. Help us to put his teaching into practice. We make this prayer 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 21 Sept Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
Matthew 9:9-13

Tue 22 Sept Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13
Luke 8:19-21

Wed 23 Sept Proverbs 30:5-9
Luke 9:1-6

Thu 24 Sept Ecclesiastes 1:2-11
Luke 9:7-9

Fri 25 Sept Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
Luke 9:18-22

Sat 26 Sept Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8
Luke 9:43-45

Sun 27 Sept Ezekiel 18:25-28
Ps 24:4-9
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

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 & Pasquale Rizzo

NEWS & NOTICES**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/ 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.

**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)
- 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.

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.

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.

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Due to the latest regulations from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Federal Government I have to keep the Church closed when there is no COVID-19 steward in the church to monitor visitors. I apologise for this as I was hoping to keep the church open during the day, but have been advised that I am not allowed to do so. If you wish to volunteer to stay in the church as a COVID-19 "steward" either before or after Mass, please let me know if and when you are available. Fr Bernie

Therefore the actual times of opening in the church are as follows:

Mon-Fri 8.15am to 10.15am - Mass 9.15am
Saturday 8.15am to 10.15am - Mass 9.15am
 4pm to 6pm - Mass 5pm
Sunday 7am to 11.15am - Mass 8.30/10am
 4pm to 6pm - Mass at 5pm

You are welcome to use the Marian Grotto next to the church for private prayer.

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

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 & Annabelle Abruzzese	Joy Pertile
EUCCHARIST MINISTER	Vincent Conroy	Kevin Brookes	Dominic Abruzzese Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
HOSPITALITY	Kathleen Fenlon Ruth Lucas	Margaret Duncan	Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
26 - 27 SEPT	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	Des Durkin	Daniel Wairau
EUCCHARIST MINISTER	Vincent Conroy	Gaye Zammit	Gisella Musumeci Genevieve Roberts	Miriam Wairau
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Phyllis Spratt	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly

KIDS CORNER

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