



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

A great deal has happened since last week's gospel reading in the lectionary. Jesus is now in Jerusalem. He has entered the city (Matthew 21:1-11) and has taken possession of the temple, driving out those who corrupt his Father's house (Matthew 21:12-17). The crisis point of Jesus' ministry has arrived, and he will enter into conflict with the established religious authorities. The point of this text is that it is not the 'conventionally religious'—those who mouth all the right words and go through the rituals—who will enter the kingdom. Instead it is the ones who, by their actions, carry out God's will and become the sons and daughters of God. John the Baptist, like Jesus himself, not only preached righteousness; he lived it. Jesus describes him as 'a pattern of true righteousness' (Matthew 21:32), and it was the broken people, the tax collectors and prostitutes, who accepted what he had to bring. They believed in him, repented and experienced a change of heart and life.



FEAST OF ST FRANCIS

Next week we celebrate the feast of St Francis – so I invite you next week to bring either a picture of your pet or a picture that reminds you of God's gift of Creation in your life, whether it be a picture of your garden your favourite scene/place in Australia (or the world). We will create our "shine" prayer focus to St Francis as we remember that this year marks 5 years since Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si – on our care God's Creation.

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, Abp 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:

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 18:25-28

The Lord says this: "You object, O House of Israel! You say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 25

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

**SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11**

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, then make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:28-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and challenged his authority. So Jesus asked them this question. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I am going, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: *Remember your mercies, O Lord, and listen as we offer, in faith, our needs and the needs of our global community.*

We pray for Pope Francis and all spiritual leaders, that they will be sure guides for us to the wonderful mystery of God.
God of faithfulness and hope **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for a world-wide conversion of heart, that human greed and selfishness be replaced by a joyful spirit of thankfulness.
God of faithfulness and hope **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our state and federal government leaders, that they will seek unity rather than discord in their relationships and always seek ways to enhance the lives of the people they serve.
God of faithfulness and hope **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for economic policy-makers, that their decision-making will be governed by the ecological health of the earth, our common home. God of faithfulness and hope **Hear our Prayer**

We renew our prayer for front-line health and community workers, that they stay safe and strong as they devote themselves to the care of others. God of faithfulness and hope **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for those suffering the pain of loneliness and isolation, that family and friends will find ways of assuring them they are cherished. God of faithfulness and hope **Hear our Prayer**

We pray together... Merciful God, we seek your way. The way of mercy, steadfast love and service to our neighbour in need. We do so simply and sincerely 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 28 Sept Job 1:6-22
Luke 9:46-50

Tue 29 Sept Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
John 1:47-51

Wed 30 Sept Job 9:1-12, 14-16
Luke 9:57-62

Thu 1 Oct Job 19:21-27
Luke 10:1-12

Fri 2 Oct Exodus 23:20-23
Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Sat 3 Oct Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
Luke 10:17-24

Sun 4 Oct Isaiah 5:1-7
Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20
Phil 4:6-9
Matt 21:33-43

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Those with anniversaries at this time: Bill & Mary Moyes, Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca and Jerry Nick Blaskovich

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/>

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note the Parish Secretary will be away from Monday, 28 September, returning Tuesday, 6 October. Emails will be checked periodically. For all urgent matters, please contact the Parish Priest on 9369 9328.

The Parish Priest will be unavailable from Wednesday, 30 September to Friday, 2 October. Emails will be checked periodically, or welcome to leave a voicemail on 9369 9328. Thank you

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, 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
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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

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
EUCARIST MINISTER	Vincent Conroy	Gaye Zammit	Gisella Musumeci Genevieve Roberts	Miriam Wairau
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Phyllis Spratt	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly

3 - 4 OCT	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	-	-
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Trisha Brookes	Eddie Seeto	Peter Foley
EUCARIST MINISTER	Laura Neeson	Kevin Brookes	Susana Hansen Gisella Musumeci	Janet Gerzina
HOSPITALITY	Teresa Vigroux	Margaret Duncan	Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly

KIDS CORNER

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MAN THINK SONS	GOD TODAY FATHER	JOHN WAY TWO
KINGDOM WORK TRUTH	BELIEVE VINEYARD SHOW	

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the parable of the two sons whose father asked them to help in the vineyard. The first son told his father he wouldn't help, but then he changed his mind and did what he was asked. The second son said he would help, but he didn't.



In the end it doesn't matter so much if we say we are going to do what's right. What is important is that we do it. We call ourselves Christians because we believe in Jesus and the Church He gave us, but we only really are being Christians if we do what He says.



Sometimes we decide not to obey God. But if we are sorry afterwards and do what is right, God will not look at the bad things we did. On the other hand, if we do good things and then change to doing bad things, then we have decided to turn away from God, and we will be punished for our sins.