



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.

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REFLECTION - TOMORROW'S WORLD

What does tomorrow hold for us? What is there to hope for? Often our imagination projects into the future. As children, we wondered "What will it be when like when we grow up?" Parents promised new freedoms and new possibilities "When you are older." Human nature lives in vital tension between the Already and the Not Yet. As adults we may indeed have to trim down and focus our hopes and fantasies into more precise channels, with the passing years. But we are still gripped with interest in what lies ahead—not just for oneself and family, but for the wider society and world. What steps in science and technology lie just around the corner? How will society develop, between now and the year 2050? The changing balance between richer and poorer countries; the unstable marital climate of our own nation; proposed educational changes and law reforms; new employment initiatives; the provision of better medical and recreational facilities - all are subject to our keen analysis and hopeful projections. Elderly people may ponder more on the past than the future and to dwell on bygone events and treasured relationships. Their looking forward is more often marked with resignation or anxiety than with hope. In the dignity of their mature years, they accept that "Che sera, sera; whatever will be, will be". And, if they have learned the habit of prayer, they peace-fully leave their future in God's hands. Today's Scriptures invite us all to raise our sights, and our hearts, when thinking of the future. Beyond this present life, God has planned a great future for all of us. Isaiah's prophecy of the heavenly banquet is an invitation to think of our eternal destiny. There is more to live for than what we see in this present world, interesting and challenging though it is. What really counts, indeed, is whether we succeed in reaching our eternal happiness with God. Perhaps our predecessors in the faith had a stronger sense of the afterlife than we have today. Like St Paul, they believed that history is in God's hands and that divine justice will have the last say. Difficulties in one's present life could then be seen as growth-pains, or as a means of purifying the spirit from selfishness and sin. Under it all, the world was "in travail," in process of bringing a new era into existence. So it was that Paul—and many other men and women of faith—could be inwardly at peace, no matter how hard the circumstances in which they found them-selves. We can "do all things in Him who strengthens us," if we hold on to the hope of everlasting life. The eternal banquet must not be abandoned as so much "pie in the sky"! Christians don't literally expect to sit down to an everlasting meal, an eternal eating and drinking festival somewhere in the stratosphere. While heaven is described in vivid anthropomorphic images, we realise that "eye has not seen.. nor can the human heart imagine, what God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Cor 2:9.) Still, the banqueting atmosphere of friendly conviviality is a good image for that perfect loving communion with God and with others towards which our lives are destined. Jesus emphasises that this wedding-banquet is open to all people indeed, that God sends his messengers out to scour the highways and byways in order to fill his house with guests. It is a comforting thought that God wants us to be saved, even more than we do ourselves. On the other hand, there is a special regalia or wedding-garment that must be worn. This is the level of personal commitment required, in order to accept our place at the wedding feast. I like to think that this refers primarily to community spirit, an ability to share our well-being with other people, in the presence of God. Though founded on faith in God's creative love, Christian hope retains a strong ethical dimension. Our wedding-garment is therefore being woven daily, by the quality of our interaction with others. In this sense, we hold tomorrow in our own hands, as with the help of God's grace we build our own eternal future. @www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/

SIGN IN FOR MASS TODAY?

Please check in before entering our premises!

We're helping keep our community safe with contactless check-in. It's easy to check in:

- 1 Download the Service NSW app
- 2 In the app, select 'COVID Safe Check-in'
- 3 Follow the prompts

Let's BE COVIDSAFE together Download the App.
<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app>



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 25:6-10

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, see, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name,
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14,19-20

I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. My God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-10

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. "Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

Celebrant: *As we meet in God's house, we trust that God's goodness shall follow all those for whom we pray.*

We pray for all who are hungry and malnourished. May this week's World Food Day on the 16 of October prompt the well-fed to come to their aid. Nurturing God of Creation **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for communities at risk from more frequent and more extreme natural disasters, especially in this La Niña season. May they be supported to build up the emergency services they need. Nurturing God of Creation **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. Nurturing God of Creation **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for the bishops and congregational leaders of Australia. May they assist in bringing a new church to birth in the aftermath of the pandemic. Nurturing God of Creation **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our Parish community. May we may experience a hunger and thirst for goodness of life and share the hope of the resurrection with those we meet. Nurturing God of Creation **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. Nurturing God of Creation **Hear our Prayer**

We pray together... *God of boundless love, you sent your Son to summon us to the banquet of life. Give us the wisdom to always accept his invitation, and to share this invitation with those whom we meet. We ask this 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 12 Oct** Gal 4:22-24,26-27, 31-5:1
Luke 11:29-32
- Tue 13 Oct** Galatians 5:1-6
Luke 11:37-41
- Wed 14 Oct** Galatians 5:18-25
Luke 11:42-46
- Thu 15 Oct** Ephesians 1:1-10
Luke 11:47-54
- Fri 16 Oct** Ephesians 1:11-14
Luke 12:1-7
- Sat 17 Oct** Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 12:8-12
- Sun 18 Oct** Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Those who are sick: Abp Anthony Fisher, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Maya Renouf (Carla's Mum) & Michelle Byrne
Those with anniversaries at this time: Jerry Nick Blaskovich, Vincent Dewberry (19/10) & Bauto Family
Those recently deceased: Anne-Marie Blake, Sr Pauline Mary Babicci OSC & Mr Alain Poiroux
Those new to our community: Quinn Thomas Wood

NEWS & NOTICES

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Due to the latest regulations from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Federal Government we have to keep the Church closed when there is no COVID-19 steward in the church to monitor visitors. We apologise for this as we were hoping to keep the church open during the day, but have been advised that we are 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 us know if and when you are available.
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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The next series of Planned Giving envelopes is now available in the church near the glass dividers where you sign in for Mass. 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!



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.

THE KIDS' CORNER

The Kids' Corner at church is open again, minus the toys. Parents are welcome to bring their own toys for their children to play with, but please take them home with you. The room has had a full clean and will be sanitised between each weekend Mass.

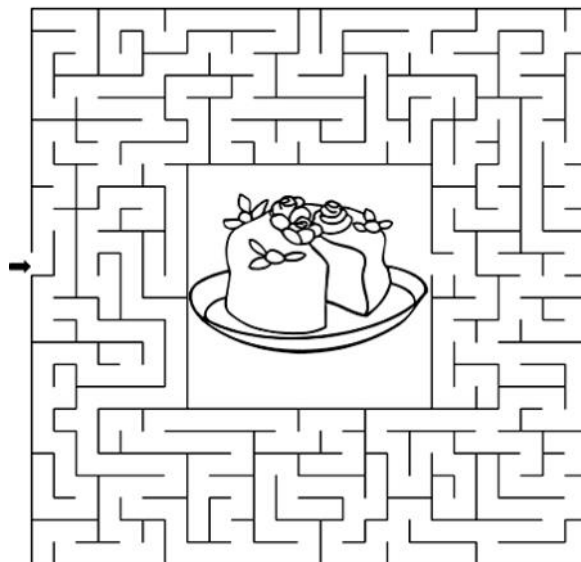
WRAP WITH LOVE

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/>

KIDS CORNER

You are invited to the wedding banquet!
Can you find your way to the wedding cake?

You're Invited!



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://stc.waverley.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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Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot serve. Fr Bernie on 9369 9328 or parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au

10 - 11 OCT	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 & Annabelle Abruzzese	Daniel Wairau
EUCCHARIST MINISTER	Cameron Ward	Margaret Kelly	Dominic & Alison Abruzzese	Miriam Wairau
HOSPITALITY	Ruth Lucas	Phyllis Spratt	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly
17 - 18 OCT	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 & Annabelle Abruzzese	Joy Pertile
EUCCHARIST MINISTER	Vincent Conroy	Francine Darvill	Tony Abruzzese Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
HOSPITALITY	Laura Neeson	Margaret Duncan	Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
24 - 25 OCT	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	Baricevic Family
EUCCHARIST MINISTER	Shirley Lyons	Gaye Zammit	Jackie Durkin Genevieve Roberts	Joy Pertile
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Phyllis Spratt	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly