



Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO - CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE BULLETIN

MISSION STATEMENT

Waverley Parish is a sign of God's love for all people. We welcome and care for all as a 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 FOR ADVENT

I paused on a warm summer night and felt the warmth of the setting sun on my face. I marvelled at a presence more than mine in that moment of wonder...

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us

I visited a dying woman in the hospital, I sensed her courage and her strength in the midst of great frailty...

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us

I looked into the eyes of the shop assistant in the supermarket. They were eyes of one who was tired and discouraged...

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us

I walked past a homeless man on the street He held out an unglved hand and asked me for coffee money to warm him in the cold...

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us

I opened the newspaper and saw a photo of children killed in a bombing. Parents wept over them and soldiers stood nearby with their guns...

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us

I went to a Christmas party and saw friends of long ago. We laughed and reminisced and enjoyed the moments we had known in years gone by...

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us

I spent the early morning hour in prayer, asking God to tell me the meaning of incarnation in my life...

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us

I read a letter from a single parent who still has no work. She grieves over the little she can give her children and worries about their health...

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us

I went to church today and sang the songs of Advent yearning. I turned my heart to God who is always in need of a better dwelling place and I begged for transformation...

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us

Prayed together: *O Word made flesh, you came to dwell among us long ago. No matter how dull and lifeless, or how happy and fulfilling our lives may be, there is always need for a deeper awareness of your hopeful presence. There are signs of your coming, signs of your continued presence, everywhere in our lives. Freshen up our vision so that we can recognise your dwelling within us and among us as we move hurriedly in this busy season of the year. May our lives be filled with love for all those who come our way. Amen*

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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:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 63:16-17, 64:1-8

You, O Lord, are our father; 'Our Redeemer from of old' is your name. Why, O Lord, do you make us stray from your ways and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you? Turn back for the sake of your servants, for the sake of the tribes that are your heritage. O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit the vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the one you have chosen,
the one you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. Alleluia

GOSPEL: MARK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

"It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with a particular task, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

"Therefore, keep awake - in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Introduction: Because we believe God will come to our help. We present our prayers:

For the leaders of our church: that during this time of Advent they will follow the example of St Paul to be grateful for how we have been enriched through the graces we have received through Jesus, We pray to the Lord **O come O come Emmanuel**

For the leaders of the world: that during this time they may stress the importance of unity and love for one another, We pray to the Lord **O come O come Emmanuel**

For those who are burdened and suffering: especially those who have lost hope and find no meaning in their lives. May the caring hands that support them show the evidence of God's love, We pray to the Lord **O come O come Emmanuel**

For a clearer understanding of the meaning of the incarnation: May our hearts be encouraged to bring this message of hope into the lives of all whom we meet during this time of Advent, We pray to the Lord **O come O come Emmanuel**

For those who have died and those who mourn at this time of the year: May they be filled with love and hope, We pray to the Lord **O come O come Emmanuel**

We pray together: Gracious God, we ask your special nearness to us always as we continue on our life's journey and await the coming of Jesus your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE

(Parishioner lights the First Candle here)

Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old, for nations to hammer their swords into ploughshares and spears into sickles. *(1st Reading) Come, Lord Jesus.*

Lord Jesus, you come among us now so we may live in your light. *(2nd Reading)*

Come, Lord Jesus.

Lord Jesus, you will come again as the fulfilment of all prophecy and call us to be ready, when the Son of Man comes. *(Gospel)*

Come, Lord Jesus.

Gathering Prayer (prayed together)

Creator God, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *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 30 Nov Romans 10:9-18
Matthew 4:18-22

Tue 1 Dec Isaiah 11:1-10
Luke 10:21-24

Wed 2 Dec Isaiah 25:6-10
Matthew 15:29-37

Thu 3 Dec Isaiah 26:1-6
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Fri 4 Dec Isaiah 29:17-24
Matthew 9:27-31

Sat 5 Dec Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 6-8

MASS INTENTIONS

Those who are sick: Abp Anthony Fisher, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Maya Renouf (Carla's Mum), Michelle Byrne, Rosemary Cooley & Craig Lyons.

Those with anniversaries at this time: Allan Smith, Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca

Those recently deceased: Anne Harsanyi & Maureen Foord

Those recently baptised: Ruby & Grace Fearman, Evie & Ruby Redmond, Hariette Meppem, Alexander Okrasa and Matilda Owen

NEWS & NOTICES



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES - REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!

Please register through our website or Facebook page

Thursday, 24 December (CHRISTMAS EVE)

5:00pm (SOLD OUT) & 7:00pm - Family Vigil. *NB: No 9:15am Mass.*

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite nativity character (please no glitter)

Friday, 25 December (CHRISTMAS DAY)

8:30am & 10:00am - Mass only. *NB: No evening Mass on Christmas Day*

Saturday, 26 December (BOXING DAY)

5:00pm - Family Vigil. *NB: No 9:15am morning Mass*



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

If you wish to continue your Planned Giving contributions by direct deposit, please contact the Parish Centre during office hours. We thank you for your continued support!

BAPTISMS AT MARY IMMACULATE

Baptisms for 2020 are now at capacity. Due to restrictions, we are only booking 3 families per ceremony. The next available date is: 28th February at 11:30am. Baptism preparation essential. Forms on website.

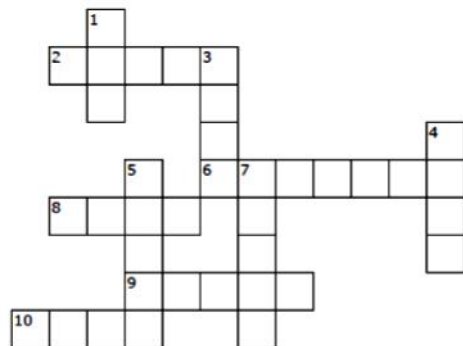
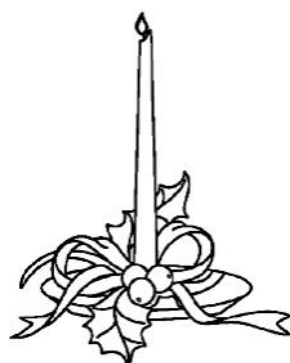
CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Due to the unreliability of the local postal service, we are owners of our own Post Box. Our new postal address is:
PO Box 577, Waverley NSW 2024.

DEVOTIONAL SHOP OPEN!

Franciscan Calendars are now available at \$8.00 each and God Word Daily Reflections 2020 at \$22.00 each.

KIDS CORNER



ACROSS

- 2. To keep an eye on; to guard
- 6. An adult male chicken
- 8. To have information about something; to be aware of something
- 9. To be in a period of rest such as when we go to bed at night
- 10. A particular moment in the day, such as eight o'clock

DOWN

- 1. A period of 24 hours
- 3. A period of sixty minutes
- 4. The loud cry of an adult male chicken
- 5. The place where a person or family lives
- 7. The person who has something such as property

HOUR	DAY	WATCH	OWNER	KNOW
CROW	TIME	ROOSTER	SLEEP	HOUSE

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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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.

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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

28 – 29 NOV	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	Genevieve Roberts	Peter Foley
EUCARIST MINISTER	Laura Neeson	Kevin Brookes	Susana Hansen	Janet Gerzina
HOSPITALITY	Teresa Vigroux	Margaret Duncan	Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
5 - 6 DEC	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Mario Vinciguerra	Des Durkin	Joy Pertile
EUCARIST MINISTER	Cameron Ward	Margaret Kelly	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly
HOSPITALITY	Ruth Lucas	Phyllis Spratt	Jackie Durkin	Mary Westall

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.

Are you already rostered on to help in one of our liturgical ministries each month? Make sure you have completed all necessary forms, got your Working with Children Check and completed the Safeguard Induction Training. Please chat with Fr Bernie or the Parish Secretary to find out more on (02) 9369 9399 or parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au.