



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.

Christmas: Booking online essential.

NOTE FROM FR BERNIE

As we draw to the close of a year we would like to forget, I wish to share with you the November count that I introduced when I arrived. I realise 2020 is not the best example to add to the averages, but the Church has been open for the last 4 months albeit with social distancing, but we are still not getting anywhere near the 100 people that we can safely have in the church Nave area. We can now have 160 when using the side chapels. So often people say to me that I am doing a good job and the church attendance is growing. Sadly that doesn't stack up in the figures below. The only Mass that has constantly grown in the 4 years I have been your PP is the Sunday evening. We have a wonderful parish community when we all gather, but I wonder where some of the people have gone whom I know are still in the area and indeed have children at our parish schools. I believe I am realistic enough to know that the pressures on families is great nowadays and attendance every Sunday is difficult, so that isn't my worry. My concern is for the people who I have not seen in the church for some time and who chat to me at the school and in the street, people who know me, but sadly I struggle to remember their names or even their faces. It is interesting to see how quickly the four Masses I am celebrating for Christmas are filling up so fast!! You must register online if you wish to attend Christmas Mass. You will be required to check-in on arrival for contact tracing.

I encourage you at this time of Advent to seek out those people you know who haven't been to church for a while. Invite them along to celebrate and pray with us. It is not about "bums on seats" but for me it's about building a community that supports one another in prayer and in action. Let's enter 2021 with a renewed heart, with renewed energy for our faith, our prayer and our commitment to God and God's people. As this goes to print – the news is out that the rules are easing. Therefore the maximum at each Mass from 7th December will be 300 in our church!! Singing will return, masks are advised, but not obligatory. However I would like to advise you that if you have any sort of cough or feel ill, please get tested and do not come to church until you have returned to good health. *Advent Blessings from Fr Bernie and Carla*

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NOVEMBER 2018	3-4	10-11	17-18	24-25	MASS TOTAL
Saturday 5pm	75	73	81	88	317
Sunday 8:30am	83	86	82	76	327
Sunday 10am	75	63	91	111	340
Sunday 5pm	66	57	59	64	246
Total:	299	279	313	339	308 Average
NOVEMBER 2020	31-1	7-8	14-15	21-22 / 28-29	MASS TOTAL
Saturday 5pm	64	50	85	54/46	299
Sunday 8:30am	70	55	52	58/53	288
Sunday 10am	83	82	68	76/49	358
Sunday 5pm	72	86	67	79/58	362
Total:	289	273	272	267/206	261 Average

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:

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 84:9-14

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.



SECOND READING: 2 PETER 3:8-15

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia

GOSPEL: MARK 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair; with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

St Peter reminds us that God's time is not our time and that God is not slow to carry out promises. In the hope of this Advent season then let us pray to God for the needs of the world and our community.

We pray for all Church leaders, especially Pope Francis, that they, like John the Baptist, will be filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ with unflinching devotion. We pray to the Lord **O come O come Emmanuel**

We pray for the leaders of the world that they understand the responsibility that comes with their power and 'be awake' to the needs of their people during this time of pandemic and economic recession. We pray to the Lord **O come O come Emmanuel**

We pray for our Australian leaders as we face another bushfire season. May careful policy that respects the land and the changes in our climate be fruitful in helping contain the risk of fire that causes suffering to our communities. We pray to the Lord **O come O come Emmanuel**

We pray for the Australian Catholic Church as we move towards the Plenary Council. May the Spirit inspire all the delegates to carefully listen and discern the needs of the Church in the future. We pray to the Lord **O come O come Emmanuel**

We pray for ourselves that in this time of preparation for Christmas we will focus on our needs rather than our wants and be generous to those who need help, particularly those who are unable to join with their families due to the pandemic. We pray to the Lord **O come O come Emmanuel**

We pray for those who have died and for 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: Father, we gather here as a people baptised by the Spirit and in the sure knowledge that you will answer these petitions. We make our prayer through the Spirit and in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LIGHTING THE SECOND CANDLE

(The first and second candles are lit)

Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah who described you as a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms.

(First Reading) Come Lord Jesus

Lord Jesus you will come again. St Peter reminds us to live holy and saintly lives while we wait and long for the Day of God to come *(Second Reading)*

Come Lord Jesus

Lord Jesus, you call us to baptism in the Holy Spirit *(Gospel)*

Come Lord Jesus

THANKSGIVING COMMUNION

PRAYER *(prayed together)*

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen.

- Henri J.M. Nouwen

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: Lee Dang (27/11)

NEWS & NOTICES

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

You MUST book through our website or Facebook page to save your seat. No tickets will be available at the door. You are still required to check-in on arrival using the NSW Gov QR code or electronic form in church foyer. Check-in DOES NOT SAVE you a seat, you must book online as well.

Thursday, 24 December (CHRISTMAS EVE)

5:00pm & 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**

FOODBANK

The House of Welcome works with people seeking asylum and refugees to provide critical casework, housing, employment, food bank and emergency living assistance. During COVID-19 the demand for financial assistance has risen. House of Welcome (HoW) has increased the Emergency Living Package program by 216% to respond to the amplified levels of distress and hardship amongst their clients. There are a number of ways that you can help such as donating to the Emergency Relief Package or donate staple food items to the House of Welcome foodbank. Ph: (02) 9727 9290 or email office@houseofwelcome.com.au

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WANTED: LOVING MARRIED COUPLES

SmartLoving is a Catholic marriage ministry and is calling for enthusiastic married couples to journey with an engaged couple as they prepare to be married in the Catholic Church. Find out more at this free information session: 9 Dec 8pm www.smartloving.org/webinar

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.**

KIDS CORNER

Prepare the Way of the Lord!



The readings in today's Mass remind us that we are preparing for the coming of Jesus. The first reading says, "A voice cries out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord!'" Saint Paul,

in the second reading, tells us to conduct ourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for the day of the Lord.

In the Gospel reading we hear about Saint John the Baptist preparing the people for the coming of Christ.

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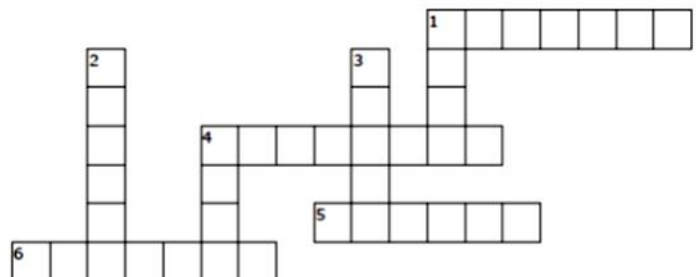
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ACROSS

- To make ready ahead of time
- Not having any curves or bends
- A dry, barren region with only a few plants
- To admit your sins to God

DOWN

- A trail made for traveling on foot
- The river where John baptized people
- What people use for speaking
- Actions that break God's law



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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Family Educator: Mrs Caroline Doherty

St Clare's College, Waverley
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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
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Principal: Mr Graham Leddie
Dir of Identity & Student Formation:
Ms Suzanne Walsh

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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
12 - 13 DEC	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	Baricevic Family
EUCARIST MINISTER	Shirley Lyons	Gai Zammit	Dominic Abruzzese	Janet Gerzina
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Margaret Duncan	Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly

VOLUNTEERS

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