



# 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.

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### WORD FROM FR BERNIE

Next Sunday we will be celebrating **Word of God** Sunday.

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Aperuit Illis* (30 September 2019) encourages us as Catholics to be more faithful to listening and understanding the Sacred Scriptures. In order to do this Pope Francis introduced Word of God Sunday which in Australia we will celebrate for the first time on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of February – with this becoming an annual celebration in our local church calendar.

One of the primary ways in which we honour God's Word in the liturgy is by faithfully **listening** to the proclamation of the readings and the homily, and by discerning the various ways in which God's Word applies to their lives.

An important point to note is the Second Vatican Council's insight that Christ's presence is recognised in the actual "proclamation" of the Word, when the Church believes that Christ is present and speaking to those assembled through the words of the Church's minister [*Sacrosanctum concilium* (1963) art. 7], rather than in the physical book itself.

*Aperuit Illis* also reminds us that for many centuries before being written down, God's Word was passed down orally from one generation to another. Therefore the actions of proclamation, listening and heeding God's Word are still accorded high priority. So often we can get to the end of the scriptures and not realise how important hearing the Word is. We print the readings each week, so that people can follow the Word, but it is important to listen also because of the belief it is Christ speaking.

In order to celebrate next Sunday with a focus on the Scriptures I **invite you to bring along your own Bible or you may have a family Bible, so that we can pray a blessing over your Bibles**. If you don't have a Bible, I would seriously like to suggest that you look at purchasing one. The version I recommend is the NRSV (New Revised Standard Version) which is considered by most Scripture Scholars as the more accurate translation. This is the version we use at all our Masses in the parish.

Let's celebrate the Word of God in our lives and make an effort to reconnect with daily readings of the scriptures.

Blessings and peace, Fr Bernie

### 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 on mobile
- 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:**

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

**FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20**

Moses spoke to the people; he said: "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.'

"Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

"Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 95:1-2, 6-9**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
as on that day your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my works.

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35**

I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord; but the married man is anxious about the affairs of the world, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. The unmarried woman and the virgin are concerned about the affairs of the Lord, so that they may be holy in body and spirit; but the married woman is concerned about the affairs of the world, how to please her husband. I say this for your own benefit, not to put any, restraint upon you, but to promote good order and unhindered devotion to the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:16**

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

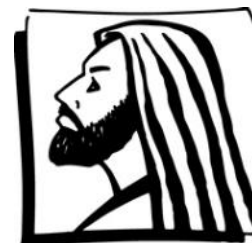
**GOSPEL: MARK 1:21-28**

The disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing the man and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once Jesus' fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your merciful love.  
O Lord, let me never be put to shame,  
for I call on you.



**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

*The psalmist calls us not to harden our hearts but to hear God's voice so we turn now in prayer and ask our Father to listen graciously to the needs of our community.*

**For Pope Francis** – that he may lead us in faithful service as we seek to grow in Christian charity. God of service **Hear our Prayer**

**For our local church leaders** – that they have the courage to speak out to proclaim faith to the peoples of this land and bring justice and healing to our disenfranchised communities. God of justice **Hear our Prayer**

**For our civil leaders of Australia** – for the leaders of our land, that they will respect all the people who come to these shores and particularly support those on whose land we now walk, we pray to the Lord. God of our ancient land **Hear our Prayer**

**For an end to the Covid-19 pandemic** – that people in all nations around the globe work together to end the pandemic, taking care to meet the needs of poorer countries and vulnerable peoples. God of healing **Hear our Prayer**

**For people who struggle with anxiety or depression** – that all who are gathered here today will be carriers of the peace of Christ, and that this peace will touch hearts and minds, revealing God's goodness and deep and profound love to those who most need this assurance. God of healing **Hear our Prayer**

**For children, students, teachers and all preparing to return to places of learning** – that they will respect the opportunity they have for education, apply effort consistently, and strive to develop their talents and abilities through their learning. God of learning **Hear our Prayer**

**We pray together:** *All powerful God, you are all light. In you there is no darkness. Let your light shine upon for all whom we pray so that we may walk gladly in your ways. 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.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Those who are sick:** Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Maya Renouf (Carla's Mum), Michelle Byrne & Scott Lyons.

**Those recently deceased:** Pauline Mae Miller

**Those with anniversaries at this time:** Robert Teagle (24/01), Callum Friel (31/01), Tony Friel (07/02), Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca

**NEWS & NOTICES**

**DONATIONS ONLINE**

We are pleased to introduce the option for Parishioners or guests to donate online through our website. Whether it is for a Wedding, Baptism, Planned Giving, Sacramental Programme, Christmas or Easter offering, to Support our Parish or Support our Priests. Please see the top right corner of our website under "Support Us" button or visit directly [www.bpoint.com.au/pay/waverleyparish](http://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/waverleyparish). Any questions call us on 9369 9399.

**COMPANIONS MATTER**

A community program that assists people in reconnecting with the community by offering courses, workshops and social gatherings, at St Mary's Catholic Parish, Erskineville. We are looking for volunteer companions who could commit to supporting attendance at a course, attend morning teas after workshops or seminars, make a weekly phone call, catch up for a coffee and/or walk. For further information, you are invited to attend an online Zoom information session, on 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. To register, please contact [peter.carroll@catholiccare.org](mailto:peter.carroll@catholiccare.org)

**MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS**

Are you 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.

**CHURCH OPENING HOURS**

Due to NSW Government restrictions, we can have a limited celebration of Mass with Max. 150 people. Therefore we have to keep the Church closed when there is no COVID-19 steward in the church to monitor visitors. We apologise for this, 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. **The actual times of opening in the church are as follows:**

**MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP**

The St. Charles' Mothers' Prayer Group gathers on first Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Church. You are warmly invited to spend some time in prayer and reflection with other parents from our school community. Interested? - contact Laura at [laura@habitatmedia.com.au](mailto:laura@habitatmedia.com.au)

**Mon-Fri 8.15am to 10.15am - Mass 9.15am**  
**Sat 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**

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP**

Christian Meditation will start up again in the Parish Centre at 5.30pm on Monday evening from Monday, 1 February. If you are interested to find out more please call Trisha on 0405 516 972 or Maureen on 0425 225 095.

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

**MINISTRY ROSTER - JANUARY (WEEK 4 & 5)**

30 – 31 JAN (WEEK 5)	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
<b>ALTAR SERVING</b>	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
<b>PROCLAIMER OF WORD</b>	Margaret Blake	Anne Fahy	Des Durkin	Peter Foley
<b>EUCCHARIST MINISTER</b>	Cameron Ward	Margaret Kelly	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Ruth Lucas	Phyllis Spratt	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly

**LOCAL SCHOOLS**

**St Charles' Primary School**  
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 W <https://stcwaverley.catholic.edu.au>  
**School Principal:** Mr Paul Croker  
**REC:** 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  
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**KIDS CORNER**



*What did the unclean spirit in the man do when Jesus commanded?*

*Colour in only the spaces that have crosses to find out what it did.*

REGION	SPREAD	JESUS	PEOPLE	NEWS
SHRIEK	SYNAGOGUE	SHOOK	DESTROY	AMAZED
QUIET	HOLY	GALILEE	ORDERS	SABBATH
AUTHORITY	OBEY	EVIL	TEACH	SPIRIT

L W U O F Y R U E K L N B T Q  
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