



# 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.

See next page for our Church opening hours.

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## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2021

7:00AM, 9:15AM & 6PM

"All go to one place; all are from the dust, and all turn to dust again."

Ecclesiastes 3:20

## REFLECTION TODAY

This is yet another confrontation between Jesus and evil. In recent gospels, we have seen Jesus overcome possessing demons, sickness and social taboos; many of the themes merge in this text. The leper takes an audacious step in approaching Jesus, defying all the rules and conventions of his society. Despite his exclusion and isolation, he has not lost hope. Jesus reacts in exactly the opposite way from that which may be expected. He is moved by pity not revulsion. Instead of sending the man away, he responds with immense compassion to the man's courage and faith. He reaches out and touches him. This is not only an act of ritual impurity but of human foolhardiness! Not wanting to be known only as a miracle worker, Jesus orders the leper not to speak of his cure but to undergo the necessary rituals to enable him to re-enter the people of Israel. The priest should be able to recognise that in the cure of the leper, the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled and the Messiah is among them. The great irony is that by curing the leper and allowing his re-entry into the community, Jesus places himself in a position where he is forced to go out into isolation in places where no one lived.



## FURTHER REFLECTION

Thankfully, we do not encounter leprosy in our culture. It can therefore be difficult to enter into the real depth of today's readings. We have to understand that leprosy meant exclusion, rejection and the end of "normal" life. For your leprosy to be cured would be like being given a second chance at life. What is the cause of exclusion and rejection in our society – or even in the Church? Who are those who must "live apart"? And how can we put into effect in our day those most touching of the words of Jesus, when asked if he wants to cure the leper: "Of course I want to!"? Contemplating exclusion and rejection in our world can be hard work: Saint Paul guides the way: the Christian path is not to work "for my own advantage, but for the advantage of everybody else".

[www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/ordinary5b.htm](http://www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/ordinary5b.htm)

## 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>



**PRAYER OF THE COMMUNITY BEFORE THE WORD OF GOD**

Lord, open our ears to your word!  
 Let us hear your guidance and wisdom.  
 Open our hearts to your love!  
 Let us feel again your presence and compassion.  
 Open our hands that we give as we have received.  
 May your Word penetrate our hearts and change our lives. **Amen.**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.  
 For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
 Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**FIRST READING: LEVITICUS 13:1-2, 44-46**

The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: "When a person has on the skin of the body a swelling or an eruption or a spot, and it turns into a leprous disease on the skin of the body, that person shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests.

"A person who has the leprous disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of the head be disheveled and shall cover the upper lip and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean.' A person shall remain unclean as long as the disease persists; and being unclean, that person shall live alone, with a dwelling outside the camp."

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 31:1-2, 5, 11**

Happy those whose offense is forgiven  
 whose sin is forgiven  
 O happy those to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
 in whose spirit there is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
 my guilt I did not hide.  
 I said: "I will confess my offence to the Lord."  
 And the Lord, has forgiven the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord  
 Exult all you just!  
 O come ring out your joy,  
 all you upright of heart.

**SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 10:3 - 11:1**

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Give no offence to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, so that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us;  
 God has visited his people. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45**

A man with leprosy came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling said to Jesus, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him Jesus sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But the man went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the word, and people came to Jesus from every quarter.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

They ate and had their fill,  
 and what they craved the Lord gave them;  
 they were not disappointed in what they craved.



**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

*We prayerfully stretch out our hands to the Lord who stretched out his hand to touch and heal a leper.*

**For the Church** – that those with healing ministries remain inspired by the healing ministry of Jesus and that they affirm the dignity of the sick, and all whose lives are crushed, broken or marginalised. God of healing **Hear our Prayer**

**For law makers** – that they ensure the dignity, and right to life and health of people who are sick, vulnerable or marginalised. God of Dignity **Hear our Prayer**

**For all health professionals** – that the health services they offer will be available to all, regardless of people's wealth or location, that their work will be funded appropriately, and will bring a sense of joy into their lives. God of Joy **Hear our Prayer**

**For people with diseases and injuries that disfigure their bodies** – that they will be loved by their family, affirmed by their friends, live meaningful lives and be confident that they are loved and precious in the eyes of God. God of Compassion **Hear our Prayer**

**For married couples and all who have committed themselves to each other in love** – that the self-giving, self-emptying love of Christ will be the inspiration and basis of their love for each other. God of Love **Hear our Prayer**

**For couples preparing for marriage** – that their love will be gentle, kind and respectful, bringing each other to fullness of life, and that in their preparation for marriage, they will be guided by people who are wise, generous and loving. God of Wisdom **Hear our Prayer**

*We pray together: God, who sends us to wash in the River of Healing, hear the prayers we offer you this day and enable us to proclaim your good news and spread the word of your salvation; through Jesus 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 and Allana Vedder.

**Those with anniversaries at this time:** Tony Friel (07/02),

**Those recently deceased:** Maureen Vaughan,

**NEWS & NOTICES**

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP**

Christian Meditation is once again being held in the Parish Centre at 5.30pm on Monday evening. Please wear a mask. If you are interested to find out more please call Trisha on 0405 516 972 or Maureen on 0425 225 095.

**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" or [www.bpoin.com.au/pay/waverleyparish](http://www.bpoin.com.au/pay/waverleyparish). Any questions call us on 9369 9399.

**SACRAMENT FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION FULL FOR 2021**

Please note that the Sacraments for First Reconciliation is now full for 2021. Please visit our website for key dates for other Sacraments being held this year. Thank you

**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.



Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to [enquire now](http://enquire.now). Visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au), or call 9560 5333 or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au).

**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:**

**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**

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

**MINISTRY ROSTER - FEBRUARY (WEEK 2/3)**

13 - 14 FEB (WEEK 2)	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
<b>ALTAR SERVING</b>	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Christian Abruzzese	-
<b>PROCLAIMER OF WORD</b>	Margaret Blake	Gabrielle McAnespie	Annabelle & Bianca Abruzzese	Daniel Wairau
<b>EUCARIST MINISTER</b>	Susana Hansen	Francine Darvill	Tony & Alison Abruzzese	Miriam Wairau
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Teresa Vigroux	Phyllis Spratt	Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
20 - 21 FEB (WEEK 3)	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
<b>ALTAR SERVING</b>	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Christian Abruzzese	-
<b>PROCLAIMER OF WORD</b>	Margaret Blake	Anne Fahy	Des Durkin	Baricevic Family
<b>EUCARIST MINISTER</b>	Shirley Lyons	Kevin Brookes	Dominic Abruzzese	Joy Pertile
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Ruth Lucas	Margaret Duncan	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  
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**KIDS CORNER**

*Keeping a Secret*

In today's Gospel reading, a poor man with leprosy asked Jesus to heal him. Our Lord was sorry for the leper and healed him. But then He told him not to tell anyone. Do you know what the man did?

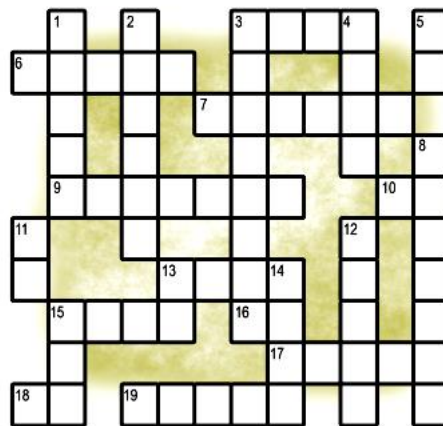


Well, he didn't keep the secret. He started to tell everyone what had happened. Soon Jesus couldn't walk into towns because there were such big crowds. He had to stay out in the deserted places so that there wouldn't be mobs in the towns.

Has anyone ever told you a secret? Do you find it hard to keep secrets? Once in a while somebody might tell you something that you will need to tell your parents, but usually you shouldn't tell anyone somebody else's secret. Before you tell something to your friends, always



ask yourself if it's okay to share it with them. Will it make things hard for somebody else? Might you hurt someone's feelings? Think about how you would feel if someone told one of your secrets to their friends. And finally, always remember that the way you treat others is how you treat Jesus.



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 began tell  
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A \_\_\_\_\_ (6a) came to Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ (3d) \_\_\_\_\_ (14d) \_\_\_\_\_ (2d) him and said, "\_\_\_\_ (5d) you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his \_\_\_\_\_ (13a), \_\_\_\_\_ (8d) him, and said to him, "I do will it. \_\_\_\_ (11d) made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was \_\_\_\_\_ (15a) clean. Then, warning him \_\_\_\_\_ (9a), he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you \_\_\_\_\_ (4d) no one anything, but \_\_\_\_ (16a), show yourself to the priest and offer what Moses prescribed; that will be \_\_\_\_\_ (12d) for them."

The \_\_\_\_\_ (15d) went away and \_\_\_\_\_ (19a) to publicize the \_\_\_\_\_ (17a) matter. \_\_\_\_ (13d) spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for \_\_\_\_\_ (1d) to enter a town openly. He remained outside \_\_\_\_ (18a) deserted places, and \_\_\_\_\_ (7a) \_\_\_\_\_ (3a) coming \_\_\_\_ (10a) him from everywhere.