



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.

Church open 8AM - 4PM each day for prayer

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The season of

Lent



Reflection | Renewal | Preparation

REFLECTION TODAY

In the biblical tradition, a mountain is often used as the setting for close encounters between God and his people. In this text, Jesus' appearance takes on the imagery of the divine. Those who join Jesus are significant: Moses was the receiver of the Law, and Elijah was the first prophet. Here the Law and the Prophets, the fullness of Scripture, meet Jesus transfigured. Understandably, the disciples are terrified, and Peter suggests they build three tents. This would allow them to remain on the mountain and contemplate the face of God. But this is to misunderstand the true call of the disciple. Gazing heavenwards is not enough; the disciple must also listen and act. The mystery of this response will only become clear when placed in the context of the death and resurrection of Jesus. There can be no side-stepping of the cross and its invitation to all who are followers of Jesus that they too must loose themselves for the sake of others.

Last week's gospel presented a picture of Jesus in his humanity, alone in the desert and wrestling with human fear and temptation. This week, Jesus is presented in his divinity, full of God's glory. The Church has taught since earliest days that Jesus was both fully human and fully divine but grappled for centuries with what that meant. It was the cause of some division: some denied his humanity; others his divinity. From a long process of refinement emerged the central truth that in Jesus Christ, God's Son became flesh and suffered and died for the salvation of the world. Christians believe that Christ is the definitive revelation of God. Our clearest insight into the mystery of God and our strongest hope for union with God is Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

DID YOU KNOW?

The three disciples who witness Jesus' glory in this episode are the same three who will witness his agony on the Mount of Olives on the night before he died.



SIGN IN FOR MASS TODAY?

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God tested Abraham. God said to him, "Abraham!" And Abraham said, "Here I am." God said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."
When Abraham and Isaac came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he replied, "Here I am." The angel said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 115:10, 15-19

I trusted, even when I said: I am sorely afflicted,
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the name of the Lord,

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.



SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:31-34

If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? Is it God who justifies? Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: MARK 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Peter did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.
As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.



GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

We are called in this Lenten season to a renewed effort in prayer, to fasting, and to engage in works of charity and selfless giving. We are also called together today to be formed as God's People, to be one Body in Christ and as one people, to celebrate this time of prayer.

For the Church – that in the Sunday assembly and in our daily lives, we listen deeply to God's 'Son, the beloved,' and that our lives will be transformed by this encounter. In your mercy Lord **Hear us now we pray.**

For world leaders – that they will conscientiously strive to build bridges of peace within and between nations and that they will unite in a just distribution of COVID-19 vaccine which meets the needs of all, including the poorest people and nations. In your mercy Lord **Hear us now we pray.**

For a sustainable ecology – that among people there will be deeper respect for the unity and dignity of all people, stronger protection of cultural heritage, greater care of Earth's complex systems of life and more willingness to discover and apply what it means to live sustainably. In your mercy Lord **Hear us now we pray.**

For the sick and all facing terminal illness – that through the patient and loving support of friends, family and professional carers, they will be touched by and come to know the ever-present and ever-loving, Beloved Son. In your mercy Lord **Hear us now we pray.**

For all gathered here – that in our Lenten journey the light of God's grace, will lead us to the wilderness to pray, turn our eyes towards those in need, and remind us through fasting, that our deepest yearnings are met by God. In your mercy Lord **Hear us now we pray.**

We pray together - May your faithful be strengthened by you, O God: in grief, may you be their consolation, in tribulation, their power to endure, and in peril, their protection. 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 and Allana Vedder.

Those with anniversaries at this time: Monica & Jimmy French, Damien McGann, Joan McGann, Margaret Roberts, Ed Reilly (19/2), Raymund Quintana, Jaime Quintero, John Chong (25/2), James & Lynnette Toms, Kevin Garvan (12/2), Jean Malouf, Ann Gray, Allan Smith, June Hamilton, Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca, Christine Harrison (28/2) and John Harrison (02/03).

Those recently deceased: Leonie Jackson, Ron Glenister, Marilyn Montgomery and Marcia Smith.

Those recently baptised: Lochlan Peter Gray and Zane Robert Ghattas.

NEWS & NOTICES

SACRAMENT FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

Please note that the Sacrament for First Eucharist is not yet open for enrolment. It will open mid-April. Please may we remind you that those who attend our Parish or have a connection to our Parish will be given priority. If Mary Immaculate Church is not your regular Parish, you will need permission from your local Parish when you enrol. Fr Bernie will be meeting with those in our Parish who enrol, so he can support your child in their sacramental journey. Please visit our website for key dates for all Sacraments being held in the Parish.

SACRAMENT FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION FULL FOR 2021

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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Did you know that each year the Catholic charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, supports the training of 12,000 seminarians and provides ongoing formation for 8,000 priests. Could you help support a priest or seminarian? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/ formation.

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

We have been very fortunate not to have a COVID-19 case due to excellent cleaning and social distancing in our Parish. **Therefore we are pleased to open the Church every day from 8am to 4pm.** Please exercise caution when attending by sanitising your hands, using the wipes provided to clean the area you have been seated and maintain social distancing at all times. **Please sign-in using NSW Gov QR code or sign-in sheet on entry.**

DONATIONS ONLINE

We are pleased to introduce the option for Parishioners or guests to donate online through our website. Please note there are different billing codes for each type of donation. E.g. Baptism, Wedding, Mass Intention etc. Please see the top right corner of our website under "Support Us" or www.bpoint.com.au/pay/waverleyparish. Any questions call us on 9369 9399.

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Are you rostered on to help in one of our liturgical ministries each month? It is time to update our roster for 2021. Please could you advise us by the end of February if there are any changes to your allocation or if you no longer wish to volunteer in the Parish. Thank you for your support during these times.

MINISTRY ROSTER - FEBRUARY/MARCH

27 – 28 FEB (WEEK 4)	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	-	-
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Mario Vinciguerra	Nicholas De Jersey	Peter Foley
EUCARIST MINISTER	Cameron Ward	Margaret Kelly	Gisella Musumeci	Kathy Reilly
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Phyllis Spratt	Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
6 - 7 MARCH (WEEK 1)	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	Joy Pertile
EUCARIST MINISTER	Vincent Conroy	Genevieve Roberts	Jackie Durkin	Janet Gerzina
HOSPITALITY	Teresa Vigroux	Margaret Duncan	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly

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- Difficulty in forming new relationships
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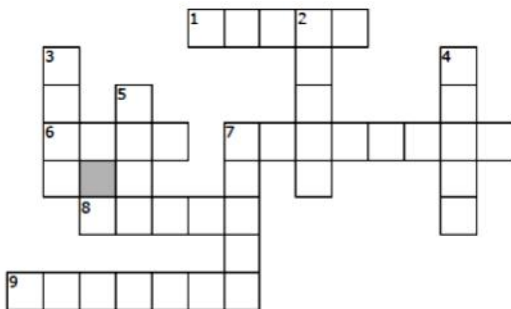
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KIDS CORNER

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- The sound produced by the vocal organs; what we use to speak
- Something that is pleasing, enjoyable, or of high quality
- A raised part of the earth's surface, larger than a hill
- The Son of God
- Articles of apparel such as pants, shirts, dresses, etc.

DOWN

- A white or grey mass of very small drops of water that floats in the sky
- Having a great distance from top to bottom
- The color of snow or milk
- To have a strong feeling of affection for someone
- Jewish leader who received the Ten Commandments

CLOTHES	MOUNTAIN	WHITE	LOVE	VOICE
MOSES	CLOUD	JESUS	HIGH	GOOD

The Transfiguration
 Mark 9:2-9

