



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.

Open: **Closed after Mass on weekdays due to roof repairs.**

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DID YOU KNOW?

- The vineyard was one of the ancient images of the people of Israel, God's chosen people, and God is the vinedresser.
- In John's Gospel, the term 'I am' has a special significance. When Moses encountered God on Mount Sinai, God revealed himself as 'I am who am.' Jesus reveals himself as Son of God in the use of this term and tells something of his mission: I am the Living Water; I am the Good Shepherd; I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; I am the Light of the World; I am the Bread of Life. @<https://www.cam1.org.au/evangelisation/>

REFLECTION

Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, and our belonging to him, our being part of him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. This is, as was stated earlier, the period of Mystagogy, when the newly baptised are helped to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasising the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to "belong" to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him.

@<https://www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/>

FURTHER REFLECTION

Jesus continues to speak to the disciples through imagery that they understood from their everyday experience and with symbols that come from their Jewish tradition. The vine is a staple part of Israel's agricultural life. It carries the idea of the life that flows into the branches from the thick stalk of the vine. Jesus becomes that giver of life and prosperity, but behind his life-giving presence is the Father. Like the vinedresser, the Father must cut away anything that impedes that life or comes from a source that is not nourished from the 'true vine'. Jesus exists to make the Father known, and so it must be with disciples of Jesus. We must 'remain with' Jesus and thus make the Father known.

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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 on mobile
- 2 In the app, select 'COVID Safe Check-in'
- 3 Follow the prompts



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 9:26-31

When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus Saul had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus.

So Saul went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. He spoke and argued with the Hellenists; but they were attempting to kill him. When the believers learned of it, they brought Saul down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 22

My vows I will pay before those who fear the Lord. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill; they shall praise the Lord, those who seek him: May their hearts live forever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord; all the families of the nations shall worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow down all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him; my children serve him. they shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come and declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn These things the Lord God has done.

RESPONSE (10AM ONLY):

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:18-24

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God.

And this is God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another; just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides

in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

"Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

"Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Introduction: *Father we are the branches, Jesus is the vine from whom we receive out life-giving nourishment. With zeal and hope in our hearts therefore, we offer the needs of our world.*

For unity amongst Christian believers – That the unity which comes from Christ the true vine may draw all Christians to work together in peace, so they will grow deeper in love, richer in compassion, and build ever more vibrant faith communities.
Christ has died, Christ is risen! **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

For community and national leaders – that the values of religious freedom and racial equality will be established among all people.
Christ has died, Christ is risen! **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

For the covid-19 pandemic – that in countries where the death toll is still very high the roll out of vaccines will assist to end the pain and suffering for all who still live in fear of this disease.
Christ has died, Christ is risen! **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

For Lebanon and all its peoples who are still in lockdown especially Fr Charlie– that they will find a path to peace and an end to the pandemic and political turmoil that they are experiencing.
Christ has died, Christ is risen! **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

For all who bring forth food from the earth – that they bring a consciousness of sustainability to their work, ensuring future generations will be blessed by the bounty of the earth.
Christ has died, Christ is risen! **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

For our local community of Waverley – that the spirit of friendship and companionship will be nurtured and our church be seen as a sign of the welcoming and compassionate image of Christ.
Christ has died, Christ is risen! **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

We pray together: O God, you graft us onto Christ, the true vine, and, with tireless care, nurture our growth in knowledge and reverence. Tend the vineyard of your Church, that in Christ each branch may bring forth to the glory of your name abundant fruits of faith and love.
We make this prayer 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.*

WISH TO DONATE ONLINE?

We are pleased to offer the option for Parishioners or guests to donate online through our website with CBA.
NB: There are different billing codes for each type of donation. Just scan this QR code to go straight to donation page.

Questions?
9369 9399.


Thank you for your support!



MASS INTENTIONS

Those who are sick: Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Maya Renouf (Carla's Mum), Michelle Byrne, Scott Lyons, Allana Vedder, Michael Vesper, Robert See & Mike Newman.
Those recently married: Adam Ward & Karly Nixon
Those recently deceased: Bernard Cleary McGann, Roslyn Louise Testa & Maryrose Malouf
Those with anniversaries at this time: Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca

NEWS & NOTICES

CWF MAY APPEAL 
CWF Appeal is on this weekend and we need your help. COVID-19 has taken an especial toll on the most vulnerable in Sydney – including those now facing homelessness, single mothers, those struggling with mental health, and our local Aboriginal communities. Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP
Christian Meditation is once again being held in the Parish Centre at 5.30pm on Monday evening. Interested? Call Trisha on 0405 516 972 or Maureen on 0425 225 095.

SUNDAY MORNING NEW MASS TIMES
Please note in your diaries the change from two Sunday morning Masses to one Sunday Morning Mass beginning at 9.15am from the 30th May 2021.

BAPTISMS AT MARY IMMACULATE
As Mass times change from 30 May, Baptisms will now be brought forward from 30 May to 10:45am. We are booking 4 families per ceremony and recommend no more than 30 guest each family. Next available dates: 27 June & 18 July. Baptism preparation for May is on Thursday, 6 May 7pm in Parish Centre. Please advise if you cannot attend. Thank you

THE HOUSE OF WELCOME
(a division of St Francis Social Services) 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. They are running a food drive and the items they need are cooking oil (1 Litre), sugar (1 Kg), tinned tuna, canned tomatoes, basmati rice, shampoo + conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant and bathroom and kitchen cleaning deodorants). To organise drop offs, call 9727 9290 or email: office@houseofwelcome.com.au.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP
The St. Charles' Mothers' Prayer Group gathers on this coming Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. 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

VOLUNTEER BOOKKEEPER POSITION (Petersham North Office 15 hrs p/w)
Palms Australia is a Catholic agency who recruits, prepares, sends and supports qualified and experienced Australians to assist communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific seeking to reduce poverty. If you know your way around accounting processes, and either looking for experience, or a meaningful retirement, Executive Director, Roger O'Halloran, would love to hear from you. roger@palms.org.au or 9560 5333 in business hours.

ST CHARLES' PLAYGROUP
Thursdays 9:00am to 11:00am at Mary Immaculate Church Parish Centre, 45a Victoria Street, Waverley 2024. Come along and meet others! Indoor & outdoor play. Info, call Caroline 93873845 or email: caroline.doherty@syd.catholic.edu.au

MINISTRY ROSTER - MAY

1 – 2 MAY (WEEK 1)	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Cameron Ward	-
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Anne Fahy	Des Durkin	Peter Foley
EUCHARIST MINISTER	Laura Neeson	Margaret Kelly	Eddie Seeto	Janet Gerzina
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Margaret Duncan	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly

LOCAL SCHOOLS

St Charles' Primary School
 53-63 Carrington Road, Waverley 2024
 P (02) 9387 3845
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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: Mrs Kerrie McDiarmid
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
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 Mr Stephen Ghattas

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We understand how difficult it can be for people who have experienced abuse to make a complaint. We want to support you in this process and we can provide access to counselling and support services if needed. Visit www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/ for more info.



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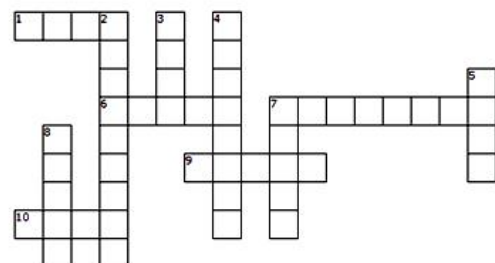
KIDS CORNER

Unscramble the four words and use the letters in the numbered boxes to solve the puzzle.



"I am the _____ vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
 John 15:5 (NIV)

UTRIF 1
 BNUR 3
 BAER 2
 FIER 4
 1 2 3 4



- ACROSS**
- Something that is spoken
 - Not dirty
 - A person who works with plants and flowers
 - To toss something through the air
 - A plant that climbs or creeps along the ground
- DOWN**
- Those who follow Jesus
 - Burning flame
 - Arms that grow out from the trunk of a tree
 - The opposite of false
 - Praise or honor
 - The part of a vine or tree which is eaten



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FIRE DISCIPLES FRUIT	GLORY GARDENER TRUE	BRANCHES THROW WORD	CLEAN VINE
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