



# 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 10:45am. Bookings essential.

**Wedding:** 11:30am or 2:00pm timeslots. Bookings essential.

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

## PARISH CENTRE

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### Pastoral Coordinator:

Mr Barry Blake

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"He was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place."

## DID YOU KNOW?

- These final verses of Mark's Gospel were a later addition to the original ending of the women at the empty tomb. They show that from the earliest of times, the disciples realised that although Jesus was no longer physically present, 'the Lord was working with them.'
- The word *apostle* comes from the Greek for 'one who is sent out'.
- All the baptised share in this missionary task of the Church: to go out to proclaim the Good News 'to all creation'. Popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis have all called on Christians to be bringers of good news to creation. We must be stewards of the earth and all its resources to ensure that future generations inherit an environment that God gifted to all humanity. [@https://www.cam1.org.au/evangelisation/](https://www.cam1.org.au/evangelisation/)

## REFLECTION

Ascension is not just a feast that happens to fall in Eastertide: it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: "I am going to prepare a place for, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me." The resurrection presumes the Lord's return to the Father. This is therefore a feast of hope: our hope in the Lord's return, as he went. Our hope that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits on the Father's right.

[@https://www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/easter6b.htm](https://www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/easter6b.htm)

## FURTHER REFLECTION

The central point of this gospel is the instruction that Jesus gives to the disciples to continue his work and mission: to take the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world and to all creation. He warns that this task may not be easy and that some will reject the message the disciples bring, but for those who do accept it the rewards will be great. They will overcome all that impedes or threatens life and will be given great gifts. In the preaching of the Gospel, Jesus is still present and working with them.

The disciples unquestioningly carry out the instructions they are given. The preaching and the sacramental life of the Christian Church is the continuation of the presence of Jesus in the world.

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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:**

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

**FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven?

This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 47:2-3, 6-9**

All you peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy.  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear  
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise to God, sing praise;  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth;  
sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over all the nations,  
God reigns upon his holy throne.

**RESPONSE (10AM ONLY):**

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

**SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:17-23**

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has

made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;  
I am with you always,  
until the end of the world. Alleluia

**GOSPEL: MARK 16:15-20**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptised will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

*Priest: On this day when Christ our Lord ascended into heaven, we make our prayers for the Church and the world, trusting that the Father will answer them out of love for his Son.*

**For the Church** – that we build up the Body of Christ, encouraging each other's gifts as evangelists, pastors, teachers and holy ones,  
encouraging unity and the work of ministry. God of wisdom.....**Hear our prayer**

**For leaders of nations** – that they will ensure that people in all countries will be free to practice their faith without fear of discrimination or retribution. God of nations.....**Hear our prayer**

**For people of different faiths** – that their desire to love God and do what is right will bring people of differing faith traditions into greater communion and understanding. God of unity.....**Hear our prayer**

**For workers** – that we appreciate work as a gift through which physical and material needs are met, and that we approach work with energy, diligence and commitment. God of strength.....**Hear our Prayer**

**For ourselves** – that as members of the Body of Christ we be humble, gentle, patient, bearing with one another in love and being the presence of Christ in the world. God of gentleness .....**Hear our Prayer**

**For all those who are sick** - that God may be their strength and grant them good health and also bless all those who care for them. God of healing.....**Hear our prayer**

*We pray together: Gentle God, you seated your risen Son at your right hand: hear these our prayers that we might continue faithfully his mission to make his gospel known. We ask this through that same Son, Jesus Christ. **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:** Pham Nguyen Le & Maria De Paz and Karen Ho & Trinh Dinh  
**Those recently baptised:** Charles Joseph Anthony Ajaka  
**Those recently deceased:** Fr Cormac Nagle, ofm, Margaret McDonald & Eileen Giles  
**Those with anniversaries at this time:** James Hassett (07/05), Simon Hekeik (8/5), Francis Shanley (9/5), Brian Hassett (10/05), Francis Fernandez (24/5) & Jeffrey Teoh (31/5)

**NEWS & NOTICES**

**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 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**SCAFFOLDING ON CHURCH**

A reminder that there is **no parking available in the church grounds during the week.** Scaffolding has gone up on the West side now. There is no access to the church toilets except through the council carpark gate to the Parish Centre or around the back of the church via the Star of the Sea Friary driveway. No work will be carried out during Mass, no scaffolding inside the church, but there will be workers on site during the week. Any queries, please Parish Office on 93699399 or office@waverleycatholic.org.au

**COVID-19 SAFETY**

We have been very fortunate not to have a COVID-19 case due to excellent cleaning and social distancing in our Parish. When attending please sanitise your hands, clean the area where you have been seated and maintain social distancing at all times. Please wear a mask and no singing. **Please sign-in using NSW Gov QR code or sign-in sheet on entry.** Thank you for keeping everyone safe!

**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.

**ST CHARLES' PLAYGROUP**

Thursdays 9 - 11am at Mary Immaculate Church Parish Centre, 45a Victoria St, Waverley 2024. Come along & meet others! Indoor & outdoor play. Caroline 9387 3845 or caroline.doherty@syd.catholic.edu.au.

**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: 18 July. Baptism preparation is essential. For info, contact Parish Office.

**MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP**

The St. Charles' Mothers' Prayer Group gathers on 1st Wednesdays of each month at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. You're 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)

**MINISTRY ROSTER - MAY**

| 15 - 16 MAY (WEEK 3) | SAT 5PM VIGIL  | SUN 8.30AM        | SUN 10.00AM                  | SUN 5.00PM       |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| ALTAR SERVING        | Barry Blake    | Anthony Spratt    | Christian Abruzzese          | -                |
| PROCLAIMER OF WORD   | Laura Neeson   | Genevieve Roberts | Bianca & Annabelle Abruzzese | Baricevic Family |
| EUCARIST MINISTER    | Susana Hansen  | Gaye Zammit       | Dominic Abruzzese            | Kathy Reilly     |
| HOSPITALITY          | Teresa Vigroux | Margaret Duncan   | Eddie Seeto                  | Kathy Reilly     |
| 22 - 23 MAY (WEEK 4) | 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 | Mario Vinciguerra | Nicholas De Jersey           | Peter Foley      |
| EUCARIST MINISTER    | Laura Neeson   | Francine Darvill  | Jackie Durkin                | Joy Pertile      |
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**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:** 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  
**Asst Dir of Identity & Student formation:**  
 Mr Stephen Ghattas

**SAFEGUARDING IN PARISH**

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/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/) for more info.



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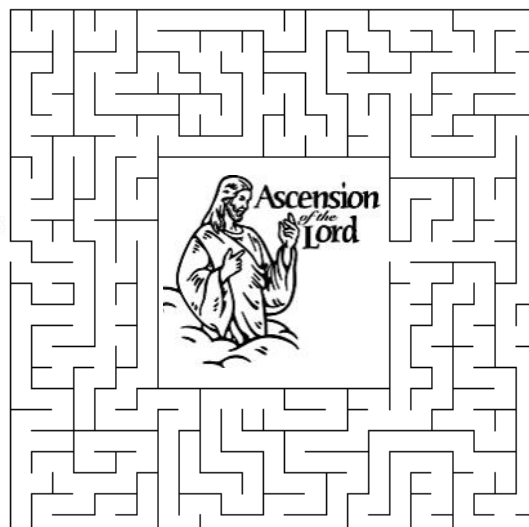
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**KIDS CORNER**



*Jesus has gone back into Heaven!*

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He went with His followers to the top of a mountain, where he told them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and then he went up through the clouds and returned to God the Father in Heaven.

But Jesus isn't gone forever! He is still with us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. He will also come again at the end of the world.

Sometimes someone that we love goes away from us too. Sometimes people move away, or we move away from our friends. Sometimes people that we love die.

But we know that we will see our friends again, and we will be with the people who died when we die and go to Heaven.

Today let us celebrate Jesus returning to the Father in Heaven, and remember that we hope to join them some day!