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 - No mass 25-29 Oct
Saturday: 9:15am followed by Reconciliation & 5:00pm Vigil.
Sunday: 9:15am & 5:00pm.
Baptism: Last two Sundays of each month at 10:45am. Bookings essential.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
This scene from the gospel is very easy to picture in our minds. A blind beggar sits in the dusty gutter in his despair and abandonment. Most people would look the other way and ignore him. To be afflicted in such a way was thought to be a result of sinfulness. But Bartimaeus hears the noise of the crowd and tunes in. No doubt, in the commotion, he hears others saying that it is Jesus of Nazareth who approaches. The cry of Bartimaeus is very instructive: ‘Son of David, have pity on me.’ The blind man recognises not only who Jesus is, but what he can do. He is the Messiah, therefore he can make the blind see. Jesus responds with a classic invitation to discipleship: ‘Call him here.’ In response to this call to come to Jesus (and in contrast to the rich young man), Bartimaeus leaves behind what is probably his only possession, his cloak, and presents himself in his nothingness, ready to be filled with all that Jesus can offer. His faith, his receptivity and his response to the invitation are rewarded. His sight restored, he follows Jesus along the road. What a profound lesson there is to be learned from Bartimaeus.

DID YOU KNOW?
• The title ‘Son of David’ was one applied to the longed-for anointed one of God. Its use here indicates that Bartimaeus has recognised Jesus as the Messiah.
• The ‘blind faith’ of Bartimaeus contrasts sharply with the lack of insight and understanding we have witnessed from the disciples in recent weeks.
• Jericho is the main town on the west bank of the Jordan River in the south. It was the crossing point for people journeying from the north and led to the main road up to Jerusalem, 22 kilometres away. Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem, and to his death, has almost ended.
• In Hebrew, Bar means ‘son of’ in much the same way as Mac is used in Scotland. When a Jewish boy undergoes his Barmitzvah, he becomes a ‘son of the law’.
• While Rabbi means ‘master’ or ‘teacher’, Rabbuni is usually employed to express familiarity with or devotion to the master or teacher.

VISITED MARY’S GROTTO?
Have you visited the Church today?
Please remember to check-in when visiting our premises!
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
SUNDAY, 24TH OCTOBER 2021 | 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:7-9
Thus says the Lord: “Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.” “See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 126
When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage to us it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and on our lips were joyful songs.

The heathens themselves said, “What marvels the Lord worked for them!” What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed, our hearts were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who sow in tears will sing when they reap. They go out full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing, they come back full of song, carrying their sheaves.

SUNG RESPONSE 9.15AM:
The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 5:1-6
Brothers and Sisters, every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.

And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you;” as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel. Alleluia

GOSPEL: MARK 10:46-52
As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So, throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Jesus heard the humble and persistent cry of Bartimaeus. The example of Bartimaeus encourages us as we turn to God in our need

For the Church: that we the Church be a light which makes it possible to see what is good and beautiful, and bring freedom, justice and charity to places darkened by oppression, injustice or violence. God of hope hear our prayer

For those in positions of leadership - religious and civil: that they may be sensitive to the needs of those in their charge and always respect the rights of their communities. God of Justice hear our prayer

For people blind to the spiritual nature of life: that through kindness and love, they might awaken to the light of Christ who dwells deep within the heart of every person. God of Mercy hear our prayer

For our community gathered in prayer today for the first time in 4 months: that we may use well the wonderful gift of sight – both physical and spiritual, and bring renewed hope to those we meet who are still suffering from Pandemic loneliness. God of the Suffering hear our prayer

For the sick in our parish who are unable to join us in prayer: that through the help of those around them they may be given a new purpose and direction in their lives, and be strengthen in health and faith. God of Courage hear our prayer

For our departed relatives and friends: that they may see the light of God’s glory. God of the living and the dead, hear our prayer

Together we pray: Lord, you have done great things for us and we are filled with joy at your Son’s healing presence. Through the power of the Spirit, listen to our prayer that we make in the name of 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 Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
of the Father almighty.
He took upon him our nature,
was made man,
and of one substance with the Father,
he existed in the glory of 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.
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.

Thank you for your support!

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BAPTISMS AT MARY IMMACULATE
Due to COVID we had a number of families postponed. The last available date for 2021 is 14 November. As we don’t take booking for January, the next available dates for 2022 are 20th & 27th February 2022.
Baptism preparation is essential. For more info, contact Parish Office 9369 9399.

MASSES RESUME - YAY!
Due to First Eucharist & Confirmation
Masses all next week, there are no weekday
Masses from 25 - 29 Oct. Weekday masses
resume from 1 November at 9:15am. All
weekend Masses have resumed. Mass times:
Mon - Fri: 9:15am
Saturday: 9:15am followed by
Reconciliation & 5:00pm Vigil.
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THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
From next weekend, please write the names of your beloved deceased into the Book of Remembrance. During November, the priests will offer Mass for the names nominated on each day. Please PRINT NAMES clearly and one per line.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP IS
BACK MON 25 OCTOBER 5:30PM
Christian Meditation is back on at 5:30PM on Mondays in the Parish
Centre Hall from Monday, 25th October. If you are interested
to find out more, call Trisha - 0405 516 972 or 9665 9017 or
Maureen - 0425 225 095.

FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION
Please pray for all the
students receiving their
Sacrament of First Eucharist
and Confirmation for the first
time next week. It will
be a busy week! Well done
to all students!

UPCOMING ROSTER

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LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

St Charles’ Primary School
53-63 Carrington Road, Waverley 2024
P (02) 9387 3845
W https://stc.waverley.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
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/ for more info.

KIDS CORNER

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