



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 followed by Reconciliation & 5:00pm Vigil.

Sunday: 9:15am & 5:00pm.

Baptism: Last two Sundays of each month at 10:45am. Bookings essential.

STAY CONNECTED

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Many of the readings from Mark's Gospel that we have encountered over past weeks focus on the misunderstanding the disciples have about the nature of the kingdom that Jesus proclaims. They remain locked into an earthly understanding of political power. In this text from John, Jesus makes very explicit that this is not the case. His kingdom is not of this world! Pilate pushes the point in order to trap him into an admission of guilt: 'So you are a king then?' Jesus' kingship, however, is not to be bound by earthly understandings. He is indeed a king, but he exercises his kingship by making known the love of God. For this purpose alone he came into the world: to bear witness to the truth that 'God so loved the world that he gave his only son' (John 3:16). It is for the world and all humanity that Christ died, so we should avoid the mistake of thinking that Christ's kingdom is in some way unreal or anchored in the clouds. While it is not of this world, it is most definitely anchored in this world. All Christians are challenged to help bring this kingdom to fulfillment here and now. 'Thy kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven.' It is in the lives and hearts of ordinary people and the societies they build that Christ's kingdom lives and awaits completion. We too must bear witness to this truth.

[@www.cam1.org.au/](https://www.cam1.org.au/)

DID YOU KNOW?

- The feast of Christ the King is a relatively new one in the church calendar. It was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI after the world had experienced the horrors of World War I and been shocked at the brutality and destruction of that conflict between so-called civilised and Christian nations. The role of the Church in social and cultural life was diminishing, and there was greater separation of church and state. This feast sought to confront growing secularism head on. Since Vatican II, the Church has seen itself in a new dialogue with the world, and this feast now more strongly reflects upon the nature of Christ's kingship.
- The crime for which Jesus is tried and killed is that of sedition—any claim that he was the 'King of the Jews' was a direct threat to the emperor. Only the Roman governor could pass judgment in such a case. Crucifixion was a Roman punishment, not a Jewish one.

VISITED THE CHURCH OR GROTTO?

Have you visited the Church today? Please remember to check-in when visiting!

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



Please wipe down the seat and area where you sit with also available on the information table.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING: DANIEL 7:13-14

I, Daniel, had a dream and visions as I lay in bed.
As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming on the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 92:1-2,5

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

SUNG RESPONSE: 9.15AM MASS

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

SECOND READING: APOC 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will lament. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia

GOSPEL: JOHN 18:33-37

Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"
Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"
Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish authorities. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."
Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."



PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL

Fr Bernie: The psalmist reminds us that God's holy presence is with us until the end of time. Therefore, with confidence, we offer our needs in prayer.

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| We pray for the Pope and leaders of our Church that by their great example we may recognise Christ the King in each person, whom we honour with respect and love. | God of comfort and strength... | hear our prayer |
| We pray for those in political power throughout the world. May they work justly to restore their people from the effects of the pandemic and climate change. | God of comfort and strength... | hear our prayer |
| We pray for all students, especially the Year 12 students in our community who have struggled due to the pandemic, that you may bless their career pathways and guide them through their journey of life. | God of comfort and strength... | hear our prayer |
| We pray for those who are blinded by the pursuit of wealth and commercial gain at the expense of the vulnerable, that they may be touched by the selfless love of Christ and become generous and kind. | God of comfort and strength... | hear our prayer |
| We pray for all people who have never experienced the love of God that we may have the graces we need to be the ones to reach out and extend your hand of comfort. | God of comfort and strength... | hear our prayer |
| We pray for those who have passed beyond this world (especially those whose names are in book of Remembrance), that they may dwell in the Lord's house for ever. | God of comfort and strength... | hear our prayer |

We pray together: *Loving God, you look after your people at every moment of our lives: hear the prayers we make, guide us to be servant kings to one another and to always put our trust and faith in you, 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 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), Michelle Byrne, Scott Lyons, Allana Vedder, Mike Newman, Lizzie Prior, Gaye Zammit, Jeff Linfoot, Tanja Gerzina, John Seminara & Rose Colombo
Those with anniversaries at this time: Frances Cauchi, Jennifer Hansen & Hilda Paine (19/11)
Those recently deceased: Christine Lynch
Those recently baptised: Freddie Boman, Gianna Wheaton & Imogen Stewart

NEWS & NOTICES

“WHAT FRANCISCANS HOPE TO ACHIEVE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN PLENARY COUNCIL”

Please join us for this wonderful event, organised & hosted by the Holy Spirit Fraternity, Waverley, of the Secular Franciscan Order. On 11 December at 2pm - 4pm (followed by a short afternoon tea) at the Parish Centre, 45a Victoria St, Waverley. Key Speaker Bp Vincent Long, OFM Conv. For more info, contact Tim Sheil on 0419 432 315 or tsheilofs2011@gmail.com.



The **Charitable Works Fund Appeal** will be happening this weekend. Your donations will help those most struggling in our community. Despite the Pandemic we are still obliged to help fund the Charitable Works of the Archdiocese and so I encourage you to assist today with donations in the envelopes provided. Alternatively, you can learn more & donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. **Donations of \$2+ are tax deductible.**

SOCIAL DISTANCING & SINGING

With the relaxation of rules on 8th November, the density rule is now 1 person per 2 square metres, therefore we are able to have nearly full capacity again up to about 350 people. I have removed the ropes from the pews, but I do encourage you to not sit directly behind someone else. The singing rule is still rather awkward to interpret. Technically singing is allowed for the vaccinated but not the unvaccinated and masks are still mandatory until 15 Dec or when we reach 95% double vaccinated whichever comes first. If you have ever tried to sing with a mask you’ll realise it not that easy, so as hard as it is for me to say this - we will therefore continue with the status quo i.e. no singing at Mass 😞

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Unfortunately due to a burglary in the church last week, the church will need to remain closed during the day until we can find a better solution to keep the church and visitors safe. We will advise when the church is open during the day for prayer. Church will be open 1hr before each Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES - REGISTRATIONS OPEN NEXT FRIDAY MIDDAY!

Registrations will be through our website or Facebook page.

Friday, 24 December (CHRISTMAS EVE)

5:00pm - Children’s Family Mass & **7:00pm** - Vigil Mass. **NB:** No 9:15am Mass. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite nativity character (please no glitter)

Saturday, 25 December (CHRISTMAS DAY)

9:15am - Mass only. **NB:** No evening Mass on Christmas Day

Sunday, 26 December (BOXING DAY)

9:15am - Mass only. **NB:** No evening Mass on Boxing Day



UPCOMING ROSTER

20 – 21 NOV (WEEK 3)	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Dominic Hearne
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Annabelle Abruzzese & Des Durkin	Baricevic Family
EUCHARIST MINISTER	Shirley Lyons	Tony & Alison Abruzzese	Joy Pertile
HOSPITALITY	Ruth Lucas	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly

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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

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 131 Birrell Street, Waverley 2024
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Principal: Mr Graham Leddie
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 Ms Suzanne Walsh

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 Ms Gabrielle Bransby
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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.



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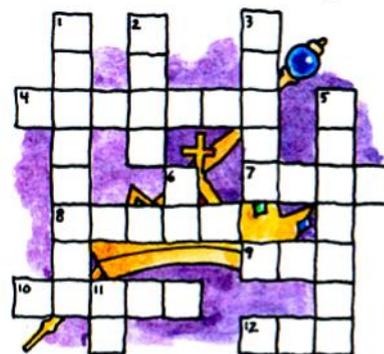
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KIDS CORNER



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Christ the King Crossword



Revelation 1:5-7

Here is a part of today's second reading. Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks and the puzzle.

D=down
 A=across.

(3D) _____ Christ is the (1D) _____
 (4A) _____, the firstborn (11D) _____
 the dead and ruler of the (2D) _____s of
 the earth. To (12A) _____ who loves us and
 has (8A) _____ us from our (7A) _____
 by his blood, who has made us into a
 (5D) _____, priests for his (9A) _____ and
 Father, to him (6D) _____ (10A) _____
 and power forever and ever. Amen.

**OF GLORY BE HIM WITNESS
 GOD FAITHFUL SINS KING
 FREED KINGDOM JESUS**