



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 FROM 10TH JAN 2022

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.

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THE EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES

In memory of the wise men entering the house where Jesus was, there is an ancient tradition of praying for blessings on our homes on or near Epiphany. Perhaps spend a moment this Sunday asking God to bless your home and to be with all members of your household.

All: Make the Sign of the Cross.

Head of Household: Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Reader: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FR BERNIE (29/12/21)

As per my previous letter I will still live stream Masses on 1st of January and 2nd of January. Assuming COVID numbers stabilise, face-to-face Mass will resume on Wednesday the 5th of January, with our first full weekend schedule returning on the 8th/9th January 2022.

Live Streamed Masses

1st January 2022 (Saturday)

9.15am Mass Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

2nd January 2022 (Sunday)

9.15am Mass Feast of the Epiphany

Face-to-face Masses returning

5th January 2022 (Wednesday)

9.15am Mass

6th January 2022 (Thursday)

9.15am Mass

7th January 2022 (Friday)

9.15am Mass

8th January 2022 (Saturday)

9.15am Mass

8th January 2022 (Saturday)

5pm Mass Feast of The Baptism of Jesus

9th January 2022 (Sunday)

9.15am & 5pm Mass Feast of The Baptism of Jesus

Normal Mass Timetable resumes 10th January 2022

Thank you once again for understanding why I have taken these measures in trying to protect our parishioners. Let us continue to pray that 2022 will be a less interrupted year.

Fr. Bernie



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3. 5-6

Surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humanity as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

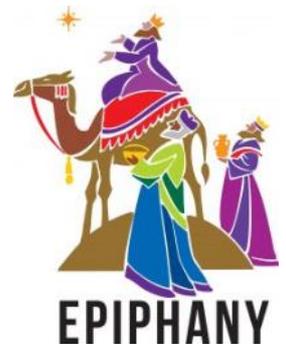
Alleluia, alleluia!
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL

As the Magi came to place gifts before Jesus in his Bethlehem home, we present our prayers with joyful hope before our loving Father.

Let us pray for Pope Francis and all the bishops, that they may be granted the wisdom they need to lead others to Christ as did the Magi.
Lord born anew hear our prayer **Christ our Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our leaders in Australia and those in neighbouring countries, that will be supportive of one another as the pandemic continues and find just ways of serving their people in the recession.
Lord born anew hear our prayer **Christ our Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who are experiencing a time of darkness through sickness, isolation, suffering or loneliness. May the light of Christ bring salvation to all who seek him and may they be restored to their communities.
Lord born anew hear our prayer **Christ our Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the Christian churches in the Middle East. May the wounds of the past be healed by the celebration of Christ's birth and may peace reign in the land once more.
Lord born anew hear our prayer **Christ our Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our local community. May we be enlightened by the heavenly splendour in this holiday season and reach out to offer support to those who are most in need of God's light.
Lord born anew hear our prayer **Christ our Lord hear our prayer.**

***We pray together:** Source of light and life, today you revealed your Son as the light of all peoples. May we follow him and come to the light that shines forever. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen*