



# 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.

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## REJOICE



### GOSPEL REFLECTION

'What must we do?' This is a profound question. The answer does not lie in pious gestures or private devotions. The Baptist is very clear that to be saved, people need to respond to the ways of God by being in right relationship with their neighbour and by living justly. The justice of God is forged in right relationship, so that those who have more share with those who have nothing; so that people are treated fairly and no extortion or violence is used against them. John is inviting his hearers to form a new society, and they begin to suspect that he may be the Messiah. But he is adamant that one more powerful than himself is still to come, bringing a baptism of the Holy Spirit and of fire. At Pentecost, this baptism becomes a reality for the early Church, forming its members into the new society who respond to God's love by imitating the life and the love of the Son. They must now live like the wheat and not like the chaff, fit only to be burnt. [@Summit \(cam1.org.au\)](https://www.summit.org.au)



### DID YOU KNOW?

- Tax collectors at the time of Jesus were disliked immensely for two reasons: they collaborated with the Roman oppressors and they skimmed additional monies from the people for themselves.
- The Jewish people of this time were hopeful that a messiah would come to overthrow the tyranny of the Roman Empire and set them free.
- The word messiah in Hebrew means 'anointed one'; the word Christ has exactly the same meaning in Greek

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

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.

**FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18A**

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
The Lord, your God, will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 12:2-6**

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord,  
give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name.

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.



**SUNG RESPONSE AT 9:15 MASS**

*Cry out with joy and gladness:  
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

**SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything let your requests be made known to God by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia

**GOSPEL: LUKE 3:10-18**

The crowds, who were gathering to be baptised by John, asked him, "What should we do?" In reply John said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptised, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, John proclaimed the good news to the people.

**PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL**

**Fr Bernie:** God fills us with the expectation that we will encounter the Christ who dwells among us. We pray that we recognise that Christ

**For the Church** – that all the baptised respond to the call of John the Baptist, giving away what we don't need, speaking with integrity and grace, showing kindness to all, and acting justly in our dealings. God of joyful hope **hear our prayer**

**For national and international leaders** – that a great and united effort will be made to vaccinate and care for refugees and people in poor nations, against Covid-19. God of joyful hope **hear our prayer**

**For Australia** – that as our country opens up to the world, people will be attentive to the needs and fears of others, act with kindness, and follow health guidelines. God of joyful hope **hear our prayer**

**For people who are jobless or financially burdened** – that kindness will excel in our communities and those who are vulnerable will experience understanding, support, love and care, from neighbours, friends, family, religious and other caring agencies. God of joyful hope **hear our prayer**

**For people burdened by guilt or failure** – that they will come to experience the joy of knowing God rejoices over them with gladness, and removes all judgement against them. God of joyful hope **hear our prayer**

**For ourselves** – that we live with a sense of joy, knowing that God, Emmanuel, is present in our midst. God of joyful hope **hear our prayer**

**Concluding Prayer (prayed together):** God of goodness and life, you call us to sing joyfully, to be glad and exult with all our heart, for you have removed all judgement against us and turned our enemies away. You are steadfast in our midst: you rejoice over us. By your grace, may we trust in your goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord... **Amen.**

### LIGHTING THE THIRD CANDLE - THE CANDLE OF JOY

*(The first, second and third candles are lit)*

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light.

**Come Lord Jesus**

Week by week, the light grows  
stronger and brighter, as we anticipate  
the coming Christ. **Come Lord Jesus**

We excitedly anticipate the coming of  
the Mighty One. The promise of  
healing, comfort, liberty, and freedom  
is good news that is meant to be  
shared! **Come Lord Jesus**



### 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.**

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different billing codes for each type of  
donation.**



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### 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 & Anna Dziedzic

**Those with anniversaries at this time:** Raymond Malouf (4/12), Maria Abruzzese (8/12), Anna Stanek (12/12) & Antonia Grace Mallia

**Those recently baptised:** Ethan Alexander Clark & Roux Kennedy Murphy

**Those recently married:** Nathan Power & Carla Latorre and Lucy Rowles & Patrick Brown

**Those recently deceased:** Noelene Hickie, Maurice Campbell (2/12) & Carmela Parrelli

### NEWS & NOTICES



#### Friday, 24 December (Christmas Eve)

5:00pm - Children's Family Mass

7:00pm - Vigil Mass. **NB: No Morning 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**

*Due to the latest  
announcement (25/11/21)  
from the NSW Premier, from  
Wed 15 December there is no  
density limit for all venues  
and events. Therefore  
registration for Christmas  
Mass times is no longer  
required. Masks from 15  
December are encouraged,  
but not mandatory.*

### FOODBANK

The House of Welcome 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. House of Welcome (HoW) has increased the Emergency Living Package program by 216% to respond to the amplified levels of distress and hardship amongst their clients. There are a number of ways that you can help such as donating to the Emergency Relief Package or donate staple food items and leave them in Parish Church baskets. Call (02) 9727 9290 or [office@houseofwelcome.com.au](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au)

### MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

The roster for December/early January 2022 is available. Please advise us if there are any changes to your allocation or if you will be away. We appreciate our Volunteers for making time this year helping Fr Bernie in ministry, House of Welcome collection/drop offs, donations to the Stations, flowers & cleaning. Thank you so much for your support!

### CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Unfortunately due to a burglary in the church recently, the church will need to remain closed during the day until we can find a better solution to keep the church and visitors safe. Church will be open 1hr before Mass.

### RESTRICTIONS EASE 15 DECEMBER

A reminder that from Wednesday 15th December, the NSW Premier's announcement stated the density rule will be removed from all venues so we will be back to full capacity for Masses from Wednesday.

It is however mandatory for everyone to still sign-in using the QR codes provided. Also from the 15th December, masks are encouraged, but not mandatory and congregational singing is allowed.

### DEVOTIONAL SHOP OPEN!

God's Word Daily Reflections 2022 are available for \$22.00 each. Come check out our Christmas gifts, sacramental gifts and cards for all occasions. Open after Saturday 5pm & Sunday 9:15am Mass.

**LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS**

**St Charles' Primary School**  
 53-63 Carrington Road, Waverley 2024  
 P (02) 9387 3845  
 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

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



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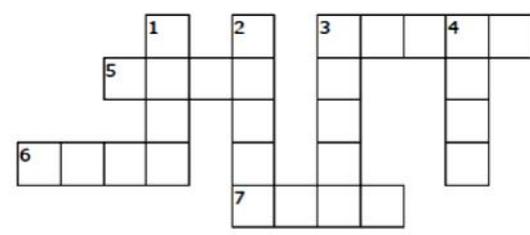
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**Eastern Suburbs Legion Club**  
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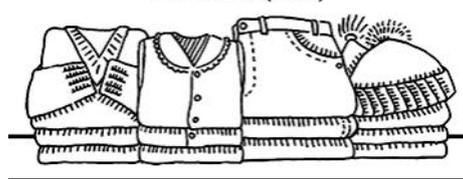
**UPCOMING ROSTER**

11 –12 DECEMBER	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5.00PM
<b>ALTAR SERVING</b>	Barry Blake	Cameron Ward	Dominic Hearne
<b>PROCLAIMER OF WORD</b>	Margaret Blake	Gabrielle McAnespie & Anne Fahy	Joy Pertile
<b>EUCHARIST MINISTER</b>	Vincent Conroy	Gisella Musumeci & Francine Darvill	Miriam Wairau
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Teresa Vigroux	Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly

**KIDS CORNER**



"If you have two shirts, give one to the poor."  
 Luke 3:11a (NLT)



- ACROSS**
- An item of clothing that is worn on the upper half of the body
  - To have very little money or possessions
  - The opposite of bad
  - A tall plant that has a trunk, branches, and leaves
- DOWN**
- What we eat
  - The sweet food that grows on a tree
  - To give part of what you have to someone else
  - The part of a tree that grows under the ground

ROOT	TREE	POOR	SHARE
FOOD	GOOD	FRUIT	SHIRT



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