



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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GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Luke takes care to alert us to who is present at this gathering. There are the newly formed twelve special friends of Jesus, as well as many other disciples, and both Jews and foreigners who come out of curiosity. The words of Jesus are meant for all but are especially addressed to his disciples.

Luke does not speak of 'the poor in spirit' or 'those who hunger and thirst for justice' as Matthew does. Luke is much more interested in the lived experience of those who are literally poor, hungry and suffering. They were the ones who were persecuted under the status quo of their day, and it was they who had an openness to the new order announced by Jesus' preaching of the kingdom. The powerful, who directed the established order of the day, could not bear such a challenge to their own position and thus they will 'drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal' for preaching the new order of God's kingdom. Such is the challenge to those who are disciples.

But turning back to the gospel, a word on translation: Greek's exclamatory *makarios*, equivalent to Hebrew *'esher* that is found mostly in Psalms (e.g., Ps 1:1 and Ps 40[39]:5), mostly translates as *happy* or *blessed*, and also be *fortunate*, *lucky*, and *glad*, but none is without shortcomings. *Happy* is awkward for the oxymoronic "Happy are those who weep", but neither does *blessed* indicated having been blessed. The expansion of the final one (the plus one) in both Luke and Matthew may point in the right direction, for they switch to the imperative *Rejoice*. If we re-read the beatitudes then as beginning "Let the poor or hungry or weeping rejoice, for you will..." we see that it is not being poor or hungry or sad that is being praised, but the salvation this is coming, and is now being announced in the mission of Jesus. In the same way in Luke's woes it is the coming correction and not currently being rich or well-fed or happy that is a woe. It does not suggest that the coming good fortune or correction is to be in the hereafter. Indeed Christianity should never be considered like opium for the suffering, impoverished masses, that is, a sop to make oppression bearable; it demands making things right now. Nor is this contradicted in our second reading with Paul telling us that "If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people." While he affirms the future orientation, that is with fulfilment after death, he also rejects that idea that following Christ is merely to make us feel better in this life. This point is then emphasised in the final beatitude and woe: true prophets do not tell people how nice things will be in the future, but rather they call people to correction here and now, and for that they suffer rejection in the here and now. The mission to set the downtrodden free is active, not merely the uttering of platitudes.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 17:5-8

Thus says the Lord:
"Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.
"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water;
sending out its roots by the stream.
This tree shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 1:1-4

Happy indeed are those
who follow not the counsel of the wicked;
but who delight in the law of the Lord
and who ponder his law day and night.
They are like a tree that is planted by the flowing waters,
Yielding good fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that they do shall prosper.
But the wicked are not so!
they are like winnowed chaff driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12, 16-20

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: LUKE 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.
Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:
"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.
Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.
Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you
on account of the Son of Man.
Rejoice in that day and leap for joy,
for surely your reward is great in heaven;
for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.
But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.
Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.
Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.
Woe to you when all speak well of you,
for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Fr Bernie: In today's psalm we are called to be happy and hope in the Lord. Therefore, as one people of a loving God who sent his Son for us, we offer the needs of our community.

- For the Church** – that all the baptised will seek the unity Jesus so earnestly desired.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer**
- For community and national leaders** – that they will lead with humility, act with integrity, have compassion for all whom they serve, and exercise wisdom in their decision-making.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer**
- For people around the world without enough food** - that those facing hunger on a regular basis will be supported, that they will have food, an income and access to work that pays a living wage.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer**
- For married couples** – that their marriage be life-giving, bringing each other to fullness of life and offering a rich sign of God's loving presence in families and communities.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer**
- For Mother Earth, our common home** – that people everywhere will accept the Pope's call to engage with Laudato si and work together to reduce climate change.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer**
- For our local community** - that we go forth today renewed so that we can witness to all we meet that Christ is the centre of our existence.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer**

We pray together: Father, we bring to you the needs of our world. Grant these our petitions, make us one with you and enable us as workers in the field to sow seeds of justice and peace. We make this prayer through Jesus your Son and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. 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.*

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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, Juliet Lum & Robert Saunders.

Those with anniversaries at this time: Marian Dziedzic (5/2), Kevin Garvan,

Those recently deceased: Adrienne Barry, Betty Shaw (8/1), Nina Kingston, Frank O'Brien & June See



NEWS & NOTICES

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

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Parent Information Evening: 16th Feb @ 6.30pm via Zoom
Commitment Mass: 23rd February @ 5pm at Mary Immaculate Church
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 16th March @ 6.30pm at Mary Immaculate Church



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UPCOMING ROSTER

12 – 13 FEB (WK 2)	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Cameron Ward	Dominic Hearne
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Gabrielle McAnespie & Mario Vincigierra	Baricevic Family
EUCCHARIST MINISTER	Vincent Conroy	Margaret Kelly & Eddie Seeto	Miriam Wairau
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
19 – 20 FEB (WK 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 & Nicholas De Jersery	Joy Pertile
EUCCHARIST MINISTER	Susana Hansen	Tony & Alison Abruzzese	Kathy Reilly
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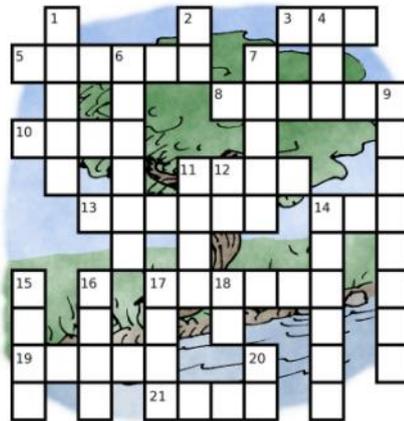
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Here is today's first reading, from Jeremiah.
 Fill in the blanks using the words from the list and fit them into the puzzle.

Thus says the Lord:
 8a is the one who trusts in 7d 17a,
 3a seeks 4d strength 18d flesh,
 whose heart turns away 16d the Lord.
 12d is like a 13a 17d in the desert
 11a enjoys no change of season,
 14a stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth.
 Blessed is the one who 5a in the Lord,
 whose hope is the 15d.
 He 2d like a 11d planted 14d the waters that
 stretches out its 19a to the 6d:
 it fears not the 21a when 20d comes; its leaves stay 1d;
 in the 10a of drought it shows no 9d,
 but still bears fruit.

Blessed
 are you who are poor, for yours
 is the kingdom of God.
 Luke 6:20