



# 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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### OUR STRUGGLE TO BELIEVE

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When we come together for Mass every Sunday we come to remember Jesus. Our presence and participation in the Eucharist is an act of faith — an act of personal faith and an act of shared faith. In praying together we also help one another believe, hope and love more strongly. So we become a stronger Christian community. It might be said of us what was said in our First Reading today about the infant Church in Jerusalem: "... the number of people who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily."

Our shared faith is above all faith in Jesus Christ. We believe that he has risen from the dead, that he is alive in himself and alive in us, and that he is our Teacher, Lord and Leader. But nobody can do our believing for us. This is powerfully illustrated in our gospel story today.

It's Easter Sunday and the disciples are huddled together in a locked room. After what happened to Jesus just two days before, they dare not venture out because of fear for their lives. But Jesus himself does not hide away. Suddenly he comes among them. His greeting is peace. Their response is joy. For the story-teller John, Easter Sunday is Pentecost, and the gift of the Spirit is the breath of the Risen Christ. The disciples breathe in the Spirit and the Spirit becomes part of their lives. Soon they will leave the Upper Room changed persons — fearless and courageous, energetic and zealous people. In short they will leave as persons animated, fired and propelled outwards by the Holy Spirit.

But one of their group is missing. His name is Thomas. He is one of the apostles, part of the group. But he is also a distinct, independent self, a real individual. He cannot be both loyal to the group and disloyal to his own inner self. That would make his loyalty deceitful and worthless. For Thomas honesty and sincerity are, in fact, more important than loyalty and belonging. So when the others say, 'We have seen the Lord', he declares strongly and emphatically that before he is willing to believe that Jesus is really risen and alive he must see and test the evidence for himself. He won't accept that claim just on their say-so. So it's his honesty that makes him doubt and leads to him being called ever afterwards 'Doubting Thomas'.

We learn from the gospel story that Thomas comes to believe in the Risen Jesus in the same way as the other disciples, i.e. when he sees the Lord for himself. But in the way John tells the story Thomas stands for all those who have not yet seen the Lord in the flesh but who are called to believe in him just the same. That's where we come into the story. We are among those many generations of believers ever afterwards of whom it may be said: 'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

It's understandable that Thomas was so slow to believe. One reason is that he was such a rugged individual, a real self-starter. The other is because he was not present when Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into his fellow-disciples. But Jesus has given the Spirit to you and me, first at Baptism, then at Confirmation, and subsequently at every Eucharist we celebrate. The Spirit which Jesus gives is the Spirit of truth. It's the same Spirit that empowers us to say to Jesus with Thomas: 'My Lord and my God!'

Our faith is one of the main gifts the Spirit has given us. But it is not a one-off gift that we lock away in a safe like some precious jewel. As a form of life we must let our faith grow and mature. On the other hand, like other forms of life, our faith can wither and die from neglect and lack of exercise. We need to pray about our faith, think about our faith, and express it in works of love. This does not mean that we will never have any doubts. After all even great and saintly characters like Mother Teresa had to struggle with doubts her whole life long. But if like Thomas we care about what we believe, surely sooner or later our faith, revived by the Holy Spirit, will bring us into the presence of God in the person of Jesus, whom our 2nd Reading today calls 'the Living One'.

# PEACE BE WITH YOU

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

## FIRST READING: ACTS 5:12-16

Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the Apostles. And the believers were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem.

Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by.

A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let the family of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'  
Let the family of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

I was thrust down and falling, but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song, He was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory, in the tents of the just.

The stone rejected by the builders is now the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

## FOR 9.15AM SUNDAY

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever.*

## SECOND READING: REVELATION 1:9-13, 17-19

I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches."

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one.

I was dead, but see, I am alive forever and ever and I have the keys of Death and of Hades. Now write what you have seen, what is, and what is to take place after this."

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia

## GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas, who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands.

Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



**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.*

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

**Mon 25th** Isaiah 9:1-6  
John 12:23-28  
**Tue 26th** 1 Peter 5:5-14  
Mark 16:15-20  
**Wed 27th** Acts 5:17-26  
John 3:16-21  
**Thurs 28th** Acts 5:27-33  
John 3:31-36  
**Fri 29th** Acts 5:34-42  
John 6:1-15  
**Sat 30th** Acts 6:1-7  
Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19  
John 6:16-21

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**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Introduction:** In the Gospel today, we hear the Risen Christ has come to us to strengthen our faith, and so we bring our needs to God in that faith.

**For the Church** – that all God’s people throughout the world will be instruments of healing and peace, open always to the call of the Holy Spirit.  
Christ has died, Christ is risen! Alleluia. Let us rejoice!

**For leaders of nations** – that the desire to seek peace on earth for all people will be ardent and enduring. Christ has died, Christ is risen! Alleluia. Let us rejoice!

**For people whose nation is torn by violence** – that a strong desire for peace will rise in all hearts, a desire which will not be dampened by greed or aggressive misuse of power. Christ has died, Christ is risen! Alleluia. Let us rejoice!

**For refugees** – that people forced to flee their homes will be safe from slavery and human trafficking, that they will be made sincerely welcome and cared for. Christ has died, Christ is risen! Alleluia. Let us rejoice!

**For children whose homes offer no peace from violence or abuse** – that their pain will be heard and healed. Christ has died, Christ is risen! Alleluia. Let us rejoice!

**For our Common Home** – that people don’t wait, wanting to see the ‘mark’ of damage to our planet but strive for simple lifestyles, showing compassion for all life and care for all living systems. Christ has died, Christ is risen! Alleluia. Let us rejoice!

**For our local parish community of Waverley** – that as people of faith we may share this gift of hope with those whom we meet this week, through our actions and words. Christ has died, Christ is risen! Alleluia. Let us rejoice!

**Conclusion:** *God who has sought to console people with peace, listen to the prayers we bring to you and look kindly on all whose lives are bereft of peace. Bless all who have not seen and yet have come to believe. We pray in the name of Jesus the risen one. Amen*

**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, Rose Colombo, Anna Dziedzic, Juliet Lum, Robert Saunders, Margaret Ryan, Patricia Furner, Fr Nick Lucas & Kate Isaac Perkins.

**Those with anniversaries at this time:** Eveline Raleigh (17/4), Marian Dziedzic (23/4), Jessie Duncan (24/03) & Wladyslaw Dziedzic (30/4).

**Those recently deceased:** Paul Goodchild, Jimmy Gale & Laurinda Rocheto.

**Those recently baptised:** Hugh Street, James Waldron, Juke Jones, Klaudia Jones, Willow Morris & Scarlett Morris.

**Those recently married:** Lisa-Marie Lavocah & Hamish Clendinning.

**NEWS & NOTICES**



*Lest We Forget*

**ANZAC Day - 25 April 2022**



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