



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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Ascension of the Lord

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

In the gospel we have just heard Our Lord's final instructions, his Last Will and Testament. Just before leaving them, he reminds them of what he expects of them. Earlier he had sent them out to spread the Kingdom of God. Those who go in his name, do so with *his* authority. The authority goes with the mission, so to speak. In Matthew's version he now adds this great promise, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Mark says that the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it". And Luke emphasises that they will be "clothed with power from on high", that is, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is very definite about what he has to say. Like any gathering of people, the feelings of his disciples were varied. But he sends them out to speak and act in his name.

Their mission was both easy and hard: easy to understand but hard to carry out. It was to teach others all that he had taught them. Just as he asked them to follow his way, they were to ask that others should follow that way too.

Has a doctor ever put you on a course of antibiotics. The most basic guidance about antibiotics is to complete the course. Even if the patient starts to feel well after a few days, to discontinue taking the medicine can let their condition grow worse.

Similarly, the message of salvation must continue to be shared until the end of time. With all the changes in the church and in society, neither Jesus nor his message have changed. His Gospel remains a call to live our lives to the full.

He is with us always. This can be a real help against loneliness. Being alone is not the same as being lonely. One can feel lonely in a crowded street; or alternatively, like Cicero, never less alone than when alone ("minus solum, quam cum solus"). This applies especially to those who believe the promise, "I am with you always." Talking with him doesn't even need words. If we are open to His presence in our heart, and treasure it, we can experience fully that "Joy of the Gospel" so warmly described for us by our good Pope Francis.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- * The Gospel of Luke opens with Zechariah praying in the temple and closes with the disciples praying in the temple. The temple plays a critical role in Luke's account of the public life of Jesus.
- * The nine days between the ascension and Pentecost that the disciples spent in praying together gave rise to the 'novena', a devotional practice of praying in a particularly focused way for a special intention over nine consecutive days.
- * While the fact of Jesus' ascension to the Father is mentioned several times in the New Testament (Mark 16:19; John 6:62; John 20:17, Ephesians 4:8-10), only Luke describes the event itself, both in his gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

People of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptised with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 46:2-3, 6-9

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

FOR 9.15AM SUNDAY

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*



SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:17-23

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:46-53

Jesus said to the disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to these things.

"And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.



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 30th** Acts 19:1-8
John 16:29-33
- Tue 31st** Romans 12:9-16
Luke 1:39-56
- Wed 1st** Acts 20:28-38
John 17:11-19
- Thurs 2nd** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
John 17:20-26
- Fri 3rd** Acts 25:13-21
John 21:15-19
- Sat 4th** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Ps 10:4-5, 7
John 21:20-25

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Introduction: Let us pray that we might be faithful witnesses to God's mighty deeds among us.

In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for all Christians. May we be one in proclaiming Jesus Christ as the saving hope of the world.

Christ has died, Christ is risen! *Alleluia. Let us rejoice!*

We continue to pray for our newly elected government and all members of our civil leadership; that they be moved by the Spirit to recognise the need to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly in peace. Christ has died, Christ is risen!

Alleluia. Let us rejoice!

We pray for all who spread the Good News, particularly missionaries, preachers, and writers, that God will inspire them as they proclaim God's love to all.

Christ has died, Christ is risen! *Alleluia. Let us rejoice!*

We pray for our planet, Mother earth and all its creatures. May the peoples of the world unite in saving it from the devastation of pollution and global warming.

Christ has died, Christ is risen! *Alleluia. Let us rejoice!*

We pray for our faith community. May we continue the mission of Jesus and bring forth the reign of God through our worship, work, and relationships.

Christ has died, Christ is risen! *Alleluia. Let us rejoice!*

We pray that the recently deceased and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time will take their place in the New Jerusalem.

Christ has died, Christ is risen! *Alleluia. Let us rejoice!*

Conclusion: Gracious God, your Son Jesus ascended into heaven so that we might receive the Holy Spirit: help us to be true witnesses of all you have done for us in that same Christ Jesus, our Lord. 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, Michael Connery, Rosie and Lucy Warwar.

Those with anniversaries at this time: Saleh Warwar (24/5), Jeffrey Teoh (31/5), Anna Sidoti, Concetta and Angelo De Luca & Bill Lynch.

Those recently Baptised: Flinn & Louis Rowley, Freddie Murray, Frederikke Steinfrot & Sofia Marroquin.

NEWS & NOTICES

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please pray for all students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation mid-June. Please also note the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated during the Vigil Mass on Saturday, 18 June at 5pm. This mass will be a slightly longer and larger mass due to students receiving this Sacrament.

Got a bit of time next week? Time to give blood and change lives?



1 in 3 people in Coogee will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. We're coming into town from 23 to 26 June. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at Lifeblood.com.au, on our app or on 13 14 95.

ROSTER

28 – 29 MAY (WK 5)	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Dominic Hearne
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