



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 10:30am. Bookings essential.

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REFLECTION - By the narrow door

Responding to the beauty of a spring morning, Robert Browning wrote, "The lark's on the wing, the snail's on the thorn; God's in his heaven, all's right with the world." While the thought is beautiful, the poem suggests a misleading concept of God, which maybe most of us entertain from time to time. "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world." How often we imagine God as "away up there, somewhere," while the world goes its separate way, with the events of every day independent of God. If the Gospel shows God in the person of Jesus Christ intervening in human affairs, combatting the evil forces at work in mankind, at the back of our minds we suspect that the battle against evil is not going God's way.



This kind of Deism seldom bothered his chosen people, Israel, in the Old Testament. For them God was not remote, away up there. They felt a divine presence in the events, good or evil, of everyday existence. Everything in history was somehow God's doing. Even when the cream of the nation were exiled to Babylon and their monarchy was utterly destroyed, they continued to search for the hand of God in this tragedy. Out of their shattered hopes there emerged a purer, more spiritual vision of what God meant them to be. Eventually they saw their exile as the means God used to bring salvation to the pagans. They saw their destiny as still being glorious, but now from a more spiritual perspective. As stated in Isaiah, all nations would come to worship the true God in Jerusalem. God would bring good out of the catastrophe they had endured, and this would have an effect as well on nations apart from their own.

Constantly at the back of our minds we carry on, as it were, a conversation with ourselves, talking to ourselves, processing our hopes and fears, making plans. Relating to God means not leaving him on the fringe of all this consciousness, but making him part of it, discussing it with him, asking his guidance, his assistance, expressing to him our gratitude. All day long he is with you, and you can walk with God, you can talk with God, you can discern his loving purpose for you in every passing moment, you can rest in his presence, even while you go about your business. God, however, will not possess your soul unless you sincerely want him to.

Sometimes we seem to be only half Christians, without a strong spiritual awareness. We remain on a material plane, like the people in the gospel who ate and drank with Jesus and heard him preaching in their streets, but with never a change in their lives. He warns that people will come from the east and west, from the north and south, and take the places in God's kingdom meant for those who were originally called. So we humbly ask God to help us to enter by that narrow door, to the inheritance meant for us from the beginning. May we not be found wanting but rather persevere to the end.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 66:18-21

Thus says the Lord: "For I know their works and their thoughts, and I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them.

From them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Put, and Lud - which draw the bow - to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations.

They shall bring all your kindred from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring a grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And I will also take some of them as priests and as Levites," says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 116

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples!

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever.

FOR 9.15AM SUNDAY:

Go out to all the world and tell the good news



SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12:5-7, 11-13

And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children - "My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts."

Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia

GOSPEL: LUKE 13:22-30

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?"

Jesus said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.

"When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from.'

"Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' But the Lord will say, 'I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!'

"There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.

"Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Let us place our needs before God, so that we might have the strength to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

For the Church – that we learn to walk together, build bonds of friendship, love and understanding among ourselves and with people of other Christian denominations. God of love and understanding **hear our Prayer**

For those who do not hear the Gospel – that their hearts be softened, and that people of faith be creative, energetic and compassionate in sharing the good news. God of faith **hear our Prayer**

For leaders of nations – that they seek not power over people, but power that enables fullness of life for all people, especially those in the poorest and most volatile nations. God of the fullness of life **hear our Prayer**

For people facing financial hardship – that there will be support for those who struggle to pay the rent and put bread on the table. God of the hungry and lost **hear our Prayer**

For children of Australia – that they have a safe home to live in, family who value and protect them, food that nourishes and an education that supports their learning. God of our Great Southern Land **hear our Prayer**

For refugees and migrants – that they find a spirit of openness, welcome and hospitality in the new places they must learn to call home. God of hospitality and love **hear our Prayer**

Conclusion (to pray together): To the banquet of your kingdom, O God of the nations, you have invited people of every race and tongue. May all who are called to a place at your table come by the narrow way to the unending feast of life. Attend to the prayers we bring to you today through Christ our Lord, **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.*

WEEKDAY READINGS

- 22nd** 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12
Matthew 23:13-22
- 23rd** 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3,14-17
Matthew 23:23-26
- 24th** Revelation 21:9-14
John 1:45-51
- 25th** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Matthew 24:42-51
- 26th** 1 Corinthians 1:17-25
Matthew 25:1-13
- 27th** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Ps 32:12-13, 18-21
Matthew 25:14-30

MASS INTENTIONS

Those who are sick: Michelle Byrne, 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 & Lucy Warwar, Fr Tony Doherty, Margaret Roper & Mavis Flynn.

Those with anniversaries at this time: Maria Trela (28/8), Frances Cauchi (29/8)

Those recently deceased: Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Maria Martins & Patricia Keogh.

ROSTER

20 – 21 AUG	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt & Christian Abruzzese	Dominic Hearne
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake & Sasha Dickerson	Gabrielle McAnespie & Nicholas De Jersery	Baricevic Family
EUCCHARIST MINISTER	Susana Hansen	Veralene Lobo & Gisella Musumeci	Joy Pertile
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Eddie Seeto	-
27 – 28 AUG	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Cameron Ward	Dominic Hearne
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake & Lucie Paterson	Francesca Jensen & Eloise Linfoot	Phoenix Otto De Grancy & Joy Pertile
EUCCHARIST MINISTER	Shirley Lyons TBC	Eddie Seeto & Francine Darvill	Janet Gerzina
HOSPITALITY	Freja See & Laura Neeson	Jackie Durkin	Isaac Nakhli & Kathy Reilly

NEWS & NOTICES

ST CHARLES' PLAYGROUP
@ Mary Immaculate Church, Parish Centre

9AM - 11AM THURSDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM

COME AND JOIN US!
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MINISTRY TRAINING & RE-TRAINING

Due to Fr Bernie being away, the training for Altar Serving, Eucharist Ministry & Proclaimer of the Word is cancelled for this weekend. New dates will be advised soon. Thank you for your patience.

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

The St. Charles' Mothers' Prayer Group meet in Mary's Chapel during school term on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. You are warmly invited to spend time in prayer and reflection with other parents from our school community. Contact: laura@habitatmedia.com.au



MENTION MY NAME PRAYER SERVICE

Catholic Cemeteries + Crematoria invite you to their annual Mention My Name Prayer Service to remember all those who have lost their lives through suicide and to pray for their grieving family, friends and communities.

Date: 7 September at 7pm.

Location: St Mary's Cathedral. **President:** Bishop Terry Brady



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Christian Meditation is held in the Parish Centre at 5.30pm every Monday evening except Public Holidays. Interested? Call Trisha 0405 516 972 or Maureen 0425 225 095 for more information.

