



# Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO - CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE

## 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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## THE WORD THIS WEEK

### HAPPY ATTITUDES

If you visit Galilee in the Springtime, you'll see how beautiful it is; including the places where Jesus taught the crowds. One sunny morning on the hill of the beatitudes overlooking the lake, with the hill ablaze with flowers, it dawned on me what an eye Jesus had for the beauty of nature. The depth of his words on that occasion was matched by the beauty of his surroundings.

What he said there was radical and paradoxical. How his listeners reacted to his words then is hard to say. What is our reaction to them today? Imagine a father or mother giving the beatitudes as advice to their teenage son or daughter as they set out to make their way in the world. Would we advise them to be detached from property, to be gentle, not competitive, to risk all on behalf of human rights and saving the environment?

How often we imply if we do not say to our children: "It's not what you know but who you know that counts." Whatever gentleness may achieve, it won't help you climb the ladder of success. To succeed in business you must be pushy and aggressive and possibly ruthless as well. The attitudes Jesus calls blessed are the opposite to fierce competition. As St Paul says: "It was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones God has chosen."

Those who lament the fewness of "practising Catholics" may have reduced this notion to attendance at Sunday Mass. There is no mention of that in the beatitudes. Jesus simply listed some qualities needed to enter the kingdom of heaven. These "happy attitudes" are the charter of the kingdom. They are ideals that are well-nigh unattainable. They are values to aim at, meant to help us moderate our lifestyles. History produces some people who incarnate these beatitudes, like a Francis of Assisi or a Mother Teresa, or some specially dedicated individuals that we may be privileged to know. As St Paul says, God has made us members of Christ, "who is our wisdom, our virtue, our holiness and our freedom." ©<https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/29-jan-2023-4th-sunday-a/>



The rendering of the Greek term used in this text as 'happy' is rather weak. A better term is 'blessed'. At the heart of the Beatitudes is Jesus' instruction to his followers to cultivate certain qualities in their lives. To be gentle, to mourn, to thirst for what is right, to be merciful, to be pure of heart and to be peacemakers are signs of the presence of the kingdom of God in our lives. To have such virtues is to be blessed. Jesus teaches that those who suffer some human lack or pain are blessed, not because poverty, pain or sorrow are good in themselves, but because they reveal to us our need for God. Those who are prosperous, comfortable or content find this much more difficult to realise and accept. The final portion of this text speaks to the experience of the early church, which suffered persecution for the sake of faith in Jesus Christ. Christians today are also called to stand against arrogant secularism, which proclaims that humans do not need God. Even today, people suffer for their faith, but they too are assured that their reward will be great in heaven!

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

**FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 2:3; 3:12-13**

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his commands;  
seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on  
the day of the Lord's wrath.

For I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly. They  
shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord - the remnant of Israel;  
they shall do no wrong and utter no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue  
be found in their mouths. Then they will pasture and lie down, and  
no one shall make them afraid.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 145:7-10**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

**9.15AM SUNDAY:**

*Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*



**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31**

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were  
wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were  
of noble birth.

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;  
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;  
God chose what is low and despised in the world,  
things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no  
one might boast in the presence of God.

God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us  
wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and  
redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts,  
boast in the Lord."

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 5:12**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he  
sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and he taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they  
will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you  
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the  
same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Presider: Because our God is the only source of true happiness we gladly turn to the Lord to make known our needs.*

We pray for a blessing upon the Leaders of the Church. May they continue to be strengthened in their commitment to caring for the poor  
in spirit and have the courage to be strong in faith. Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for our nation's leaders, that they may be granted the wisdom and discernment necessary to make the right decisions for our  
country; choices that acknowledge the presence of God on our world. Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for those who are dealing with domestic violence, may they find some comfort and courage through the blessings and care of  
those in our community. Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for those who have recently undergone surgery or are suffering serious illness. May they make a full recovery and may this  
community be a blessing to them in the way that they are offered care and support. Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for those in the local community who are struggling with financial difficulties. May they continue to place their hope in God,  
trusting in his unfailing goodness and have the courage seek help from the community. Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for those who are grieving for loved ones, lost to them through death or separation. May they be comforted by those who care.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

*Conclusion: O God of light, who has sanctified your people as children of your glory, graciously hear our prayers, and grant that by the  
coming of your Son, we may be witnesses of the light you have revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.*  
**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:** Michelle Byrne, Allana Vedder, Mike Newman, Gaye Zammit, Jeff Linfoot, Rose Colombo, Anna Dziedzic, Robert Saunders, Margaret Ryan, Patricia Furner, Fr Nick Lucas, Michael Connery, Rosie & Lucy Warwar, Fr Tony Doherty, Margaret Roper, Hunter Meagher, Mavis Flynn, Neil Stralow, Ken Smith, Mary Bentley, Jack Connery, Renae Smith, Catherine Roberts & Randolph Baral.

**Those with anniversaries at this time:** Raymond Malouf, Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca, Margaret Kirchner (28/1), Agarta Rinaldo, Nina Kingston (4/2)

**Those recently deceased:** Leonard Boyd

**Those recently baptised:** Grace, Elle & Sarah Miller

**Those recently married:** Elie Aznabourian & Daniella Maron

## HYMNS

**GATHERING HYMN** - CWBii 540

Christ be our light

**OFFERTORY HYMN** - CWBii 547

Lord we come to your table

**THANKSGIVING HYMN** - CWBii 467

Christ is the world's light

## WEEKDAY READINGS

<b>30th Jan</b>	Heb 11:32-40	Mark 5:1-20
<b>31st Jan</b>	Heb 12:1-4	Mark 5:21-43
<b>1st Feb</b>	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15	Mark 6:1-6
<b>2nd Feb</b>	Mal 3:1-4	Luke 2:22-32
<b>3rd Feb</b>	Heb 13:1-8	Mark 6:14-29
<b>4th Feb</b>	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21	Ps 22 Mark 6:30-34

## NEWS & NOTICES

### AFFILIATED SCHOOLS OPEN DAYS

#### ST CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Tues 21 March 9am—11am or 7pm—8pm. Sat 25 March 2pm—4pm**

Ph: (02) 9387 3845 or email [info@stcwaverley.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stcwaverley.catholic.edu.au).

#### ST CLARE'S COLLEGE

**Tues 7 March 2023 2pm—6pm**

Ph: (02) 8305 7100 or Email: [info@stclares.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stclares.catholic.edu.au)

#### WAVERLEY JNR & SNR COLLEGE

Early March. Details to come soon.

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### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Parent Info Evening:** Wed, 15th February @ 6.30pm in the Parish Centre. **Commitment**

**Mass:** Sat, 25th February @ 5pm in the Church. **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Wed, 22nd March @ 6.30pm in the Church. If your child does not attend St Charles' Primary School or St Charles' Parish regularly, please obtain written permission from your local parish to complete this Sacrament with us. Enrolment is now open, link available on our website. Any questions, please contact the Parish Office (02) 9369 9399.

## ROSTER

28 JAN – 29 JAN 2023	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Laurie Bond	Marchellas Tjipto	Dominic Hearne
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Laura Neeson (TBC)	Maria Ner & Des Durkin (TBC)	Peter Foley
EUCARIST MINISTER	Susana Hansen & Vincent Conroy	Margaret Kelly & Veralene Lobo	Kathy Reilly
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Margaret Duncan	Kathy Reilly



## LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

### St Charles' Primary School

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W <https://stcwaverley.catholic.edu.au>

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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

## SAFEGUARDING IN PARISH

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.

For more information, please visit:

[www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/).

## WISH TO DONATE, NO CASH?

If you wish to donate for candles or 1st & 2nd Collections, you can do so with our CBA Smart Terminals available in the church. One is at St Anthony's for Candles only, and one on the back table near glass dividers for Collections only. These terminals are NOT for Planned Giving as no receipt is provided. We are also pleased to offer the option to donate online. Scan this QR code to donate through our website. NB biller codes.



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