



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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SALT & LIGHT

Tyranny and oppression still flourish in many places abroad; and in less spectacular fashion closer to home. Unfairness and structural abuse often stare us in the face, such as long-term poverty, unemployment and homelessness. Christ invites us to solidarity with people in dire need. How seriously do we take his challenge to be Salt of the earth and shine some Light in our world?

GOING TO THE MARGINS

With the images of salt and light, Jesus says what he expects from his followers. They don't need to be always thinking about their own interests, their own prestige, their own power. Even though they are a small group in the huge Roman Empire, they are the «salt» and the «light» that the world needs. "You are the salt of the world." The simple people of Galilee spontaneously knew what he meant. They knew what salt is good for: giving food flavor and conserving it from spoiling. Just so, we need to contribute to helping people find the savour in life. "You are the light of the world." Without sunlight, our world would stay dark and gloomy. Jesus' disciples can shine a light to probe the meaning of life, to walk with hope.

These metaphors have something vital in common. If the salt stays in the shaker, it doesn't do its proper work. Only when it dissolves in the food can it give flavor to what we eat. The same thing happens with light. If it stays closed up and hidden away, it can't enlighten anyone. Only when it shines out in the dark can it illuminate and guide. A church isolated from the world can be neither salt nor light.

Pope Francis called on Catholics today to "go out to the margins." He preferred a church that is "bruised and dirty because it has been out on the streets" to one that is "clinging to its own security, caught up in a web of procedures." We can't hunker down in our structures with passive hope. The Gospel invites us to run the risk of meeting face to face with others. It wants to promote culture of encounter, because what our church needs today is to heal wounds and to warm hearts.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- In the ancient world, salt was absolutely essential. It was used not simply to season food or to add to its taste, but also as a preservative, enabling food to be stored and kept.
- At the time of Jesus, the main source of oil for lamps was the olive. A saucer-shaped lamp held the oil, and a wick, made of flax or a similar material, burned from a small opening on the rim. Such lamps were often placed in a niche in the walls of rooms.
- Lamp oil was a precious commodity. Once lit, a lamp was often placed high to give maximum illumination.
- Ancient cities were often built on hilltops so that they were easily defended against invaders and were visible for many miles around.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:

"Is this not the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

"Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

"If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 111:4-9

They are a light in the darkness for the upright:
They are generous, merciful and just.
Good people take pity and lend,
they conduct their affairs with honour.

The just will never waiver:
they will be remembered for ever.
they have no fear of evil news;
with firm hearts they trust in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart they will not fear;
open-handed, they give to the poor;
their justice stands firm for ever.
their heads will be raised in glory.

9.15AM SUNDAY:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the one who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-16

Jesus went up the mountain and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to teach them: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: We now pray to God who knows our deepest needs and desires and always listens to our prayers.

For the Church - that we be a beacon of light in the world as the people of God, overflowing with acts of charity, generously extending practical and emotional support to people in need. Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

For international leaders – that they ensure the poorest members of their countries have sufficient food and water for good health. Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

For families – that they be free from violence, places of safety and nurture where peoples physical and emotional needs are met and where the development of gifts and talents is encouraged. Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

For the children and staff of our schools as they begin another school year – that they will be inspired to grow through their study to become advocates of peace and justice in our community and our world. Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

For those who are alone in the world, especially those without family or friends – that they see light in the darkness through the care of those around them who care. Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

For those who struggle to deal with grief, mental illness, serious illness and loss of faith - that they find a way to the light of Christ through others who light the way. Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

Conclusion: O God of justice and freedom, whose outstretched arm breaks the fetters of injustice and gives bread to the poor and hungry, fill us with the Spirit of compassion, that with your saving love we may be salt for the earth and light for the nations. 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.*

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: Margaret Kirchner (28/1), Agarta Rinaldo, Nina Kingston (4/2), Marian Dziedzic (5/02) & Josue Martins (6/03)

Those recently deceased: Leonard Boyd

HYMNS

GATHERING HYMN -
CWBii 540, Christ be our light

OFFERTORY HYMN -
CWBii 484, Eat this bread

THANKSGIVING HYMN -
CWBii 456, The Beatitudes

WEEKDAY READINGS

6th Feb	Gen 1:1-19	Mark 6:53-56
7th Feb	Gen 1:20 - 2:4	Mark 7:1-13
8th Feb	Gen 2:4-9, 15-17	Mark 7:14-23
9th Feb	Gen 2:18-25	Mark 7:24-30
10th Feb	Gen 3:1-8	Mark 7:31-37
11th Feb	Gen 3:9-24 Ps 89:2-6, 12-13	Mark 8:1-10

NEWS & NOTICES

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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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.

ST CLARE'S COLLEGE

Tues 7 March 2023 2pm—6pm
Ph: (02) 8305 7100 or Email: info@stclares.catholic.edu.au

WAVERLEY JNR & SNR COLLEGE

Early March. Details to come soon.
Snr - Ph: (02) 9369 0600 wavcoll@waverley.nsw.edu.au or
Jnr - Ph: (02) 9387 5022 waterford@waverley.nsw.edu.au



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. **Enrolment is now
open, link available on our website.** Any
questions, please contact the Parish
Office (02) 9369 9399.

FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS PILGRIMAGE

11 nights/14 days. Departs Sunday, 23
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and interesting bus trips. Free
membership for three (3) months.

Meeting Date: 2nd Tuesday of month 10:30am.
Venue: Eastern Suburbs Legion Club, 213 Bronte
Road Waverley 2024
Ph: 9389 8316 or 9387 3939



ST CHARLES' PLAYGROUP

Starting soon!
Date to be confirmed!



LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

St Charles' Primary School

53-63 Carrington Road, Waverley 2024
P (02) 9387 3845

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

School Principal: Mr Paul Croker

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/.

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ROSTER

4 – 5 FEB	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Dominic Hearne
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Anne Fahy & Des Durkin	Peter Foley
EUCARIST MINISTER	Laura Neeson & Angel Agustin	Jackie Durkin & Veralene Lobo	Joy Pertile
HOSPITALITY	Teresa Vigroux	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly
OFFERTORY		Genevieve Roberts & John Stockler	
POWERPOINT OPS		Maureen Teagle	

KIDS CORNER

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