



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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Like/follow our social media platforms to keep up to date with the latest news in the Parish.



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REFLECTIONS - THE CHOICES WE MAKE

The Jews were proud of the Law of Moses. According to tradition, God had given it to their ancestors, as something precious and unique. In that Law was contained the will of the one true God. There they could find all that they needed to be faithful. For Jesus too the Law is important, but now it's not in the centre. He communicates another priority: God's Reign is coming, the Father is looking for a path to open among us for the building of a more human world. It's not enough for us to just keep Moses' Law. It's necessary to open ourselves to the Father and to collaborate with God in building a more just and fraternal life. That's why it's not enough to fulfil the law that orders: "Don't kill". It's also necessary to root out of our lives aggression, looking down on others, insults or revenge. Whoever doesn't kill fulfils the law, but if we don't free ourselves from violence, then that God who seeks to build a more human world with us still doesn't reign in our hearts. There's a growing tendency in our society to speak in ways that express aggression. More and more we see offensive insults cast about just to humiliate, look down on others, wounding their dignity; words born of rejection, resentment, hate or revenge. How often are our own conversations woven from unjust words that spread criticism and suspicion? Words spoken without love or respect, that poison our living together and cause damage – words born of irritation, meanness or baseness. This malice isn't just found in our day-to-day living together. It can also be a serious problem among church leaders. Pope Francis warned against conflicts and confrontations between different groups. He shared this sobering thought: "It pains me greatly when some Christians can foster enmity, division, calumny, defamation, vendetta, jealousy, and the desire to impose certain ideas at all costs. Whom are we going to evangelize if this is how we act?" Ideally outsiders should be able to admire in our church how we care for one another, encourage and support each other.

[@https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/](https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/)

TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE DISASTER

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Turkey and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead with this number expected to rise dramatically. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance.

We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe.

Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy.

Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.



A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Waverley Parish, as part of the Archdiocese of Sydney, are wholly committed to ensuring the safety, well being and dignity of all children, and acknowledges their important legal, moral and spiritual responsibility to create a safe and nurturing environment for those children. Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, You can contact the Safeguarding Ministerial Integrity Office: on 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: SIRACH 15:15-20

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. The Lord has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever we choose will be given.

For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts.

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes.

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law.

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart.

9.15AM SUNDAY:

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10

My brothers and sisters, among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

As it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37

On the mountain, Jesus gathered his disciples around him and he taught them, saying: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire.

"So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God. Let your word be 'Yes,' if 'Yes' or 'No,' if 'No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Introduction: God has prepared blessings for us that are greater than the mind can imagine. Therefore, let us with confidence bring our needs and the needs of our world before God.

For the Church, witness to God's holy wisdom and the mystery of truth.	We pray.	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
For justice, reconciliation, and peace in place of anger, resentment, or vengeance; and for innocent victims of war, prejudice, and hatred – particularly the ongoing war between Ukraine and Russia.	We pray.	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
For those burdened by extreme weather conditions; for victims of fires, floods, and snowstorms; and for the impact of climate change on the world.	We pray.	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
For those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation leading up to the Season of Easter;	We pray.	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
For our community of Waverley, our local civic leaders and all people who are searching for faith	We pray.	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
For the spiritual and physical well-being of all parishioners; for our families and loved ones; for those who have died recently.	We pray.	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>

God of wisdom and understanding, who see all things and know every heart, guide, we pray, the course of our lives by the wisdom of your Spirit, that we may choose wisely the things which bring life and so live the fullness of your kingdom. 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 recently deceased: Tony Webster

Those recently married: Renne Velarde & Michelle Mercado

Those recently baptised: Joshua Giacomelli

Those with anniversaries at this time: John Chong (25/2)

HYMNS

GATHERING HYMN - CWBii 543 -
Lord of Creation, to you be all praise

OFFERTORY HYMN -
CWBii 579 - One bread, one body

THANKSGIVING HYMN -
CWBii 595 - Seek, O seek the Lord

WEEKDAY READINGS

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

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.

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 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 October 2023. Watch the Gospels come alive on this most authentic faith journey live on location in the Holy Land of Israel, accompanied by our Parish Priest, Fr Bernie Thomas. For more info on this Pilgrimage, pick up a brochure today on the back table or contact the Parish office (02) 9369 9399.

PROBUS CLUB BRONTE

The Bronte Probus Club invites Retirees to meet its friendly members and join in their social meetings, discussions 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



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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LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

St Charles' Primary School

53-63 Carrington Road, Waverley 2024
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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/.

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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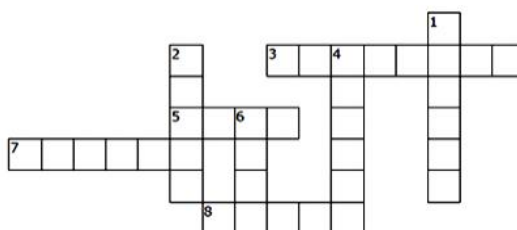
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ROSTER

11 – 12 FEB	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Margaret Blake	Cameron Ward & Christian Abruzzese	Dominic Hearne & Sofia Baricevic
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Francesca Jensen	Annabella Abruzzese & Eloise Linfoot	Karl Baricevic
EUCCHARIST MINISTER	Anna Maratta & Lucy Bjorngaard	Tony & Alison Abruzzese	Kathy Reilly
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Margaret Duncan	Kathy Reilly
OFFERTORY	Dante & Giovanni Jensen	Eloise Linfoot	
POWERPOINT OPS		Lidia Linfoot	

KIDS CORNER



ACROSS

- To decide if a person is guilty or innocent
- A present that is given to another person
- Killing of a person by another person
- The place where gifts or sacrifices to God are made

DOWN

- A group of human beings (men or women or children)
- To be furious
- To be at risk of being injured or harmed
- A person who lacks good sense

ANGER	PEOPLE	ANGRY	MURDER
JUDGMENT	GIFT	ALTAR	FOOL

