



# 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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## REFLECTION - AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS PERFECT

Some like to portray God as an ever-vigilant watcher. With a warning finger raised the preachers would warn, "Wherever you are, God sees you." They were echoing the feelings of Job who felt oppressed by the thought that God was judging his faults every moment. "Will you never take your eyes off me?" Job complained (Job 7:19). Perhaps they centred too much on warnings, with not enough practical encouragement to love our neighbour as ourselves. "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy," says the first reading. Then it adds the principle of "an eye for an eye" which was not such a totally barbaric practice as it seems at first sight. It was meant to help the people to exercise some restraint towards their defeated enemies. It became known as the Law of Retaliation and puts limits on the level of revenge that could be taken for an injury. Otherwise, unrestrained total war could spread throughout the world. If there are no limits to revenge, we could see the collapse of civilisation and everybody being killed. There is a breakdown of cohesion in some parts of our world, with the resulting instability and floods of refugees. Even the earliest Christians could be quarrelsome, some siding with Paul and some with Apollos and so on. But those tensions, once healed, can sharpen the focus of a community. They led people back to prayer, to dialogue and a new kind of unity. "As the Lord has forgiven you," St Paul says, "put on love which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." Earlier thinkers before Jesus had stated the principle not to do to others what you would not have them do to you. That is perhaps the basic law underlying all manners and politeness. But Jesus puts it more positively. We must actually DO things for others.. There is the story of the man who appeared at the gate of heaven asking for entry. When St Peter asked him why he should be let in the man answered: "my hands are clean." "Yes," answered Peter, "but they are empty!" The Christian ethic is one of active loving. Mercy is the outstanding gift of God even of the "Old Testament God" whom many imagine as predominantly harsh and punitive. Our psalm emphasises that God is not a grim judge, seeking to condemn. Rather, "The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy." Our Saving Lord is concerned only to remove our sins and to make us one with him.

## 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.

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## ROSTER

18 – 19 FEB	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Laurie Bond	Marchellas Tjipto	Dominic Hearne
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Maria Ner & Trisha Brookes	Joy Pertile
EUCARIST MINISTER	Susana Hansen & Teresa Vigroux	Francine Darvill & Margaret Kelly	Miriam Wairau
HOSPITALITY	Laura Neeson	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**FIRST READING: LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 17-18**

The Lord spoke to Moses: "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

"'You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.'"

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults.

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his children  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

**9.15AM SUNDAY:**

*The Lord is kind and merciful*

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-23**

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours- whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future- all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:38-48**

On the mountain, Jesus continued to teach his disciples.  
"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

"For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

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

For the Church, temple of God's holiness and witness to his merciful love; for all ministers who lead God's people in the ways of holiness.  
Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

For nations divided by hatred and peoples facing hardships and challenges; for all who need to forgive or be forgiven.  
Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

For the pursuit of God's wisdom and peace throughout the world; for unity where there is division and compromise where there is little hope of settlement; and for victims of prejudice, discrimination, and hatred.  
Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

For a loving response in the face of hatred and injury; for our pursuit of holiness and love during the coming Lenten Season; and for those who sow the seeds of love and reconciliation.  
Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

For all disciples of Jesus who seek to grow in love for God and one another; for the sick, hospitalized, home bound and burdened; and for all preparing for initiation into the Church.  
Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

For those nations struggling to find hope after recent natural disasters, especially following the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, and for those trying to recover from the Cyclone in Aotearoa/New Zealand.  
Lord, hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

**Conclusion:** God of love, we offer you these needs and the needs as yet unspoken in our hearts with the full knowledge and confidence that you hear our prayer. We ask this through the power of the Spirit and in the name of 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

**20 Feb** Sirach 1:1-10 Mark 9:14-29  
**21 Feb** Sirach 2:1-11 Mark 9:30-37  
**22 Feb** Joel 2:12-18 Matt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**23 Feb** Deut 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25  
**24 Feb** Isaiah 58:1-9 Matt 9:14-15  
**25 Feb** Isaiah 58:9-14 Luke 5:27-32

## GATHERING HYMN - CWBii 638

Where there is charity and love

## OFFERTORY HYMN - CWBii 484

Eat this bread

## THANKSGIVING HYMN - CWBii 519

In Christ there is no East nor West

## 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 & Angela Midson.

**Those recently deceased:** Maria Balconne (14/2)

**Those recently married:** Matthew Phelan & Martha Azzi.

**Those recently baptised:** Frankie & Freddie Hannigan, Jude Hammond & Vincent Santos.

**Those with anniversaries at this time:** Kevin Garvin (12/2), Jerry Hopkins (20/2), John Chong (25/2)

## NEWS & NOTICES



**ST CHARLES'**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
WAVERLEY

# OPEN DAYS

Tuesday 21 March from 9 - 11am & 7 - 8pm

Saturday 25 March from 2 - 4pm

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## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Please note our Mass times for Ash  
Wednesday on 22 February 2023: 7:00am,  
9:15am & 6:30pm.

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Christian Meditation is held in the Parish  
Centre at 5.30pm every Monday evening  
except Public Holidays. Call Trisha 0405  
516972 or Maureen 0425 225095 for info.

## 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 3 months. Meeting Date:  
2nd Tues of month 10:30am. Venue:  
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## 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 Michael Manton

REC: Ms Jessica Adler

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 Ann Foreman

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>

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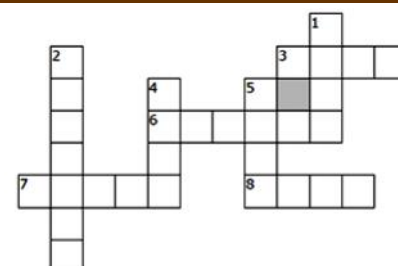
## A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

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, contact the Safeguarding Ministerial Integrity Office on 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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.

For more information, visit: [www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/).



## KIDS CORNER



ENEMY	EVIL	REWARD	HATE
GOOD	LOVE	FRIENDS	PRAY



### ACROSS

3. A warm feeling of affection for another person
6. Something good received in return for good behavior
7. Any person or group that is opposed to you
8. Something that causes harm; morally wrong; wicked

### DOWN

1. Something that is pleasing; morally upright
2. Persons you know and like very much
4. To talk to God
5. A strong feeling of dislike for someone or something

"But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!"  
Matthew 5:44

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