



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 - PILGRIM'S PROGRESS: LIFE AS JOURNEY

The years of our life pass smoothly by, each one seeming shorter than the last. We are on a journey from youth to age, from the cradle to the grave. In his dream-like poem, *The Lotus Eaters*, Alfred Tennyson describes a sense of weary resignation, one option we might take, in face of the passing years:

*"Let us alone. Time driveth onward fast,
And in a little while our lips are dumb.
Let us alone. What is it that will last?
All things are taken from us, and become
Portions and parcels of the dreadful past."*



Through eyes of faith, the passing of the years looks somewhat different. We believe our journey is going somewhere: instead of simply terminating with death (full stop, *finis*), we will emerge into the life of heaven (welcome, transition into God's presence.) We are pilgrims, like Abraham, moving toward the land of promise. Like St Paul, we try to deal with the problems and setbacks along the way, with the help of the Lord. And in the end, if we are faithful, we will share the total joy of joining Christ in glory, as the reward of life's pilgrimage. **Pilgrim's Progress:** In our many journeys today (the age of mobility) we tend to move around a lot, without showing much signs of spiritual progress; indeed, in that respect we often appear to be going backwards. Our goals and desires are short-term, narrow, superficial. Moved by a restless urge for money, for celebrity, novelty, success and pleasure, we go round in rapid circles. But the pilgrims' sights are set on a higher destination, and like Martin Luther King they can say: "I have a dream!" However far-off and hard to reach this dream may be, it is worth more than all the short-term desires we follow. Each step on the journey takes on meaning in light of the goal God sets before us.

A personal, inward journey: Our whole life can be made a pilgrimage towards God. Just as he called Abraham, so he calls each of us to be his own. His call to us is quiet but insistent. Not exactly in the form of: "leave your country and your father's house," but "leave your old ways, the pride and selfishness, the hardness of heart, the angry temper, the envy and the falsehood. And go to the land I shall show." The direction of our pilgrimage is not geographical but moral: "Go towards charity, purity, sharing in truth and prayer and goodwill. Go in the way of the gospel. Go to heaven."

Meaningful Living: Having God's command, and submitting entirely to it, made Abraham the first great pilgrim. Henceforth all his activity took on the value of obedience to God; he was on the high road towards Yahweh, the living God. The same spirit would give the deepest meaning to our lives too. Far from being absurd or useless, the pilgrim's efforts to follow the gospel of his Master are full of meaning. Progress along this way is the real formula for peace of mind. Augustine said it profoundly: You have made us for Yourself, o Lord; and our hearts can never be at rest, until they rest in You.

ROSTER

4 - 5 MARCH	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Angel Agustin	Anthony Spratt	Dominic Hearne
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Trisha Brookes & Anne Fahy	Joy Pertile
EUCCHARIST MINISTER	Laura Neeson & Teresa Vigroux	Francine Darvill & Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly
POWERPOINT OPS		Maureen Teagle	

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram,
"Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house
to the land that I will show you.
I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you, and make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
and the one who curses you I will curse;
and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.
Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

9.15AM SUNDAY:

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*



SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-10

Brothers and sisters: Join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying
on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling,
not according to our works but according to his own purpose and
grace.

This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,
but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour
Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality
to light through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 9:35

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led
them up a high mountain, by themselves, and he was transfigured
before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes
became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses
and Elijah, talking with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you
wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and
one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed
them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved;
with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were
overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get
up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no
one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell
no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised
from the dead."

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: The psalmist gave us voice to cry out for mercy as we place our trust in God. Therefore we turn to you God with our needs and the needs of our community.

We pray for the Church that the glory of God be seen in the world through our works and words.

In your mercy Lord

hear our prayer

We pray for the leaders of our local Church in Australia that the strength of the Holy Spirit, and the compassion of Jesus be evident in their lives.

In your mercy Lord

hear our prayer

We pray for the leaders of nations in our troubled world. Send your Spirit upon them so that they may be open to the wisdom of living a life based on love.

In your mercy Lord

hear our prayer

We pray for all those who suffer war and persecution. Give them the strength and courage to find a way to come to a better life and inspire those of us who live in safety and peace to be generous to them.

In your mercy Lord

hear our prayer

We pray for those who work in the area of health and medicine. May they be inspired to help all those in their care with a sense of generosity and patience.

In your mercy Lord

hear our prayer

We pray for all of us gathered here, that we may truly listen to the words of Jesus as the Father announced during the Transfiguration. May we see his glory and his suffering and keep living the life of the Gospel so that we too are transformed.

In your mercy Lord

hear our prayer

Father, as you transfigured your Son in glory, transfigure us and our world as we wait in faith and hope for our prayer to be heard, through the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son.

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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WEEKDAY READINGS

Mon 6 Feb	Daniel 9:4-10 Luke 6:36-38
Tues 7 Feb	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Matthew 23:1-12
Weds 8 Mar	Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matthew 20:17-28
Thurs 9 Mar	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31
Fri 10 Mar	Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28 Matt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat 11 Mar	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 102:1-4, 9-12 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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, Mary Bentley, Catherine Roberts, Randolph Baral & Angela Midson.

Those recently deceased:

Those recently baptised: Saskia Isabella Zdon

Those with anniversaries at this time: John Harrison (2/3), Anthony Chin (3/3), Clare Webster (4/3), Josue Martins (6/3), Rose Chin (7/3), Alice Aston & Lisa Rivera (8/3)

HYMNS

GATHERING HYMN CWBII 120 - Forgive our sins as we forgive

OFFERTORY HYMN CWBII 289 - From ashes to the Living Font

THANKSGIVING HYMN CWBII 301 - The glory of these forty days



NEWS & NOTICES

FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS PILGRIMAGE

The Pilgrimage leaving **Sun, 29 October & returning Sat, 11 November 2023** is open for bookings. This is a private tour for the Parish so please scan this QR code or call 1800 819 156 and quote **Tour Code: PV2326**. Questions? Call the Parish.



WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS 7AM

A reminder that each Wednesday of Lent at 7am, Fr Bernie will hold an additional morning Mass for those who wish to make an extra commitment. The 9.15am Mass will continue as usual.

SHARE 2 BEDROOM APARTMENT

2 bedroom share apartment available. A female only. Convenient location to buses and beach. Street parking only. Shared bathroom and external laundry. Electric cooktop. Please contact Susie on 0425 216 733 for more information.

WAVERLEY COLLEGE & JUNIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNING Wednesday 8th March

10:00am – Junior Campus
44 Henrietta St, Waverley
Ph: 9387 5022
juniorschool@waverley.nsw.edu.au

11:30am – Senior Campus
131 Birrell St, Waverley Ph: 9369 0600
wavcoll@waverley.nsw.edu.au

Register here:
<https://waverley.nsw.edu.au/events/open-morning-junior-and-senior-campus/>



SISTERHOOD CONFERENCE

The Sisterhood conference is a weekend for women aged 18 + to grow in their faith and encounter a community of like minded Catholic women committed to their faith. The conference will be held at The Tops Conference Centre at Stanwell Tops 17-19th March. This is a live in weekend. Places are limited. For more information visit www.sisterhood.org.au email info@sisterhood.org.au

ST CLARE'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY



7 March 2023
2-6pm

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- Meet the Principal & teachers
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OPEN DAYS

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

Saturday 25 March from 2 - 4pm

(02) 9387 3845
stcwaverley.syd.catholic.edu.au



Enrolment Information -

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

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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 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 Freeman

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

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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FAMILY ACTIVITY LENTEN CALENDAR

Don't forget to download or take home our Family Lenten Activity Calendar for the kids or grandkids to complete. Download from our website [HERE](#) or grab your copy at church today!

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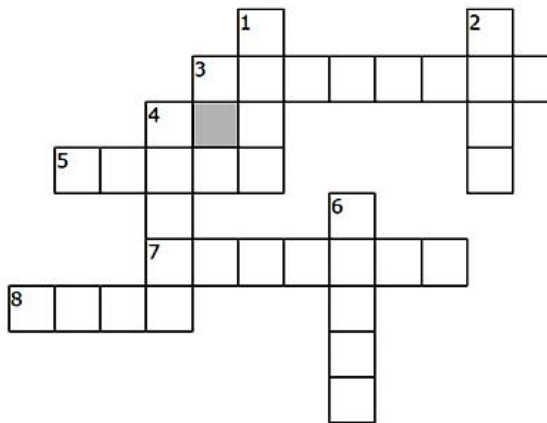
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KIDS CORNER



ACROSS

- A raised part of the earth's surface, larger than a hill
- A white or gray mass of very small drops of water that floats in the sky
- Articles of apparel such as pants, shirts, dresses, etc.
- To have a strong feeling of affection for someone

DOWN

- Something that is pleasing, enjoyable, or of high quality
- Having a great distance from top to bottom
- The sound produced by the vocal organs; what we use to speak
- The color of snow or milk

HIGH	CLOUD	WHITE	MOUNTAIN
VOICE	GOOD	LOVE	CLOTHES

<https://sermons4kids.com/>

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Waverley Parish, as part of the Archdiocese of Sydney, is wholly committed to ensuring the safety, well being and dignity of all children, and acknowledges it's 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. 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.

Info: www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/.

