



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 - SLAKING OUR THIRST AT THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

The thirsting soul: Our need to drink regularly is obvious; without water we would quickly die. Not so easily recognized is the soul's thirst for meaning, for vision and purpose in life. We can be fully preoccupied with the surface of things, and quite neglect our spirit's obscure longing for eternal life. Like the Israelites, we worry constantly about physical needs, but are often unmindful of God who supplies them. Today, Jesus offers us the refreshing water of eternal life, a power of faith and union-with-God which is our deepest need, and can satisfy the thirst of our soul. How the desert blossoms, when water is brought to it. The same miracle of growth can take place in the parched soul, if God lets his Spirit flow over me. All the ravages of doubt, fear and sin will yield to the new life of grace.

A sacramental washing: Already in baptism, the sacramental washing with water by the Christian Church was a first contact with the grace of Christ. I was given a good start, planted well in the garden of God, with room to put down roots, and draw vital nourishment from the living spring of the Saviour. Yet, I need continuing help, to keep my spirit alive and pleasing to God as life goes on. Like the desert-wandering Jews, I suffer from thirst; I grow weary in confronting problems and temptations. Jesus guarantees me the "living water" I need. His own Spirit is always at hand, as a force of encouragement and fidelity.

"To dwell in the house of the Lord": Our deep desire remains, something not confined to Christians but shared by the mystic tradition in other religions: namely, the yearning to come into the presence of God, and be welcomed by God. All of us are called by him to drink of that "fountain of water, springing up to everlasting life." In times of widespread religious scepticism, the hope of heaven as eternal life after death is often cast in doubt as wishful thinking. But we cling to this hope, relying on the word of Jesus. For Paul and the early Christians, the hope of eternal life breathed joy into all their efforts and sacrifices. Fidelity until death seemed well worthwhile, "for the weight of glory that will be revealed in us." Our part to play is turning aside from sin, and trying to live by the gospel. God can be absolutely relied on to fulfil his promise, and will in time satisfy the deep thirst of our spirit.



ROSTER

11 - 12 MARCH	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Laurie Bond	Cameron Ward & Christian Abruzzese	Angel Agustin
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Annabella Abruzzese & Gabrielle McAnespie	Brigid Zengeni
EUCCHARIST MINISTER	Anna Maratta & Lucy Bjorngaard	Tony & Alison Abruzzese	Miriam Wairau
HOSPITALITY	Teresa Vigroux	Margaret Duncan	Kathy Reilly
OFFERTORY		Genevieve Roberts & John Stockler	

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:3-7

In the wilderness the people thirsted for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The Lord said to Moses "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink."

Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

9.15AM SUNDAY:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-2, 5-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 4:42, 15

Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his children and his flocks drank from it?"

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming" (who is called the Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

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: John Kenneth Abrahams

Those with anniversaries at this time: Jerry Hopkins (20/2), Maurice Beaudoin (27/2), Alice Aston & Lisa Rivera (8/3), Colleen Manns (9/3), Sean Stankard (24/3),

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 13 Feb	2 Kings 5:1-15 Luke 4:24-30
Tues 14 Feb	Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Matthew 18:21-35
Weds 15 Mar	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Matthew 5:17-19
Thurs 16 Mar	Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23
Fri 17 Mar	Jeremiah 1:4-9 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
Sat 18 Mar	Hosea 5:15-6:6 Luke 18:9-14

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.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: As we continue our Lenten Journey, let us give voice to our needs and the needs of all the world to God our Father, creator of heaven and earth.

We pray for the Church, that we will be empowered to look beyond our divisions and become springs of hope for the poor and marginalized in our world.

In your mercy Lord **hear our prayer**

We pray for those who thirst for the truth, like the woman at the well. May they be led to Jesus through the witness of Christians who live the good news of Jesus Christ.

In your mercy Lord **hear our prayer**

We pray for all of us who worship together, that the love of God be abundantly poured into our hearts so we may pour out that love to others.

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 are suffering all over the world. In this time of Lent, we pray especially for the poor among us, and that we may have the generosity to enter into the joy of almsgiving.

In your mercy Lord **hear our prayer**

We pray for us gathered here today. We pray that unlike the Israelites in the desert complaining about God, we may have an attitude of thankfulness and generosity.

In your mercy Lord **hear our prayer**

Father, as you shared the living water with the woman at the well, may we always be strengthened through the living water of the life of faith and hope you offer us and our world, through the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. **Amen**

HYMNS

GATHERING HYMN CWBII 585 - Praise to the holiest in the height

OFFERTORY HYMN CWBII 289 - From ashes to the Living Font

THANKSGIVING HYMN CWBII 512 - I heard the voice of Jesus Say



NEWS & NOTICES

WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS 7:00AM

A reminder that 7am each
Wednesday of Lent, 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.

THE 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 info visit www.sisterhood.org.au or email
info@sisterhood.org.au

ST CHARLES'
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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OPEN DAYS

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

Saturday 25 March from 2 - 4pm

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Enrolment Information -
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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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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/.

