



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 - OPEN THE EYES OF MY SOUL, LORD

It's hard to know why Jesus went through the ritual of the spittle, the mud, and the water, in order to heal the man. He healed other blind people with a touch, or simply a word. It might well have been a test of faith. He sent the ten lepers on their way, and they were healed as they journeyed along. He sent the centurion home and, before he reached home he got word that his servant was healed. I often think that this is how Jesus heals many of us. We ask for his healing, and nothing seems to happen immediately. Maybe, after asking for his healing, we should go on our way, and expect to notice the healing taking place gradually as time goes by.

As the story unfolds, we notice that the man's eyes were really opened, and that includes the eyes of his soul. Clearly Jesus was intent on healing the total person, or not at all. We don't imagine him healing someone, and then having that person going away still filled with resentment against another. Such a person was not really healed at all. The man in today's gospel was totally healed, and he ended up on his knees, worshipping Jesus.

A practical and simple prayer is "Lord, that I may see." It is a short prayer, but when it comes from the depths of my heart, it is a powerful prayer. Remember that other blind man named Bartimeus? He was told that Jesus was passing by, and he was determined to get his attention. Those around him tried to silence him, but he shouted all the louder. And he also was cured. To another man Jesus asked the pointed question, "Do you want to be healed?"

The greatest good we can do for others is not by giving them money, though that can also be needed at times, but in revealing their own riches to them. It is good to affirm others and make them feel both loved and worthwhile. Many people have grown up with a poor self-image, and they just cannot see the good in themselves. This is another form of blindness, and it is a blindness in others that any one of us can heal. The most certain proof that the Spirit of God lives in you is your willingness and ability to affirm and bring a blessing to other people.

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ROSTER

18 - 19 MARCH	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Dominic Hearne & Sofia Baricevic
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Eloise Linfoot & Des Durkin	Karl Baricevic
EUCCHARIST MINISTER	Angel Agustin & Susana Hansen	Gisella Musumeci & Margaret Kelly	Janet Gerzina
HOSPITALITY	Laura Neeson	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly
OFFERTORY		Eloise Linfoot	
POWERPOINT OPS		Lidia Linfoot	

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

When the sons of Jesse came, Samuel looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." Jesse sent and brought David in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one."

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
He leads me near restful waters,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

9.15AM SUNDAY:

The Lord is my Shepherd there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 8:12

Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent).

Then the man who was blind went and washed, and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.

Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided.

So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him



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 married: Michael Pettenon & Heather Rath

Those recently baptised: Evie Hancock

Those with anniversaries at this time: Sean Stankard (24/3), Jessie Duncan (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 20 Feb 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16
Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24
Tues 21 Feb Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
John 5:1-3, 5-16
Wed 22 Mar Isaiah 49:8-15
John 5:17-30
Thu 23 Mar Exodus 32:7-14
John 5:31-47
Fri 24 Mar Wisdom 2:1, 12-22
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat 25 Mar Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10
Ps 39:7-11
Luke 1:26-38

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: Enlightened by the good news of Jesus' healing of the man born blind, we now bring our needs into the light of the Lord's loving presence.

For the leaders of the Church, that they see more clearly the needs of God's people everywhere and meet those needs with creative compassion.

Oh Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer *Sung response lead by Fr Bernie come and listen to me.*

For the leaders of our nation and all countries, that they never be blind to the needs of the poor and the oppressed.

Oh Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer *Sung response lead by Fr Bernie come and listen to me.*

For the members of this Waverley parish faith community, that we bring the light of God's love to our families, friends, co-workers and even to our enemies.

Oh Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer *Sung response lead by Fr Bernie come and listen to me.*

For next week's state election, that this final week will be a time of courtesy and honesty, and that all seeking election to lead, will do so in the true spirit of leadership, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Oh Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer *Sung response lead by Fr Bernie come and listen to me.*

For the legally blind and all who have impaired vision, that they receive the assistance and respect they deserve.

Oh Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer *Sung response lead by Fr Bernie come and listen to me.*

For the dying, the elderly and the ill in our community, that they not lose sight of God's power to heal and comfort. May they be encouraged to remain faithful in prayer.

Oh Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer *Sung response lead by Fr Bernie come and listen to me.*

God of light, life and love, open wide our eyes and heal our spiritual blindness so that we may better see all the ways you choose to reveal to us your loving presence in our world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMNS

GATHERING HYMN CWBII 450 - Amazing Grace

OFFERTORY HYMN CWBII 289 - From ashes to the Living Font

THANKSGIVING HYMN CWBII 297 - Our father we have wandered



NEWS & NOTICES

WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS 7AM

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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Christian Meditation is held in the Parish Centre at 5.30pm every Monday evening except Public Holidays. Call Trisha 0405 516972 for more information.



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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Enrolment Information -
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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.



KIDS CORNER

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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/.



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!