



# 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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## Holy Week & Easter

**MASS TIMES**  
6 - 9 APRIL 2023

### HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
No morning Mass

### GOOD FRIDAY

10:00am - Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

### HOLY SATURDAY

6:00pm - Easter Vigil  
No morning Mass & Reconciliation

### EASTER SUNDAY

9:15am - Resurrection Sunday  
No evening Mass



## REFLECTION - LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL

It seems a bit strange to have this gospel on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. It seems to be clearly about the resurrection and yet we are still plodding through Lent and have to get through Good Friday before we get to Easter. What's going on; have the Church's liturgical engineers got it all wrong? Can I suggest that this text is more about death than resurrection? After all, Lazarus isn't walking around today; he had to undergo another death. This text is more about our life and death here and now rather than about the resurrection. We will have time enough to consider the resurrection when we get to Easter Sunday and the weeks of celebration afterwards.

In his Spiritual Exercises St Ignatius Loyola suggests that when reading a particular Gospel passage we should put ourselves in the place of each character in turn and use our imagination to see how we would feel in those circumstances. This can be a most revealing exercise. How about putting myself in the place of Lazarus? I am dead to everything and then I hear a voice: 'Come out, Lazarus.' There I am, lying in a tomb swathed in bandages and surrounded by darkness. If we wonder how we would feel in this situation, the answer would be different for everyone but I think many might say: Thanks Lord, but I'd prefer to stay where I am.

While attempting to put ourselves imaginatively in Lazarus's place we might become aware of how tomb-like our present way of life is, and rekindle a longing for freedom which has perhaps been buried for years. Putting ourselves into the place of a character from scripture can awake all kinds of thoughts within us and lead us to turn to God in prayer with new words on our lips. Yet it is something so simple that we are surprised that we never thought about it ourselves. This Gospel features here in Lent to help us come to live life to the full; for often it is only in the face of death that we are shocked into this realisation. This can happen to us in all sorts of ways on the occasion of a loss or bereavement. It is amazing how often it takes overcoming a negative experience to make us realise afresh how much there is that is truly positive and makes life worth living.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

**GATHERING HYMN (9:15AM):** CWBII 509 - I am the bread of Life

**FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37:12-14**

Thus says the Lord God:

"I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves,  
O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you  
shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring  
you up from your graves, O my people.

"I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place  
you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have  
spoken and will act," says the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 129**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ear be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than the watchman for daybreak.

Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.  
Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity.

**9.15AM SUNDAY:**

*With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:8-11**

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in  
the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.  
Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to  
him.

But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the  
Spirit is life because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he  
who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies  
also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 11:25, 26**

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 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45**

The sisters of Lazarus sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you  
love is ill." But when Jesus heard this, he said, "This illness does not  
lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God  
may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved  
Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus  
was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then  
after this Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the  
tomb four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she  
went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to  
Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.  
But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of  
him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said  
to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last  
day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who  
believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who  
lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She  
said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son  
of God, the one coming into the world."

Jesus was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said,  
"Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and  
see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved  
him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes  
of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a  
cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the  
stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord,  
already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would  
see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus  
looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I  
knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of  
the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent  
me."

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come  
out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips  
of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them,  
"Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had  
seen what Jesus did believed in him.

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** CWBII 289 - From ashes to the Living Font

**THANKSGIVING HYMN** CWBII 288 - Forty days and forty nights

**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 baptised:** Asha Mackenzie Ghattas & Nina Fong

**Those with anniversaries at this time:** Sean Stankard (24/3), Jessie Duncan (24/3), Peter Gillham, Barry Anderson, Manuel Guerreiro (3/4), Marian Dziedzic & Joanne Meredith.



## 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 27 Feb** Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,  
33-62  
John 8:1-11  
**Tues 28 Feb** Numbers 21:4-9  
John 8:21-30  
**Wed 29 Mar** Dan 13:14-20, 24-25, 28  
John 8:31-42  
**Thu 30 Mar** Genesis 17:3-9  
John 8:51-59  
**Fri 31 Mar** Jeremiah 20:10-13  
John 10:31-42  
**Sat 1 April** Ezekiel 37:21-28  
Jeremiah 31:10-13  
John 11:45-56

## 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  
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**Tour Code:**  
**PV2326.**  
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the Parish.



## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Presider: During these final days of our season of penance and preparation, let us open our hearts and minds to the teaching of Jesus and offer our needs to his Father.**

For Pope Francis and Church leaders – may their teaching and guidance lead us out of darkness and into renewal through the Holy Spirit,

*Sung response lead by Fr Bernie*

Oh Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer

**come and listen to me.**

For leaders of nations, in times of turmoil and unrest – may their hearts be opened to the words and deeds of Jesus.

*Sung response lead by Fr Bernie*

Oh Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer

**come and listen to me.**

For the state elections this weekend – may those who win be guided by the Holy Spirit to unite the people of our State, and to always seek to do good.

*Sung response lead by Fr Bernie*

Oh Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer

**come and listen to me.**

For those afflicted with illness, may the care and compassion that they receive from family and friends open their hearts in gratitude.

*Sung response lead by Fr Bernie*

Oh Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer

**come and listen to me.**

For those grieving the loss of a loved one, give them strength and hope during this time of remembrance and prayer, and may they be comforted by God's presence.

*Sung response lead by Fr Bernie*

Oh Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer

**come and listen to me.**

For those whose faith is challenged by doubt and fear, may they find light and overcome their uncertainty in the promises offered by Jesus Christ through the witness of Christians around them.

*Sung response lead by Fr Bernie*

Oh Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer

**come and listen to me.**

**Merciful Father, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires: keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## NEWS & NOTICES

### EAST SYDNEY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

#### 2023 Season Opener - Beethoven

**Symphony 8.** Hummel Trumpet Concerto,  
Soloist: Andrew Del Riccio, Conductor:

Omid Moheb Zadeh. Cost: \$25 admission

**When:** Sunday, 26 March at 2:00pm

**Where:** Mary Immaculate Church

Book here: [East Sydney Chamber](#)

[Orchestra 2023 Season Opener.](#)

[Beethoven 8, 26 Mar 2PM | Eventbrite](#)

### CLOCKS GO BACK SUNDAY 2 APRIL

A reminder to put your clocks  
back 1 hour Sunday, 2 April  
at 3am as daylight saving  
will end - 1 hour extra sleep!



### FIRST RECONCILIATION CEREMONY

Please pray for all the students who  
received their First Reconciliation last  
Wednesday. Well done to all students!

## ROSTER

25 – 26 MARCH	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Margaret Blake	Marchellas Tjipto	Dominic Hearne
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Francesca Jensen	Maria Ner & Genevieve Roberts	Peter Foley
EUCARIST MINISTER	Shirley Lyons & Vincent Conroy	Francine Darvill & Veralene Lobo	Joy Pertile
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OFFERTORY	Dante & Giovanni Jensen		

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### St Charles' Primary School

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REC: Ms Jessica Adler

Family Educator: Mrs Caroline Doherty

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School Principal: Mrs Ann Freeman

REC: Mr Mark McCoy

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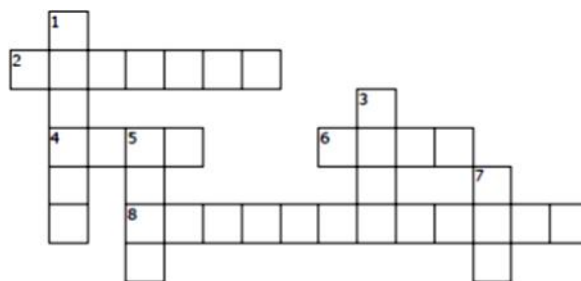
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## KIDS CORNER



### ACROSS

2. A man that Jesus raised from the dead
4. A place where someone is buried
6. To be physically ill; not well or healthy
8. Rising from the dead or returning to life

### DOWN

1. One of Lazarus' two sisters
3. To be alive or have life
5. Woman who poured perfume on Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair
7. To stop living



MARTHA RESURRECTION	
DIE	
LAZARUS	
TOMB	MARY
LIVE	SICK

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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](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.  
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