SUNDAY, 21ST MAY 2023 | ASCENSION OF THE LORD | BULLETIN



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

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

MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday: 9:15am

Saturday: 9:15am followed by Reconciliation

& 5:00pm Vigil.

Sunday: 9:15am & 5:00pm.

Baptism: 3rd & 4th Sundays of each month

at 10:30am. Bookings essential.

STAY CONNECTED

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REFLECTION - LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

In the gospel we have just heard Our Lord's final instructions, his Last Will and Testament. Just before leaving them, he reminds them of what he expects of them. Earlier he had sent them out to spread the Kingdom of God. Those who go in his name, do so with his authority. The authority goes with the mission, so to speak. In Matthew's version he now adds this great promise, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Mark says that "the Lord worked with them and had confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it". And Luke emphasises that they will be "clothed with power from on high", that is, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is very definite about what he has to say. Like any gathering of people, the feelings of his disciples were varied. But he sends them out to speak and act in his name.

Their mission was both easy and hard: easy to understand but hard to carry out. It was to teach others all that he had taught them. Just as he asked them to follow his way, they were to ask that others should follow that way too.

Has a doctor ever put you on a course of antibiotics. The most basic guidance about antibiotics is to complete the course. Even if the patient starts to feel well after a few days, to discontinue taking the medicine can let their condition grow worse. Similarly, the

message of salvation must continue to be shared until the end of time. With all the changes in the church and in society, neither Jesus nor his message have changed. His Gospel remains a call to live our lives to the full.

You write a new page of the gospel each day, through all that you do and whatever you say. Others read what you write, be it faithful or true. So what is the gospel according to you?

He is with us always. This can be a real help against loneliness. Being alone is not the same as being lonely. One can feel

lonely in a crowded street; or alternatively, like Cicero, never less alone than when alone ("minus solum, quam cum solus"). This applies especially to those who believe the promise, "I am with you always." Talking with him doesn't even need words. If we are open to His presence in our heart, and treasure it, we can experience fully that "Joy of the Gospel" so warmly described for us by our good Pope Francis.

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ROSTER

20 – 21 MAY	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Angel Augstin	Cameron Ward & Christian Abruzzese	Dominic Hearne
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Francesca Jensen	Eloise Linfoot & Des Durkin	Joy Pertile
EUCHARIST MINISTER	Shirley Lyons & Leanna Langlands	Gisella Musumeci & Genevieve Roberts	Miriam Wairau
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly
OFFERTORY	Dante & Giovanni Jensen	Eloise Linfoot	
POWERPOINT OPS		Lidia Linfoot	

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 46

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

9.15AM SUNDAY: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:17-23

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Those who are sick</u>: Michelle Byrne, 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, Ruth Tarlinton, Nadia Monsieur, Adelina Murray & Erin Connery.

<u>Those with anniversaries at this time</u>: Vilermina Almeida Freitas (22/5), Christine Formosa (22/5), Clive Fernandez (24/5), Kathleen Dewberry (27/5), Joan Morrison (28/5) & Jeffrey Teoh (31/5)

Those recently married: Noris Hurduc & Natalie Hope; James Macri & Jessica Barthelmess

Those recently deceased: Allana Vedder, Jonna Andreasen

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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,

WEEKDAY READINGS

and life everlasting. Amen.

22 May Ac 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33
23 May Ac 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11
24 May Sir 4:11-18 Jn 19:25-27
25 May Ac 22:30; Jn 17:20-26
23:6-11
26 May Ac 25:13-21 Jn 21:15-19
27 May Ac 28:16-20, Jn 21:20-25
30-31

GATHERING HYMN - CWBII 372, A Hymn of Glory let us sing OFFERTORY HYMN - CWBII 354, Christ the Lord is Risen again THANKSGIVING HYMN - CWBII 449, Alleluia Sing to Jesus

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: With confidence we bring our prayers to the Christ who has suffered death for our sins, has risen from the dead for our glory and now sits at the right hand of the Father

For the Church – that we build up the Body of Christ, encouraging each other's gifts as evangelists, pastors, teachers, and holy ones, encouraging unity and the work of ministry. Christ has died, Christ is risen!

Alleluia. Let us rejoice!

For leaders of nations – that they will ensure that people in all countries will be free to practice their faith without fear, discrimination or retribution.

Christ has died, Christ is risen!

Alleluia. Let us rejoice!

For people of different Christian religions – that as we begin this week of prayer for Christian unity, we as Christian people will seek understanding of each other, and that differences will give way to acceptance, dialogue, and friendship.

Christ has died, Christ is risen!

Alleluia. Let us rejoice!

For the environment – that as we begin Laudato Si week, we may use our technological inventiveness to undo the damage we have done to God's creation and to sustain God's gift of nature.

Christ has died, Christ is risen!

Alleluia. Let us rejoice!

For our common home – that our communities may respond to the signs of the times expressed in the cry of nature, wounded by humankind's inability to recognise its vocation to be the custodian of all that exists.

Christ has died, Christ is risen!

Alleluia. Let us rejoice!

For all the members of our Parish – that we may be an authentic sign of Christ's death and resurrection through our love for each other and the way in which we live in this world. Christ has died, Christ is risen!

Alleluia. Let us rejoice!

Conclusion: Gracious God, your Son Jesus ascended into heaven so that we might receive the Holy Spirit: help us to be true witnesses of all you have done for us in that same Christ Jesus, our Lord. **Amen**.

NEWS & NOTICES

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Online unit over 4 Saturdays 17, 24 June; 7, 14 Oct.

Teaching Meditation &

Prayer. Lecturer: Dr

Christopher Morris. To enrol

or info: Dr Christopher

Knauf, Registrar: registrar@ctc.edu.au

MOTHER'S PRAYER NIGHT

The St. Charles' Mothers' Prayer Group meet in Mary's Chapel during school term on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm (next one 7th June). You are warmly invited to spend time in prayer and reflection with us. Email:

laurapneeson@gmail.com for more info.

ST CHARLES' PLAYGROUP

@ Mary Immaculate Church, Parish Centre



WEDNESDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM MASS 9:15AM IN CHURCH FOLLOWED BY PLAY 9:45AM - 11AM IN PARISH CENTRE





SMC 'BACK TO THE BEACH' CONCERT

Live at St Brigid's Church, Coogee Sunday June 4th, 2pm Tickets: \$35

HOW TO BOOK: www.trybooking.com/CIAGY www.sydneymalechoir.com/concerts or at the door



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REC: Ms Jessica Adler

Family Educator: Mrs Caroline Doherty

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the Parish will also be announced via our Friday Parish News email. Scan this QR code or visit:

http://eepurl.com/hHvhOr to register

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 its 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.

For more info, visit: www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

WISH TO DONATE, NO CASH?

If you wish to donate for candles or 1st & 2nd Collections, you can do so with our Smart Terminals available in the church. A terminal is at St Anthony's for Candles only, and the other is on the back table near glass dividers for Collections only. These terminals are NOT for Planned Giving. If you wish to donate online, we are also pleased to offer this option as well. Scan the QR code -> to donate now. NB: biller codes for donations.



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RISE REPENT
SUFFER PSALMS
HEAVEN SCRIPTURE
WORSHIPED BLESSING

PROPHETS TAKEN
OPENED FORGIVE
FULFILLED MOSES
UNDERSTAND MINDS



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