



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: 3rd & 4th Sundays of each month at 10:30am. Bookings essential.

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REFLECTION - THE POWER OF THE WORD

As a former teacher, I'm often surprised at what some past-pupils remember. It would be less embarrassing on occasions if they conveniently forgot. "I remember you saying one time. ..." and out it comes, if not word for word, at least in its general thrust as they heard it. Even merely spoken words can have an extraordinary life-span. Sometimes we remember things our parents said, long after they are gone; their words are not dead so long as we are alive and recall them.

What's true of the ordinary word is even more true of God's. That's what's stressed in today's readings. It's put in the strongest of terms in the reading from Isaiah 55:10-11: "So it is with the word that goes from my mouth: it will not return to me unfulfilled, or before having carried out my good pleasure and having achieved what it was sent to do." The only defence against God's word is inadvertent or deliberate deafness. And being deaf or hard of hearing is something today's Gospel does not recommend. In fact, it urges us to have our ears cocked. But it conveys that message in a different image. It urges us to let the Word fall into good soil, so that it can yield a rich harvest in our lives.

Even though we're meant to have our ears cocked in church, and even though there's no substitute for hearing God's word as a worshipping community, the richest soil in any parish has to be in the home. The home, more than any place else, is a good place for growth. If space is made for God in the home, if parents pray with their children from an early age, if parents treat one another well, if the relationships within the home are basically sound, if Mass, as Christ's memorial, is seen to matter to the older people, then there is a fair old chance that in the hearts and minds of the children, the seed will take root and grow! It doesn't always happen, but on balance, if we do the best we can, there's a fair old chance that it will! In a sense, education is what remains when you have forgotten the texts themselves. We forget so easily what was said in church or school. We never forget what happens in the home. The hate and the tension and the fighting, or the hope and the love and the peace. I knew a person once who used to get up every night and do a Holy Hour for one of their children who was sick. Wasn't that extraordinary?

What family could ever forget that? What family could fail to be influenced by it? But in a sense it's a bad example because it's so exceptional. It's the ordinary things that make the impact on most of us, the daily effort, the daily drudgery, the repeated efforts a father or mother make separately or together to think of us and to remind us of God. It's only when somebody dies and people start looking back that the ordinary daily sacrifices take on a heroic pattern, and people say, "God, she was a great woman" or "he was a great man." If we receive God's word every day in our lives and try to live it, then we are scattering the seed ourselves for the younger generation and generations to come.

I wouldn't like to give the impression that it's only parents or older people who are expected to receive God's word and live it! I think God's call comes to us at its most personal and urgent when we are young. That's when most of us felt called to our particular vocations. That's when I felt the call to be a priest! God's word has fresh soil and a great future when it falls in a young heart. So if you are young, be generous with God. Be truthful and just and caring and good-living. Be faithful to your Sunday Eucharist and give it continued life throughout the week in the great commandment of love. One of the greatest saints the Church has ever produced, St Thérèse of Lisieux, "the little flower," was only twenty-four when she died. What use she made of her youth! She had one great objective: "At the heart of the Church, my mother," she said, "I shall be love." Make that your own. Make it your personal resolution, your greatest objective, your life-long ambition! At the heart of the Church, my mother, I shall be love."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

GATHERING HYMN - CWBII 497 God has spoken by his prophets

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord:

"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 64:10-14

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain.

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat,
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

9.15AM SUNDAY:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:18-23

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 8:11

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-9

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables.

"Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen."

OFFERTORY HYMN - CWBII 488 For the fruits of all creation

THANKSGIVING HYMN - CWBII 651 You satisfy the hungry heart

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: *We hear in the Word that the Creator cares for the earth and all that is in it. With confidence in this knowledge let us call to mind all our needs.*

For the Church – that we drink deeply from the fountain of your Word, opening our hearts to your Spirit, so that we may evermore become instruments of justice and compassion, mercy and peace, consolation, and love. God of Compassion **hear our prayer.**

For leaders & public servants – that theirs be a work of justice which upholds human dignity and protects the innocent and vulnerable, the unborn and the dying. God of Justice **hear our prayer.**

For families – that those who struggle in their relationships with one another, sow seeds of mercy and understanding, strengthened by the Spirit of Christ. God of Hope **hear our prayer.**

For this community of faith – that all who worship here may trust in Christ and learn discipleship through his teaching. God of Discipleship **hear our prayer.**

For all believers – that the Word of God give them courage to correct injustice and heal the wounds of hate. God of Faithfulness **hear our prayer.**

For Australia – that the upcoming Referendum for the Voice to Parliament in Australia may be a time of listening to the Spirit of God so we decide the outcome guided by our God. God of Listening **hear our prayer.**

For our youth preparing to depart for World Youth Day – May they discover the wonderful presence of God in their lives and be nurtured in faith by this celebration of prayer. God of Nurture **hear our prayer.**

Prayed together as a community: Lord God, we ask you to receive our prayers and answer them according to your great mercy. Grant that whatever our labours for your kingdom will sow may produce an abundant harvest for eternity. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

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

We 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.
We 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.*

WEEKDAY READINGS

17 July Exo 1:8-14, 22
Matt 10:34 - 11:1
18 July Exo 2:1-15
Matt 11:20-24
19 July Exo 3:1-6, 9-12
Matt 11:25-27
20 July Exo 3:13-20
Matt 11:28-30
21 July Exo 11:10 - 12:14
Matt 12:1-8
22 July S of S 3:1-4 Ps 62:2-6, 8-9
John 20:1-2, 11-18

MASS INTENTIONS

Those who are sick: Michelle Byrne, Mike Newman, 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, Iris Walshe-Howling & Ella Connery.

Those with anniversaries at this time: Joan McDonnell (24/07), Jim Connelly (25/07)

Those recently married: Tommy Francisco & Jaybee Abelita

Those recently deceased: Fr Allan Hartcher ofm, Gaye Zammit (12/07)

NEWS & NOTICES

TAXATION RECEIPTS 2022/2023

Taxation receipts for the following will be available for Collection from this weekend: **Planned Giving, Charitable Works Fund (CWF) & Project Compassion** (also sent by Caritas). For info, contact Parish Office (02) 9369 9399.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To avoid last minute organising we are seeking people for the following ministries for our weekend Masses:
Offertory procession to bring forward the gifts at Masses on Sunday as per the new "way" of presenting the gifts. **PowerPoint operators** to learn how to set up and use the PowerPoint – this will require arriving at Mass 10-15 minutes early to help with the set up especially if Fr Bernie is away. Please contact Carla for info.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Enrolment is open! Please visit our website to enrol. Workbooks available at Parent Info Night. **Parent Info Night:** Wed, 26 July at 6:30pm in Parish Hall.
Commitment Mass: Sat, 29 July at 5pm in the Church.
Sacrament of First Eucharist: Sun, 10 September in Church.



WAVERLEY PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Watch the Gospels come alive as we set out on this true pilgrimage of faith and retrace the progressive stages of the life of Jesus from his Nativity in Bethlehem to his Passion on Calvary. This is not to be missed! **Register here:** www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/pv2326/

ROSTER

15 – 16 JULY	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Angel Agustin	Anthony Spratt	Dominic Hearne
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Annabella Abruzzese & Genevieve Roberts	Joy Pertile
EUCARIST MINISTER	Susana Hansen & Vincent Conroy	Jackie Durkin & Margaret Kelly	Miriam Wairau
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly

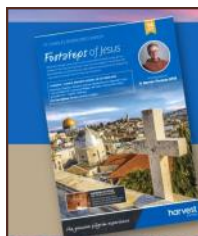
ST CHARLES' PLAYGROUP

@ Mary Immaculate Church, Parish Centre



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

STARTS TERM 3
WEDNESDAY
26 JULY!



Footsteps of Jesus Pilgrimage
with Fr Bernie Thomas, ofm

BOOK NOW!

HARVEST PILGRIMAGE

LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

St Charles' Primary School

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

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REC: Mrs Jessica Keeley

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

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Ms Gabrielle Bransby

Asst Dir of Identity & Student formation:

Mr Stephen Ghattas

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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 Smart Terminals available in the church. The terminal at St Anthony's for Candles only, and the other on the back table near the 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 by visiting our donation page. Scan this QR code to view options.

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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 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 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.

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



KIDS CORNER

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