



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.

STAY CONNECTED

Follow our social media platforms to keep up to date with the latest news in the Parish.



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REFLECTIONS - THE PRICELESS PEARL

Those of us reared in the country are familiar with how fiercely an old farmer can cling on to his land. Even a miserable patch of grassy bog feels like an insurance against abandonment. But hanging on is not the answer. It only sows bitterness and frustration in sons whose best years are squandered in waiting. Sons who in turn never learn themselves from the mistakes of their fathers. Love alone can guarantee security and care in one's declining years. Possessions provide only the illusion of security.

Elderly farmers are not the only ones who hold on to things for security. Others have their own holdings from which only death can separate them. It may be property and wealth, status and prestige or power and influence. It may even be an awful lot less, trivial comforts and an easy life. It may be a sixteen-hour day or the thankless responsibility of high office. Or a reputation we can no longer live up to. There is nothing more pathetic than an ageing beauty queen who refuses to accept the ravages of time.

"Ask what you would like me to give you," God said to Solomon. "Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil," he replied. It is the kind of gift we all need. Possessions come in many forms. It is not so much these possessions that we should rid ourselves of, as the demon of possession itself that should be exorcised. Poverty has become a dirty word in the world we live in. We should not let an Ethiopian famine or a Rwanda disaster make us forget that poverty is also a Christian virtue. It is no accident that Christ began his Sermon on the Mount with "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Or that the only condition for his followers is that "they leave all things." Or that the rich young man should have failed all because he failed this one test, "for he had great possessions." Or that the pearl in today's parable could only be bought by "selling everything he owns."

The trouble with most people is that they want it both ways. All this and the good life too. But they can't have it both ways.

There is a pearl for everyone. And there is a price for everyone to pay. A price tailored to each individual circumstances. Detachment is that price. To be able to walk away from what we cherish most without so much as looking back with regret. Our tragedy is not that we cannot find the pearl but that we are unwilling to pay the price.

@<https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/liturgy/liturgy/>



Donate to the Charitable Works Fund August 2023 Appeal

5th & 6th August 2023 is our parish appeal.

Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place.

Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people

GATHERING HYMN - CWBII 455, Be thou my Vision

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 3:7-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

"And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

"Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this, your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

9.15AM SUNDAY: *I love your law, O Lord, I love your law*

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:28-30

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

And those whom God predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:44-52

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

"So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

OFFERTORY HYMN - CWBII 595, Seek O Seek the Lord

THANKSGIVING HYMN - CWBII 399,
Christ, our Lord, the Prince of Ages



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: Shirley Hassett (28/7), Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca, Marian Dziedzic (5/8), Josue Martins (6/8), Terry Potts (10/8), Betty Ward (11/8)

Those recently deceased: Martha O'Sullivan (22/6), Gaetana Zammit (12/07), Wendy Foley (16/07), Elvira Amalia D'Alessandro (18/7)

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

31 July Ex 32:15-24, 30-34

Matt 13:31-35

1 Aug Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28

Matt 13:36-43

2 Aug Ex 34:29-35 Matt 13:44-46

3 Aug Ex 40:16-21, 34-38

Matt 13:47, 53

4 Aug Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37

Matt 13:54-58

5 Aug Lev 25:1, 8-17 Ps 66:2-3, 5, 7-8

Matt 14:1-12

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider - *As the Lord promised Solomon to grant whatever he wished, may our requests likewise be granted as we pray now with confidence.*

For the Church – that the merciful love of God will come to all who serve the church and comfort them in difficult times. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer**

For Catholic Youth, gathering at World Youth Day in Portugal – that they may experience the rich heritage of our Church and be nourished and renewed in their faith, and recommit themselves to spreading the Gospel message of hope.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer**

For all who search for meaning in their lives – that they may discover the hidden treasure of truth, the rich pearl of faith and the challenge of discipleship.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer**

For a new spirit of leadership – that the choices of our leaders may be founded on wisdom and hallmarked by true discernment and an abiding respect for all whose lives they affect.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer**

For our Common Home – that those suffering disasters due to climate change will be comforted, that people will respond to Pope Francis' call for an integral ecology and work earnestly toward it.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer**

For those who are sick – that all our parishioners and relatives who are hospitalised or homebound may be comforted by the prayers and assistance of all who care for them.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer**

Prayed together as a community - Gracious God, as we walk in the light of your truth, increase in us your many gifts for our well-being. Let them become our way to eternal life with your risen Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

ROSTER - JULY

29 – 30 JULY	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
ALTAR SERVING	B Blake	C Ward & C Abruzzese	D Hearne
PROCLAIMER	St Charles Primary Kids	T Brookes & D Durkin	B Zengeni
EUCARIST	S Lyons & S Hansen	J Durkin & G Musumeci	J Pertile
HOSPITALITY	W Kelly	J Durkin	K Reilly
OFFERTORY	St Charles Primary Kids	M Ner	
POWERPOINT		M Teagle	

NEWS & NOTICES

TAXATION RECEIPTS 2022/2023

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To avoid last minute organising we are seeking people for the following ministries for weekend Masses: **Offertory procession** - bring forward the gifts at Masses on Sunday as per the new "way" of presenting the gifts. **PowerPoint operators** - 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.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Enrolment has now closed for 2023. For those registered, don't forget to collect workbooks and start going through them with your child.

Commitment Mass: Sat, 29 July at 5pm in Church.

Sacrament : 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/

LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

St Charles' Primary School

53-63 Carrington Road, Waverley 2024

P (02) 9387 3845

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

School Principal: Mr Michael Manton

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

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Principal: Mr Graham Leddie

Dir of Identity & Student Formation:

Ms Suzanne Walsh

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44 Henrietta Street, Waverley 2024

P (02) 9387 5022

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EASTERN SUBURBS LEGION CLUB

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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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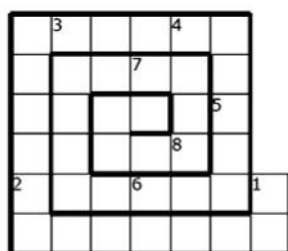
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

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



Spiral Puzzle

Look at the numbered clues. Choose the correct word and write it in the puzzle. Each numbered square starts a new word.

1. Something of great value; gold, silver, or jewels, for example
2. A small, shiny, hard ball that forms inside some oysters
3. A feeling of great happiness
4. To put in a place where something cannot be seen or found (past tense)
5. Gave something in exchange for money
6. A territory or country ruled by a king or queen
7. An adult male human
8. The worth of something in money

VALUE	PEARL	HID	KINGDOM
TREASURE	MAN	SOLD	JOY

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. - Matthew 13:44

Parables of the Kingdom



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