



# 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	9:15an	I Q	5:00	pm.

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

#### **STAY CONNECTED**

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#### **PARISH CENTRE**

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#### **REFLECTION - THE WATCHMAN SHOULD WARN**

The homilist might take a leaf from Ezekiel's book. This prophet borrowed an image from war and its threat to national survival. He knows that a people under threat needs its sentries. The real threat that sentry Ezekiel sees, is not an attack from without, but failure of the community from within, a breakdown that leads to death. The danger that he must warn about is the threat of sin. This warning of Ezekiel is not directed to the community as a whole but to the individual within it. Individual responsibility takes on a new force in his message. Our own era too is preoccupied with problems of national and international peace and security. For us, the watchman on the city wall is no longer a sufficient form of security. Our world leaders feel the need of sophisticated "early-warning" devices, so that our peace hangs upon a balance of terror. The threat of our times is no longer the fall of a city but an international holocaust.

When Ezekiel preached he was a prisoner in enemy territory and he could warn that it was not external force, but the enemy within, that is the real threat to life-that enemy is sin, the abandonment of God. It is the prophetic role of the Church to continue this preaching (even if its voice is treated like something coming from foreign soil.) The gospel of Christ is that life and peace come from faith in God and the doing of his will. This gospel calls us to repentance but is no mere denunciation of sin. Christ brought the gift of reconciliation and life. One might develop this further by reflecting on how we as a community can be a sign of what we preach, a repentant community that has found the life and peace offered by Christ.

A reconciled community: Today's readings confront us with two aspects of the question. Firstly the need for a sense of individual responsibility in the way of conversion. Ezekiel certainly made it clear that the individual is addressed by the Word of God calling for repentance. There is no way out of this personal responsibility. But all of this should not be seen simply in terms of what the individual owes to the community. The whole Church is called to be supportive of each person who seeks reconciliation. This is especially important in a world where so many people feel threatened by the alienating force of impersonal state structures. The Church is not called to be mega-corporation. Individuals who are perplexed by their own failures or oppressed by the weaknesses of others, need a community that does not drive them further into isolation but one which calls them through forgiveness and love into the life of fellowship. Living in this fellowship does mean that we owe debts to one another, and as Paul reminds us today the only obligation that ultimately counts is the debt of love we owe one another.

This reconciled community will be an effective sign to the world not because it creates a superficial harmony, but because it faces the reality of sin in itself. It finds forgiveness as the solution to this threat. Renewal of the ministry of reconciliation in the Church increasingly takes the form of communal services of penance, linked to the celebration of the sacrament. This is an effective way of bringing home to people that all sin effects the community and reconciliation must include the community. *©ttps://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/* 



#### **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.

#### GATHERING HYMN CWBII 638

Where there is charity and love

#### OFFERTORY HYMN CWBII 547 Lord, we come to your table

THANKSGIVING HYMN CWBII 443 A new commandment

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# **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

#### FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 33:7-9

The word of the Lord came to me: "So you, O mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

"If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand.

"But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life."

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 62:2-6, 8-9**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

**9.15AM SUNDAY:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

#### SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:8-10

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia

#### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:15-20

Jesus spoke to his disciples. "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the brother or sister listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the brother or sister refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

"Truly I tell you whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

### MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Those who are sick</u>: 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, Thomas Glenister, John Baltazar & Mario Jamora.

<u>Those with anniversaries at this time</u>: Bob Keyes (8/09), Angela Rizzo (15/9), Agnieszka Stanek (17/9), Mary Bentley (18/9), Maria Bruzzese (21/9).

**<u>Those recently deceased</u>**: Luke Greig, Luis Gaspar-Trindade & Joanne MacRae.

# SUNDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 | 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | BULLETIN

#### WEEKDAY READINGS

**11 Sept** Colossians 1:24 - 2:3 Luke 6:6-11

**12 Sept** Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 6:12-19

- **13 Sept** Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 6:20-26
- **14 Sept** Numbers 21:4-9 John 3:13-17
- **15 Sept** Hebrews 5:7-9 John 19:25-27
- **16 Sept** 1 Timothy 1:15-17 Ps 112:1-7 Luke 6:43-49

#### **MAILING LIST**

Do you wish to receive this bulletin via email each week? Any updates from Fr Bernie or events in the Parish



will also be announced via our Friday Parish News email. Scan this QR code or visit: <u>http://eepurl.com/hHvhOr</u> to register.

#### 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 vising our donation page. Scan this QR code to view options.

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#### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant:** Dear friends, whenever two or three gather in Jesus' name, he is there as he promised. Heartened by his presence, let us pray with hope and faith.

We pray for Christian communities around the world, that they will be clear examples of integrity, conversion and reconciliation.

God of Glory and compassion Hear our Prayer

We pray for leaders of nations, that they develop a deep respect for the riches of the earth, accepting their responsibility of care for creation and adopting a mandate to use Earth's resources sustainably. God of Glory and compassion **Hear our Prayer** 

We pray for ourselves as the people of Australia, that as the debate over voice to Parliament continues there will be respect and openness to listening to one another and a solution that leads to harmony and love.

God of Glory and compassion

Hear our Prayer

We pray for those in prison ministry, that they will have the capacity to bring thecompassion of Christ to those who suffer from their own behaviours that have hurt others.May they be able to find a place of forgiveness of themselves and the capacity to be trulysorry.God of Glory and compassionHear our Prayer

We pray for all those in our community who have been hurt by behaviours that have no place in Christian life. May they find peace through the efforts of their brothers and sisters in Christ who seek to bring reconciliation to all sides.

God of Glory and compassion

Hear our Prayer

We pray for each other in our parish community, that we continue to be witness to the ever presence of God in our lives through our words, actions and life of faith.

God of Glory and compassion

Hear our Prayer

#### We pray together...

God of our salvation, hear our prayers and watch over us always. Guide us as your flock and keep us safe in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **NEWS & NOTICES**

#### SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

through the Eucharist will remind them of

continue to be nurtured by the Eucharist

God's love for them and that they will

Congratulations and Blessings to our young parishioners who this Sunday received Holy Communion for the first time. We pray that the strength they receive

throughout their lives.



HAYDN'S CREATION EAST SYDNEY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA & CHOIR

Sunday, 17 September at 2pm we are combining forces with the East Sydney Chamber Choir and Willoughby Symphony Choir. Peter Ellis makes a welcome return as the Continuo and the performance is under the direction of Omid Moheb Zadeh. Pre purchased tickets. Only 250 seats available @ \$25 Click <u>HERE</u> online to purchase your tickets or visit <u>https://wrps.com.au/</u>.

#### **ROSTER - SEPTEMBER**

9 – 10 SEPTEMBER	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
ALTAR SERVING	Laurie Bond	Cameron Ward & Christian Abruzzese	Dominic Hearne
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Gabrielle McAnespie & Annabelle Abruzzese	Peter Foley
EUCHARIST MINISTER	Anna Maratta & Lucy Bjorngaard	Tony & Alison Abruzzese, Francine Darvill & Veralene Lobo	Miriam Wairau & Kathy Reilly
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Margaret Duncan	Kathy Reilly
OFFERTORY	Zara, Sierra & Lucas Castelletti	Eloise Linfoot	
POWERPOINT		Lidia Linfoot	

#### LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

#### St Charles' Primary School

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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

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**REC:** Mr Mark McCoy

**Dir of Identity & Student Formation:** Ms Suzanne Walsh

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Asst Dir of Identity & Student formation: Mr Stephen Ghattas

#### 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@sydneycathol ic.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/safeguardi ng-and-child-protection/.



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PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE (02) 9369 9399 OR OFFICE@WAVERLEYCATHOLIC.ORG.AU TO JOIN THE TEAM!



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