



# 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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## REFLECTION - PARDONING IS GOOD FOR US

Hatred and resentment are moral cancers that eat away at our enthusiasm to do good. An appeal to strict justice is not enough to solve the dilemma, since taking out another's eye does not really cure the loss of one's own eye, and revenge cannot really settle the account of a grievance. But forgiveness is a hard virtue to gain and to maintain. We can feel the problem in the question Peter asks of Jesus today: "How many times must I forgive?" And although his proposal of "seven times" is used as a round symbolic willingness to forgive "as much as it is humanly possible to forgive," Jesus suggest we must go further still, since God forgives "seventy seven times" (or seventy times seven times.) Forgiveness is not a question of just how often or how many times, rather it reflects God's unending willingness to pardon. There are no limits to his forgiveness.

It is so easy to forget God's goodness, as our first reading illustrates today. (Eccl 27:30-28:7) Even the stark reality of our own death does not keep each of us alert to God's gracious promise of salvation as the guiding principal of our actions. It is not easy to see the goodness of God in the hurt we inflict on each other in our selfish interactions. Paul tells us today that we do influence each other. We affect each other. But is it for the good (Rom 14:7-9.)

Our parable today shows that we are incapable of forgiving without first appreciating the forgiveness we have received from God. Notice the three scenes:

1. We are insolvent, indebted, overdrawn in our account with God's goodness. God has given us freely life, freedom, integrity and hope. We are incapable of achieving anything by our own resources- we have none! "Without me you can do nothing."
2. We are puffed-up with our own importance: "Pay me what you owe me!" We can be intolerant, demanding, inexcusable and arrogant. We can be unkind and unforgiving. We can injure our neighbour, and he can hurt us. We can elbow our way roughly through life. We can so easily hold a grudge, and refuse to forgive.
3. The ultimate reality "God's goodness" is never simple-minded. God is not blind. The unforgiving cannot be forgiven. Forgiveness only comes from realising that we have been forgiven. In pardoning we are pardoned. Our tenuous hold on others must quickly be consumed not by following our hatred to the hilt, but by pardoning in gentle forgiveness. Only so can we realise the equation: Insolvency cannot make demands!

And so let us forgive from our hearts, for if we leave the court with our own suit dismissed, and fail to forgive, then we find ourselves immediately rearranged and in the dock as the guilty accused!  
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## SEASONS OF CREATION CALENDAR 2023



**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 555**

Make me a channel of your peace

**THANKSGIVING HYMN****CWBII 120**

Forgive our sins and we forgive

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Give peace, O Lord,  
to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

**FIRST READING: SIRACH 27:30 - 28:7**

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, yet  
a sinner holds on to them. The vengeful will  
face the Lord's vengeance, for he keeps a strict  
account of their sins. Forgive your neighbour  
the wrong that is done, and then your sins will  
be pardoned when you pray.  
Does anyone harbour anger against an other,  
and expect healing from the Lord? If one has  
no mercy toward an other like oneself, can  
one then seek pardon for one's own sins? If a  
mere mortal harbours wrath, who will make  
an atoning sacrifice for that one's sins?  
Remember the end of your life, and set enmity  
aside remember corruption and death, and be  
true to the commandments. Remember the  
commandments, and do not be angry with  
your neighbour; remember the covenant of  
the Most High, and overlook faults.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 102:1-4, 9-12**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love & compassion.

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.

**9.15AM SUNDAY:**

*The Lord is kind and merciful.  
Slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 14:7-9**

My brothers and sisters, we do not live to  
ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.  
If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we  
die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or  
whether we die, we are the Lord's.  
For to this end Christ died and lived again,  
so that he might be Lord of both the dead and  
the living.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 13:34**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, a brother  
or sister sins against me, how often should I  
forgive? As many as seven times?"  
Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell  
you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the  
kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king  
who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.  
When he began the reckoning, one who owed  
him ten thousand talents was brought to him;  
and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him  
to be sold, together with his wife and children  
and all his possessions, and payment to be  
made. So the slave fell on his knees before  
him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will  
pay you everything.' The lord of that slave  
released him and forgave him the debt.  
"But that same slave, as he went out, called  
upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a  
hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat,  
he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow  
slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have  
patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he  
refused; then he went and threw him into  
prison until he would pay the debt. When his  
fellow slaves saw what had happened, they  
were greatly distressed, and they went and  
reported to their lord all that had taken place.  
Then his lord summoned him and said to him,  
'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt  
because you pleaded with me. Should you not  
have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had  
mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed  
him over to be tortured until he would pay his  
entire debt.

"So my heavenly Father will also do to every  
one of you, if you do not forgive your brother  
or sister from your heart."

**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, Thomas Glenister, John Baltazar & Mario Jamora.

**Those with anniversaries at this time:** Agnieszka Stanek (17/9), Mary Bentley (18/9), Maria Bruzzese (21/9)

**Those recently baptised:** Jasper Robert Frith, Lana Sofia Stevens & Sunny Julian Hamilton



### WEEKDAY READINGS

- 18 Sept** 1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Luke 7:1-10
- 19 Sept** 1 Timothy 3:1-13  
Luke 7:11-17
- 20 Sept** 1 Timothy 3:14-16  
Luke 7:31-35
- 21 Sept** Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13  
Matthew 9:9-13
- 22 Sept** 1 Timothy 6:2-12  
Luke 8:1-3
- 23 Sept** 1 Timothy 6:13-16  
Ps 99  
Luke 8:4-15

### 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: <http://eepurl.com/hHvhOr> 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.

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### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant:** *Sisters and brothers, the word of Jesus, following the tradition of the wisdom of his own people, compels us to have forgiving hearts in our relationships with each other.*

**For the Church** – that we speak to the world with a voice of mercy, forgiveness, consolation, and peace. God of mercy and forgiveness **Hear our Prayer**

**For leaders of nations** – that in their efforts to build strong economies and safe societies, they remember the poor and vulnerable, those on the margins, and plan for their wellbeing. God of mercy and forgiveness **Hear our Prayer**

**For people who encounter insult or discrimination** – that the trials they encounter will not make them bitter but will become instead sources of inspiration to build a more just world. God of mercy and forgiveness **Hear our Prayer**

**For all whose lives have been impacted by natural disasters** – that in this Season of Creation we strive to address the harm caused by floods, fires and other disasters. God of mercy and forgiveness **Hear our Prayer**

**For the referendum on the Voice to Parliament** – that both sides of the debate will respect each other's opinions and that whatever the result, will bring about unity and understanding. God of mercy and forgiveness **Hear our Prayer**

**For people in our parish who are alone** – that we seek to support them through visiting and prayer as a sign of our commitment to love one another. God of mercy and forgiveness **Hear our Prayer**

**We pray together...**

God rich in mercy, grant us what we need to live as your holy people.  
Let your loving-kindness make us compassionate as you are compassionate,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### NEWS & NOTICES

7pm Start  
Followed by Supper

**Young Adult Nights**  
Inter-Parish Event - 7pm  
SHARE FAITH & MAKE NEW FRIENDS

**22ND SEPTEMBER**  
Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

**27TH OCTOBER**  
Holy Family Church, Maroubra

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth."

#### 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. Pre purchased tickets. Only 250 seats available @ \$25 Click [HERE](https://wrps.com.au/) online to purchase your tickets or visit <https://wrps.com.au/>

#### SECRETARY ON LEAVE

Please note the Parish Secretary will be on leave next week 18 -22 Sept, returning Monday 25 Sept. For all urgent matters, please contact Fr Bernie (02) 9369 9328. Thank you

### ROSTER - SEPTEMBER

16 – 17 SEPT	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Dominic Hearne & Sofia Baricevic
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Leanna Langlands	Des Durkin & Anne Fahy	Karl Baricevic
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POWERPOINT		Maureen Teagle	

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### St Charles' Primary School

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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

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W <https://stclares.nsw.edu.au/>

School Principal: Mrs Ann Freeman

REC: Mr Mark McCoy

### Waverley College, Senior Campus

131 Birrell Street, Waverley 2024

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Principal: Mr Graham Leddie

Dir of Identity & Student Formation:

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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](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.

For more info, visit:

[www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/).



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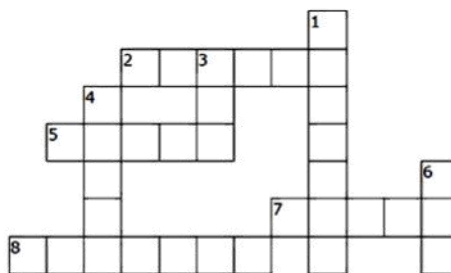
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## KIDS CORNER

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### ACROSS

2. A statement given in reply to a question
5. The number that is equal to six plus one
7. The Son of God
8. To pardon someone for doing something wrong

### DOWN

1. A male with the same parents as someone else
3. To break God's law
4. A fisherman who became one of Jesus' disciples
6. To seek an answer to a question

SEVEN	ASK	PETER	JESUS
BROTHER	FORGIVE	ANSWER	SIN

*forgiveness*



## Volunteers Needed

IF YOU ENJOY SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH CHILDREN, PLEASE JOIN US!  
WE ARE LOOKING TO START CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON SUNDAY DURING 9:15AM MASS.

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

