



# 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 - ONLY GOD SEES THE FULL PICTURE

The core of the Gospel parable is also in the Isaiah passage: "My thoughts are not your thoughts." Try as we may, it is impossible to justify the payment of the workers in the vineyard in ordinary social terms. It could hardly be said to be fair. Yes, the owner is generous to the last comers, but why is he not generous to the others as well? It is simply that there is no reckoning up deserts when man meets God.

In Our Lord's time Judaism had reached a legalistic state, and the mentality was prevalent that salvation could and must be earned. There were many commands which must be fulfilled, and people were divided into two classes, the righteous who were on the road to salvation by fulfilling the commands, and the unrighteous, outcasts despised by those who kept the law. It was this slot-machine conception of God that Jesus opposed by his emphasis on love, for in love there is no calculation of duties, rights and obligations; there is only an open-handed giving without counting the cost, and a grateful receiving. We can never say that we have earned our salvation, or anything from God, but can only stand suppliant before him. The latest workers in the vine-yard have not earned what the owner gives them, and the mistake of their envious colleagues is to think that they can deserve well of the owner.

Devout Christians may find it hard to stomach that someone who repents on his deathbed is admitted to the kingdom no less than those who have struggled and suffered all their lives for what is right. But this would presuppose a commercial attitude of reward and punishments from God, and it neglects the nature of love. The relationship of the believer to God must be personal love, and as such it is its own reward, for it brings its own happiness also in this life. The greater the struggle, the more a Christian turns to God and finds comfort in the security of his love. Also, fidelity through a long life does bring some advantage over a skimpy final conversion, for it may well be that the relationship of love has so deepened over the years that the Christian, faithfully following Christ, has more capacity for the full enjoyment of God's company than one who comes to know God only at the last moment. Here it is not a matter of God giving a greater reward, but of the person being more capable of receiving it.

Of this deep and rewarding relationship with God and with Christ Paul shows himself in the second reading to be a shining example. Writing as he does under persecution he is yet filled with the joy of Christ. His life is already united with Christ's life, and he longs for the fulfilment of final union. The parable of the vineyard-workers is no blueprint for labour relations, but it illustrates very well Jesus' teaching about grace and mercy. There are consequences to be drawn, and, in The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis wrote: "The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel." (§114)

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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 455**

Be thou my vision

**OFFERTORY HYMN****CWBII 595**

Seek, O seek the Lord

**THANKSGIVING HYMN****CWBII 290**

God of mercy and compassion

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:6-9**

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 145**

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts.

**9.15AM SUNDAY:***The Lord is near to all who call him.***SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24, 27**

My brothers and sisters: It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.  
If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples. "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

"When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

**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:** Maria Bruzzese (21/9)

**Those recently deceased:** Joanne MacRae

**Those recently baptised:** Mackenzie Novak, Delilah Novak, Piper Kate Davies & Zahli Mae Necco

### WEEKDAY READINGS

- 25 Sept** Ezra 1:1-6  
Luke 8:16-18
- 26 Sept** Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20  
Luke 8:19-21
- 27 Sept** Ezra 9:5-9  
Luke 9:1-6
- 28 Sept** Haggai 1:1-8  
Luke 9:7-9
- 29 Sept** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
John 1:47-51
- 30 Sept** Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15  
Jeremiah 31:10-13  
Luke 9:43-45

### MAILING LIST

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### WISH TO DONATE, NO CASH?

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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 be a community of mercy reaching out to the world with arms of comfort and healing. God of comfort and healing **Hear our Prayer**

**For our world** – that countries rich in agricultural and technological resources may be generous in sharing these benefits with nations in need. God of comfort and healing **Hear our Prayer**

**For Refugee and Asylum Seekers** – that they may know acceptance and welcome in the countries they hope to settle in. May we be conscious always of the tragedies that lead to their refugee status and pray for peace in our world. God of comfort and healing **Hear our Prayer**

**For people who work the land to produce food** – that they develop new respect for the soil which gives them their livelihood, care for it and establish practices to sustain its vitality for future generations. God of comfort and healing **Hear our Prayer**

**For all workers** – that their work provides them with a living wage, sufficient for them and their family to live on. God of comfort and healing **Hear our Prayer**

**For our parish community** – That we may be the gospel's model of community in which there are neither first nor last but only sisters and brothers in Christ. God of comfort and healing **Hear our Prayer**

**We pray together...**

*Holy God, you have revealed the mystery of your mercy in the Word-made-flesh. Help us to put his teaching of love into practice. We make this prayer though Christ our Lord, Amen.*

### NEWS & NOTICES

#### FOODBANK

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## HARVEST PILGRIMAGE

### ROSTER - SEPTEMBER

| 23 – 24 SEPT       | SAT 5PM VIGIL                  | SUN 9.15AM  | SUN 5PM                         |
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| ALTAR SERVING      | Margaret Blake                 | Marchellas Tjipto   | Dominic Hearne & Massimo Neeson |
| PROCLAIMER OF WORD | Francesca Jensen               | Eloise Linfoot  | Brigid Zengeni                  |
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### 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

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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:

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WE ARE LOOKING TO START CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON SUNDAY  
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