



# 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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Our notion of heaven derives largely from what we regard as most desirable in this world. Such was always the case. Every age reinvents heaven to mirror its own time. What is depicted tells us more about conditions here than in the hereafter. The idea of its being a marriage feast has little appeal for some of us. Like most priests, I have had more than my share of wedding receptions in this world, with their invariable menus of turkey and ham, to have any desire for more of the same in the next. Yet, there was a time in my life when food came high on the list of desirables. The smell of fried eggs and bacon from the staff dining-room in my boarding-school days could transport me to another world!

Such was the bleakness of the lives of most people in biblical and other times, when food was basic and scarce, it is not surprising that Jesus compared the kingdom of heaven to a royal wedding feast. There was of course a political agenda behind those royal banquets. They helped to insure that the heir to the throne would be accepted and loved by his poorer subjects. Caesars and senators in ancient Rome were accustomed to sponsor gladiatorial contests and other bloody spectacles for much the same reason. Cynical Romans were well aware that their acquiescence in, if not allegiance to, the ruling junta, was being bought with 'bread and circuses'. Vestiges of the same still survive today as richer countries vie with each other to host the Olympic Games or the World Cup.

In the parable Jesus spoke to the religious hierarchy of his time. They were his prime target and they knew it. Already they had plans to rid themselves of this rabble-rousing rabbi, for they were too preoccupied with clinging to privilege and power to accept God's invitation to the wedding-feast. Others had their 'farms' and their 'businesses', their deals and the social whirl. Unhappy with being reprimanded for their dubious practices, they rejected the prophetic messengers sent to warn them that the feast was ready. This story goes on finding in every age a new target audience. Maybe Curial executive types who run the local churches like regional subsidiaries of a giant international company should take the warning nowadays. But they are not alone. It would be comforting to think of ourselves as too ordinary to be included, or that we are among those at the crossroads who finally fill the wedding-hall. Our baptism placed us squarely on the guest list. Our profession of faith every Sunday confirms it. But our actual priorities might still keep us from making to the wedding feast.

It used to be thought that heaven was the better of the two options on offer when we die. The Christian truth is that the offer of heaven is made here and now; for death only fixes for eternity the choice we actually make in this life. We have already received our invitations. We have been tagged with an RSVP. -We are already making our responses by the priorities we choose here and now. Daniel Berrigan noted the sharp ironies in this parable: "The story is charged with ironies. We have the Christ of "love your enemies" telling about a king who takes revenge on his enemies (Matt 22, 1-14) . This king, in fact, recalls the most savage of Hebrew and Gentile rulers. The invitation to his banquet declares that everyone is welcome, "both evil and good." But after the ragtag guests assemble, someone is by no means made welcome. Quite the opposite. He is "bound hand and foot, and cast into outer darkness." His offence? Lacking that well-known wedding garment. This anonymous guest, someone from "the main highways," perhaps homeless, almost certainly destitute, where was such a one to come on a festive robe? Imagine a homeless person in New York rounded up to appear at a wedding and then berated for not being clothed in a tuxedo!"

## 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 588

Praise my soul the King of heaven

## OFFERTORY HYMN

CWBII 547

Lord, we come to your table

## THANKSGIVING HYMN

CWBII 385

Filled with the spirit's power

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

## FIRST READING: ISAIAH 25:6-10

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make  
for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of  
well-aged wines, of rich food filled with  
marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the  
shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet  
that is spread over all nations; he will swallow  
up death forever. Then the Lord God will  
wipe away the tears from all faces, and the  
disgrace of his people he will take away from  
all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God;  
we have waited for him, so that he might  
save us. This is the Lord for whom we have  
waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his  
salvation. For the hand of the Lord will rest  
on this mountain.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 23

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name,  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

## 9.15AM SUNDAY:

*I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.*



## SECOND READING: PHILI 4:12-14, 19-20

I know what it is to have little, and I know what  
it is to have plenty. In any and all  
circumstances I have learned the secret of  
being well-fed and of going hungry, of having  
plenty and of being in need.

I can do all things through him who  
strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you  
to share my distress.

My God will fully satisfy every need of yours  
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.  
To our God and Father be glory forever and  
ever. Amen.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: EPHESIANS 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called. Alleluia

## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and  
Pharisees in parables: "The kingdom of heaven  
may be compared to a king who gave a  
wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves  
to call those who had been invited to the  
wedding banquet, but they would not come.  
Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those  
who have been invited: "Look, I have prepared  
my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have  
been slaughtered, and everything is ready;  
come to the wedding banquet."'"

"But they made light of it and went away, one  
to his farm, another to his business, while the  
rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and  
killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his  
troops, destroyed those murderers, and  
burned their city.

"Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is  
ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go  
therefore into the main streets, and invite  
everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'  
Those slaves went out into the streets and  
gathered all whom they found, both good and  
bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests,  
he noticed a man there who was not wearing a  
wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how  
did you get in here without a wedding robe?'  
And he was speechless. Then the king said to  
the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and  
throw him into the outer darkness, where  
there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'  
For many are called, but few are chosen."

## WEEKDAY READINGS

- 16 Oct** Romans 1:1-7  
Luke 11:29-32
- 17 Oct** Romans 1:16-25  
Luke 11:37-41
- 18 Oct** 2 Timothy 4:10-17  
Luke 10:1-9
- 19 Oct** Romans 3:21-30  
Luke 11:47-54
- 20 Oct** Romans 4:1-8  
Luke 12:1-7
- 21 Oct** Romans 4:13, 16-18  
Ps 104:6-9, 42-43  
Luke 12:9-12

## 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.

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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## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant:** *As we meet in God's house, we trust that God's goodness shall follow all those for whom we pray.*

We pray for the leaders of our Church, especially Pope Francis. May they always shepherd the People of God with generosity and commitment.

Nurturing God of Creation

**Hear our Prayer**

We pray for communities at risk from more frequent and more extreme heat and fires especially in this El Nino season. May they be supported by emergency services.

Nurturing God of Creation

**Hear our Prayer**

We pray for all those who are part of the growing, distribution and preparation of food. May they always see food as a gift that must be shared with everyone in the world and therefore work towards food security for all people.

Nurturing God of Creation

**Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our Parish community. May we may experience a hunger and thirst for goodness of life and share the hope of the resurrection with those with meet.

Nurturing God of Creation

**Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our community gathered here today to share in the Eucharist. May we always be conscious of our role in the coming of the kingdom as we are sent out from this holy place.

Nurturing God of Creation

**Hear our Prayer**

We pray for those suffering the pain of loneliness and isolation, that family and friends will find ways of assuring them they are cherished.

Nurturing God of Creation

**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.*

## 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, Margaret Edgar & Peter Howard.

**Those with anniversaries at this time:** Vincent Dewberry & Monte Henwood (19/10)

## NEWS & NOTICES



You are cordially invited to the next Secular Franciscan Fraternity Meeting on 21 October at 2pm in the Parish Hall.

*Congratulations*

Congratulations to Fr Bernie for his 21st Ordination Anniversary! - 19 October 2002

## ROSTER - OCTOBER

14 – 15 OCTOBER	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
ALTAR SERVING	Laurie Bond	Cameron Ward & Christian Abruzzese	Dominic Hearne & Sofia Baricevic
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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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TERM 4 FROM 18 OCTOBER

