



# 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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## AWAKE TO THE LORD

The wedding banquet is a consistent image of eternal life in the New Testament. We can only speak about the unknown and unfamiliar in terms of what is known and familiar. The wedding banquet highlights eternal life as that state in which the deepest hunger and thirst in our lives will be satisfied, especially the hunger and thirst for love, for God who is love. "O God, for you my soul is thirsting" (responsorial psalm.) In the second reading, Paul, without making use of the banquet image, speaks of life beyond death in a similar vein – it is that eternal moment when "God will bring them (those who have died) with him" and when "we shall stay with the Lord forever." Eternal life will mean entering into a new and fuller relationship with God and, through him, with all creation.

Yet, the parable warns us that it is possible to exclude ourselves from the banquet of eternal life. It was only those who were ready, who went in with the bridegroom to the wedding hall. When God comes to bring us, will we be ready? Life, including life after death is God's gift to us and a gift, by definition, can be refused. However, we will certainly be ready to accept this ultimate gift, if throughout our lives we have learned to be receptive to God. Our daily attitudes will determine our attitude at the moment of death. Today's gospel concludes with a ringing exhortation "Stay awake." One important way in which we stay awake to God is prayer. "Why are you sleeping?" Jesus asked his friends, "get up and pray" (Luke 22:46.) To pray is to awaken to the Lord who is always awake to us. In prayer we look for the Lord, desire him, watch for him and think about him. To pray is to become like a child, to grow in receptivity to God's presence within us.

@<https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/>

"Watch early for wisdom": wise words, and ones that the foolish bridesmaids of the Gospel should have taken to heart. This is the ultimate in 'putting off till tomorrow...', since the reading is about the end of time, when the Son of Man will come again. Then there will be no tomorrow. If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing today. Quite often we contemplate the end of time with anxiety and fear: this is not what God wants. Look at the Psalm, where we hear of desperate longing, a thirst for the Lord, that cannot wait. We should not just wait for the Lord with patient endurance, but with impatient longing: what could we desire more than the coming of the Lord, the rising of the dead and an eternity of joy and glory?

@<https://www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/ordinary-32a>



With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

**Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.**

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



Free call: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor)

**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 552**

Love divine, all loves excelling

**OFFERTORY HYMN****CWBII 547**

Lord, we come to your table

**THANKSGIVING HYMN****CWBII 638**

Where there is charity and Love

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**FIRST READING: WISDOM 6:12-16**

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate.

To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 62:2-8**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

**9.15AM SUNDAY:**

*My souls is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

**SECOND READING: 1 THESS 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ->

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATT 24:42, 44**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you do not know when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13**

When talking about his coming in glory, Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

"But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

"Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

**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, Ruth Tarlinton, Nadia Monsieur, Adelina Murray, Iris Walshe-Howling, Ella Connery, Thomas Glenister, John Baltazar, Mario Jamora, Vivien Dorko, Peter Howard & Ken Smith.

**Those with anniversaries at this time:** Theresa Chin (14/11),

**Those recently deceased:** Jane Borg, Fr Gregory Bourke ofm



### WEEKDAY READINGS

<b>13 Nov</b>	Wisdom 1:1-7 Luke 17:1-6
<b>14 Nov</b>	Wisdom 2:23 - 3:9 Luke 17:7-10
<b>15 Nov</b>	Wisdom 6:1-11 Luke 17:11-19
<b>16 Nov</b>	Wisdom 7:22 - 8:1 Luke 17:20-25
<b>17 Nov</b>	Wisdom 13:1-9 Luke 17:26-37
<b>18 Nov</b>	Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Ps 104:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 Luke 18:1-8

### 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

**Presider:** God calls us as a priestly people to pray for one another and our world, so we present these prayers with trust in our God.

**For the Church** – that all members of the Church may develop the talents that God has given them and use them for the common good. Lord hear us **Lord hear our prayer**

**For leaders of nations** – that they seek with urgency, a just end to all wars and to all civil unrest. Lord hear us **Lord hear our prayer**

**For people who have no work** – that will not become discouraged but with support, will seek and find reliable employment, and contribute to the wellbeing of their family and community. Lord hear us **Lord hear our prayer**

**For all who are searching for hope in their lives** – that they may be alert to God's Grace, attuned to the voice of Wisdom and alive to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Lord hear us **Lord hear our prayer**

**For Australia** – that we seek a just society where wealth is shared, the sick and vulnerable are cared for and the environment is protected. Lord hear us **Lord hear our prayer**

**For ourselves** – that we will be generous with what we have, ready to recognise and help people in need. Lord hear us **Lord hear our prayer**

**For our local community of Waverley** – that we continue to be a people of prayer and always seeking ways to serve God in our community. Lord hear us **Lord hear our prayer**

### Concluding Prayer (we pray together)

*God of peace, You are all light, in you there is no darkness. Let your light shine upon all for whom we pray so that we may walk gladly in your ways. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### NEWS & NOTICES

#### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Christian Meditation is held in the Parish Centre at 5.30pm every Monday evening except Public Holidays. The last gathering for 2023 is 11 December and will resume on 12 February 2024. For more info, please call Trisha on 0405 516 972.



You are cordially invited to the next Secular Franciscan Fraternity Meeting on 18 November at 2pm in the Parish Hall.

#### SYDNEY STREET FEAST – 17 NOV VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

On Friday, 17 November, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 12 pm to 2 pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2023>



### ROSTER - OCTOBER

11 – 12 NOVEMBER	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
<b>ALTAR SERVING</b>	Barry Blake	Christian Abruzzese	Dominic Hearne & Sofia Baricevic
<b>PROCLAIMER OF WORD</b>	Margaret Blake	Des Durkin & Maria Ner	Karl Baricevic
<b>EUCARIST MINISTER</b>	Vincent Conroy & Susana Hansen	Tony & Alison Abruzzese, Margaret Kelly & Jackie Durkin	Janet Gerzina & Teresa Vigroux
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Warren Kelly	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly
<b>OFFERTORY</b>		Eloise Linfoot	Valentin & Timéo Vigroux
<b>POWERPOINT OPS</b>		Lidia Linfoot	
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	-	Laura Neeson & Connie Stojic	-

## 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

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

Principal: Mr Graham Leddie

Dir of Identity & Student Formation:

Ms Suzanne Walsh

### Waverley College, Junior Campus

44 Henrietta Street, Waverley 2024  
P (02) 9387 5022

W <https://waverley.nsw.edu.au/2>

Director of Junior School (Acting):

Ms Gabrielle Bransby

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@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/).



## ADVERTISE WITH US

## KIDS CORNER

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## The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids Matthew 25:1-13

TEN	BRIDESMAID	LAMPS
FIVE	BRIDEGROOM	FOOLISH
SENSIBLE	WEDDING	OIL
DOOR	AWAKE	HOUR

