



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.

PARISH CENTRE

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Monday - Friday (Mondays email only)



NEWS & NOTICES

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

Parent Information Evening: Weds, 14th Feb @ 6.30pm at Parish Centre.

Commitment Mass: Sat, 17th Feb @ 5pm at Mary Immaculate Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Weds, 20th March @ 6.30pm at Mary Immaculate Church. You must attend regularly, live local to Waverley Parish or have permission from local Parish. Any questions, please contact the office.



E-NEWS MAIL 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 E-News. Scan this QR code or visit: <http://eepurl.com/hHvhOr> to register. Any questions, please contact the office on (02) 9369 9399.



MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

A reminder there is no Prayer Group until Wednesday, 7th Feb 2024.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Christian Meditation Group will resume on Mon 12 Feb 2024. For info, call Trisha 0405 516 972.

PARISH SECRETARY ON LEAVE

Please note that Carla will be on leave from Monday, 25 December 2023 and will return to the office on Tuesday, 10 January 2024. Emails will be checked at office@waverleycatholic.org.au periodically. All urgent requests, please contact Fr Bernie (02) 9369 9399 or parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au. Thank you.

ROSTER

6 – 7 JANUARY 2024	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Cameron Ward	Dominic Hearne & Sofia Baricevic
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Maria Ner & Anne Fahy	Karl Baricevic
EUCARIST MINISTER	Shirley Lyons & Leanna Langlands	Gisella Musumeci, Margaret Kelly, Francine Darvill & Veralene Lobo	Janet Gerzina & Laura Neeson
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Margaret Duncan	Laura Neeson
OFFERTORY	Zara, Sierra & Lucas Castelletti	Genevieve Roberts	Chloe Neeson
POWERPOINT OPS		Victor Voros	

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

9.15AM SUNDAY: *Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3. 5-6

Surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation.

In former generations this mystery was not made known to humanity as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, They offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

As the Magi came to place gifts before Jesus in his Bethlehem home, we present our prayers with joyful hope before our loving Father.

We pray for Pope Francis and all the bishops, that they may be granted the wisdom they need to lead others to Christ as did the Magi.

Lord born anew hear our prayer

Christ our Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all the members of the Church, that we may take seriously our role in bringing others to the light of faith and strengthening them in that faith.

Lord born anew hear our prayer

Christ our Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders of all nations, that they allow their people freedom of worship at all times.

Lord born anew hear our prayer

Christ our Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are experiencing a time of darkness through sickness, isolation, suffering or loneliness. May the light of Christ bring salvation to all who seek him and may they be restored to their communities.

Lord born anew hear our prayer

Christ our Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for the Christian churches in the Middle East. May the wounds of the past be healed by the celebration of Christ's birth and may peace reign in the land once more.

Lord born anew hear our prayer

Christ our Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for our local community. May we be enlightened by the heavenly splendour in this holiday season and reach out to offer support to those who are most in need of God's light.

Lord born anew hear our prayer

Christ our Lord hear our prayer.

We pray together: Source of light and life, today you revealed your Son as the light of all peoples. May we follow him and come to the light that shines forever. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen