



# 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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## 2nd Sunday of Advent PEACE



### REFLECTIONS - JOHN'S CHALLENGE TO US

The call of John the Baptist is challenging but, ultimately, it is a consoling word, because the Lord to whom John calls on us to turn our hearts is not one who is here to judge us. Rather, he is one who has come to heal and renew us. The voice crying in the wilderness is, ultimately, a voice of consolation. In the opening words of Isaiah in today's first reading, 'Console my people, console them. Speak to the heart of Jerusalem.' At the end of that reading, Isaiah declares, 'Here is the Lord coming with power.' The word 'power' can have negative connotations for us. It can suggest some kind of overbearing presence or a determination to dominate. Yet the power of the Lord that Isaiah speaks about is of a different kind altogether. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast, and leading to their rest the mother ewes who are soon to give birth. This is a very tender power; it is the power of a faithful and enduring love, a love that gathers and nurtures and gives rest. This is the God whom John the Baptist invites us to rediscover this Advent. It is this God who comes to us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. In the gospel, the Baptist refers to Jesus as 'more powerful than I am.' He is the more powerful one, in the sense that the first reading defines power. It is Jesus who gives full expression to God's tender love that brings healing to the broken, strength to the weak and rest to the weary. It is this adult Jesus, now risen Lord, whose coming towards us and is with us as we celebrate Christmas. The Baptist calls us this Advent to prepare a way in our lives for the coming of this Lord, this Shepherd, in whom, as the Psalm says, mercy and faithfulness have met, justice and peace have embraced. This is the one we are called to meet this Advent, who can give meaning and depth to all our other encounters.

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## Christmas

### Mass Times

**Christmas Eve - Sunday, 24 December**  
 NB: Normal Scheduled 9:15am Mass  
**5:00pm - Vigil Children's Family Mass**  
**11:30pm - Carols Service followed by**  
**12:00am - Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day - Monday, 25 December**  
**9:15am - Christmas Morning Mass**  
 NB: No Evening Mass

**Boxing Day - Tuesday, 26 December**  
**9:15am - Normal Scheduled Mass**  
 NB: No Evening Mass

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite nativity character (please no glitter)

*"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."*

## LIGHTING THE SECOND CANDLE THE CANDLE OF PEACE

*(A Person lights the First Candle here)*

Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah who calls us to be a signal to the nations and to recognise the Messiah in our midst. (First Reading)

**Sung: Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus,  
you are the way the truth the life**

*(A Person lights the Second Candle here)*

Lord Jesus, you come among us now. St Paul reminds us to treat each other as Christ treats us and so give glory to the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. (Second Reading)

**Sung: Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus,  
you are the way the truth the life**

Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory. John the Baptist calls us to 'repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' (Gospel)

**Sung: Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus,  
you are the way the truth the life**

## 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 242**

Come, O Come Emmanuel (vv 1, 4 & 5)

## OFFERTORY HYMN

**CWBII 251**

Wait for the Lord

## THANKSGIVING HYMN

**CWBII 244**

On Jordan's Banks

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

## FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 84:9-14

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

## 9.15AM SUNDAY:

*Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.*

## SECOND READING: 2 PETER 3:8-15

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia

## GOSPEL: MARK 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair; with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

## 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, 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, Peter Timmins & Denise O'Flanagan.

**Those with anniversaries at this time:** Peter Perrin (7/12), Josue Martins (8/12), Maria Abruzzese (8/12), Elizabeth Morrison (12/12), Julia Brookes (14/12) & Bridget Pereira (30/12).



### WEEKDAY READINGS

- 11 Dec** Isaiah 35:1-10  
Luke 5:17-26
- 12 Dec** Isaiah 40:1-11  
Matthew 18:12-14
- 13 Dec** Isaiah 40:25-31  
Matthew 11:28-30
- 14 Dec** Isaiah 41:13-20  
Matthew 11:11-15
- 15 Dec** Isaiah 48:17-19  
Matthew 11:16-19
- 16 Dec** Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11  
Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
Matthew 17:10-13

### 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

**Introduction:** St Peter reminds us that God's time is not our time and that God is not slow to carry out promises. In the hope of this Advent season then let us pray to God for the needs of the world and our community.

We pray for all Church leaders, especially Pope Francis, that they, like John the Baptist, be filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ with unflinching devotion.

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

*O come O Lord and listen to our prayer*

We pray for the leaders of the world that gather for the COP28 conference. May they do all within their power to bring security to our natural environment – Mother Earth.

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

*O come O Lord and listen to our prayer*

We pray for our Australian leaders as we face another bushfire season. May careful policy that respects the land and the changes in our climate be fruitful in helping contain the risk of fire that causes suffering to our communities.

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

*O come O Lord and listen to our prayer*

We pray that our hearts be encouraged to bring the message of the incarnation to all people we meet in this coming week; a message of hope and peace.

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

*O come O Lord and listen to our prayer*

We pray for ourselves that in this time of preparation for Christmas we will focus on our needs rather than our wants and be generous to those who need help.

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

*O come O Lord and listen to our prayer*

We pray for peace in our world. May those countries and leaders at war realise the stupidity of their actions and seek to bring about reconciliation and peacefulness to their nations.

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

*O come O Lord and listen to our prayer*

**We pray together:** *Father, we gather here as a people baptised by the Spirit and in the sure knowledge that you will answer these petitions. We make our prayer through the Spirit and in the name of 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 tomorrow, 11 December and will resume on 12 February 2024. For more info, please call Trisha on 0405 516 972.

#### DEVOTIONAL SHOP OPEN

The Devotional Shop is open after the Sat vigil and Sun 9:15am Mass. Franciscan Calendars are available \$10ea and God's Word 2024 at \$24ea. Christmas cards from \$8.00/pc 8 or \$1.50ea. Small Nativity sets and gifts are available too. Don't miss out!

#### HOUSE OF WELCOME

Support House of Welcome by bringing something to add to the baskets this weekend.

**Non-Food Items: (NO CLOTHES PLEASE) OR Non-Perishable Food Items.** Food vouchers are also great. Pick up available. Call or SMS - 0421 745 612. Thank you for your support!



#### COFFEE CART AFTER 9:15AM MASS

Join us for a freshly brewed coffee, tea or hot chocolate this **Sunday, 10 December after 9:15am Mass**. A chance for Waverley Parish Community to get to know each other better. Look for the coffee van and baristas next to the big lawn. This is a trial, so help make this a hit!

### ROSTER

9 – 10 DECEMBER	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
ALTAR SERVING	Angel Agustin	Cameron Ward & Christian Abruzzese	Dominic Hearne & Sofia Baricevic
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## LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

### St Charles' Primary School

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**REC:** Mrs Jessica Keeley

**Family Educator:** Mrs Caroline Doherty

### St Clare's College, Waverley

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**School Principal:** Mrs Ann Freeman

**REC:** Mr Mark McCoy

### Waverley College, Senior Campus

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**Principal:** Mr Graham Leddie

**Dir of Identity & Student Formation:**

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**Director of Junior School (Acting):**

Ms Gabrielle Bransby

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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/).



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**ST CHARLES' PLAYGROUP**  
IS NOW ENDED FOR 2023.  
2024 START DATES WILL BE CONFIRMED IN  
FEBRUARY 2024. HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

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