



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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3rd Sunday of Advent JOY – Gaudete Sunday



REFLECTIONS - IN A SPIRIT OF JOYFUL SERVICE

Today's readings are brimful of joy and hope. Israel radiates as a joyful bride coming to her bridegroom adorned for a lavish, oriental wedding. Paul's words to the Thessalonians continue the theme of hope and joy in a community that lives by the life of Christ. And St John, in the gospel, pictures the work of John the Baptist, who came to witness to God's light upon this earth. This is not a joyousness without responsibility. It's a joy that is found when people find and carry out their true mission in life. Isaiah speaks of one anointed and sent to bring good news to the oppressed – words that were adopted by Jesus to describe his own life's purpose – just as they should also be made real in the life of every Christian. Those privileged to share in Jesus' spiritual life must also share in his concerns and desires.

Two key ideas in today's readings go well together:

1. The spiritual joy that marks the Christian faith, that we are waiting for the coming of the Lord, and our entry into a life of eternal communion with God. The other is the willingness to bear our share of the Christian work-load, to do our bit, in our time, to realise the goals of Jesus in our world. I'd like to hear a homily focussed on one of these, without totally forgetting the other. In these times of economic austerity and budget cuts that are endlessly debated, is no harm to be reminded of the blessings in our lives, our reasons to be joyful. Mention, for example, the love we enjoy with our family and friends, the pleasure of meeting new people, of awakening some dormant talent by taking a course of adult education; the solidarity we feel in our local community when people willingly help their neighbours in their needs; the consolation to be found in prayer. Many examples can be named, to illustrate God's blessing in our lives: reasons to be joyful. Like the northern Irish writer C.S. Lewis, we too can be "surprised by joy," and re-discover gladness and meaning in life.
2. Our advent-mission to help the needy, if we are to carry on "the project of Jesus" – the commitment he always showed to people on the margins. Practical examples of his "good news for the poor" can be pointed out, according to the life-situation of the worshippers. Our homilist must try to persuade those whose lives are peaceful and prosperous not to be afraid to let the pain of the needy come through to them and touch them. The sort of carefree joy that lets us shut our eyes to the seamier side of life, and "pass by on the other side," is not the authentic joy announced in today's reading. Care for our neglected neighbours may stand in a certain tension with our personal sense of joy, but the two can and should be blended into the lifestyle of anybody who wants to build their life on Jesus.

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COFFEE CART AFTER 9:15AM MASS

Join us for a freshly brewed coffee, tea or hot chocolate this Sunday, 17 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 and ensure there will be many more to come!

LIGHTING THE THIRD CANDLE THE CANDLE OF JOY

(A Person lights 1st, 2nd & 3rd Candle)

Lord Jesus, your coming was foretold by the prophet Isaiah who proclaims 'Look, your God is coming, he is coming to save you.' (First Reading)

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

Lord Jesus, you come among us now as the light of the world. St James urges us to be patient and not to lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.
(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.
And raise the dead to new life.
(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, 6 & 7)

OFFERTORY HYMN

CWBII 251

Wait for the Lord

THANKSGIVING HYMN

CWBII 244

On Jordan's Banks

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 61:1-2, 10-11

The servant of the Lord said: "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

"For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: LUKE 1:46-50, 53-54

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy.

9.15AM SUNDAY:

*My soul rejoices in the Lord
And magnifies his name.*

SECOND READING: 1 THESS 5:16-24

My brothers and sisters, rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ->

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No."

Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptising, if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptise with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptising.

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 & Scott Markham.

Those with anniversaries at this time: Carmel Kerr (12/12), Julia Brookes (14/12) & Bridget Pereira (30/12).

Those recently married: Justin Leong & Hazel Talan; Christopher Banjuradja & Fransisca Lani

Those recently baptised: Christian Horhocea & Lola Jeffie Burt

WEEKDAY READINGS

- 18 Dec** Jeremiah 23:5-8
Matthew 1:18-24
- 19 Dec** Judges 13:2-7, 24-25
Luke 1:5-25
- 20 Dec** Isaiah 7:10-14
Luke 1:26-38
- 21 Dec** Song of Songs 2:8-14
Luke 1:39-45
- 22 Dec** 1 Samuel 1:24-28
Luke 1:46-56
- 23 Dec** Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24
Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
Luke 1:57-66

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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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, Nativity books and sacramental gifts are available too. Don't miss out!



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Introduction: As we joyfully await the birth of Christ, let us place our intentions before the Father whose 'faithful love extends from age to age'.

We pray for our church leaders, that their words and example will encourage Christians to persevere in the faith in these challenging times.

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

O come O Lord and listen to our prayer

We pray for those who are suffering economically, for people facing eviction, who have lost employment, or who struggle to have enough to eat.

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

O come O Lord and listen to our prayer

We pray for all who are held in remand centres, prisons or detention camps, that they will maintain their inner freedom of heart and not lose faith in their own humanity.

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

O come O Lord and listen to our prayer

We pray for all the baptised, that we may work together to make a straight path for the Messiah and to show by our lives that Christ is the Light of the World.

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

O come O Lord and listen to our prayer

We pray for the sick of our parish, for those who have died recently and for loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

O come O Lord and listen to our prayer

We pray for peace in our world. We take a minute of silence to pray for all those who have died as a result of war and violence in the past week. (1 minute's silence)

Fr Bernie: (sung) O come O come Emmanuel

O come O Lord and listen to our prayer

We pray together: *Ever gracious God, your Son Jesus has come among us as the Light of the world. We ask you to grant our prayers through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

NEWS & NOTICES

SICK LIST

Due to a number of deceased or those that have moved away from the Parish, our sick list is sometimes incorrect, because we have not been informed. This has led to some embarrassing phone calls to the office to rectify these errors. It has been decided that each new year we will clear the sick list above to allow space for new mass intentions. If you are sick, or have a family member or friend you would like to keep on the sick list for 2023, please let us know by completing a Mass Intention envelope and pass to Fr Bernie or email: office@waverleycatholic.org.au.

Christmas

Mass Times

@ Mary Immaculate Church

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

Ph: (02) 9369 9399 | waverleycatholic.org.au
Children are invited to dress up as their favourite nativity character (please no glitter)

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's Liturgy

Sundays 9:15am Mass

(during school term - last session 17 Dec)

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

41-51 Carrington Road, Waverley 2024

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SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

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. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. 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. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

Safeguarding Office - Ph: 9390 5810

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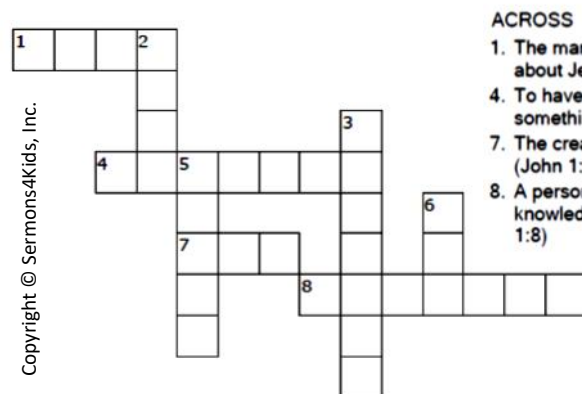
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KIDS CORNER



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ACROSS

- The man sent from God to tell about Jesus (John 1:6)
- To have confidence that something is true (John 1:7)
- The creator of heaven and earth (John 1:6)
- A person who has personal knowledge of something (John 1:8)



DOWN

- What a person, place, or thing is called (John 1:6)
- To tell others about what you have seen or heard (John 1:7)
- Something such as the sun, a flashlight, or lamp that allows you to see (John 1:8)
- An adult male person (John 1:6)

BELIEVE	MAN	TESTIFY	LIGHT
JOHN	WITNESS	GOD	NAME

ROSTER

16 – 17 DECEMBER	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
ALTAR SERVING	Margaret Blake	Cameron Ward & Christian Abruzzese	Dominic Hearne
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