



# 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 (closed 2-6 Jan)

**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.



## PARISH CENTRE

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### Parish Priest:

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### Pastoral Coordinator:

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## 4th Sunday of Advent LOVE



## REFLECTIONS - RECEIVING THE GRACE OF GOD

The readings today draw attention to God's gracious initiative towards us. Their focus is not what we must do for God but rather what God wants to do for us. In the first reading David wanted to do something really big for God, no less than to build a beautiful temple as a house of worship. King David was an achiever who had accomplished a great deal. Yet, the prophet Nathan says that God did not want the king to build him anything. Rather, it was God who would do something for David; into the future David's descendants would lead God's people. David had to let go of his great plans and learn to allow God to grace him.

Receiving from others can be difficult for us. We like to be the givers, the organizers, the achievers. To let others give to us is to acknowledge our need, our dependence, our limitations, and that does not always come easy. Maybe we sense that to allow ourselves to be graced by others is to put ourselves under obligation to them and we are slow to do that. That reluctance to receive can carry over into our relationship with God.

The heart of the good news is that God is a gracious God who wants to give us all things. As Paul says in his epistle, 'God who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will also with him give us everything else!' This is the special time of year when we allow God to be the God of abundant grace in our regard; it is a time when we come before him in our need and open ourselves to his gracious love and presence.

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## THANK YOU - CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

On behalf of Catholic Mission, and the Parish, thank you to all who contributed to this year's Catholic Mission Parish Appeal. The total amount raised was \$1,385, which will go towards addressing critical health issues e.g. tuberculosis and malnutrition in Timor-Leste.

## 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](http://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

## LIGHTING THE FOURTH CANDLE THE CANDLE OF LOVE

*(Person lights 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Candle)*

God Promises King David – "Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne, David, shall be established forever."

(First Reading)

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

God alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ.

(Second Reading)

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

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. (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 416

Immaculate Mary

## OFFERTORY HYMN

CWBII 213

Tell out my Soul

## THANKSGIVING HYMN

CWBII 247

The Angel Gabriel

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a  
Saviour.

## FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Now when David, the king, was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind, for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: "Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel: and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.

"And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies.

"Moreover the Lord declares to you, David, that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

"I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne, David, shall be established forever."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 88: 2-5, 27 & 29

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne for all ages to come.'

He will say to me: 'You are my father,  
my God, the rock who saves me.'  
I will keep my love for him always;  
for him my covenant shall endure.

## 9.15AM SUNDAY:

*I will sing forever of the goodness of the Lord.*

## SECOND READING: ROMANS 16:25-27

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith - to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done. Alleluia

## GOSPEL: LUKE 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel came to Mary and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

"And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God."

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.





## WEEKDAY READINGS

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|---------------|--|
| <b>25 Dec</b> | Isaiah 52:7-10<br>John 1:1-18                |
| <b>26 Dec</b> | Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59<br>Matthew 10:17-22     |
| <b>27 Dec</b> | 1 John 1:1-4<br>John 20:2-8                  |
| <b>28 Dec</b> | 1 John 1:5-2:2<br>Matthew 2:13-18            |
| <b>29 Dec</b> | 1 John 2:3-11<br>Luke 2:22-35                |
| <b>30 Dec</b> | 1 John 2:12-17<br>Ps 95:7-10<br>Luke 2:36-40 |

## 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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## PARISH SECRETARY ON LEAVE

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

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Introduction:** (by the presider) As we celebrate the coming of Jesus who leads us towards the Kingdom, let us offer the needs of our world and our community to our merciful Father

**For the Church** – that all the baptised take up the call to mission and seek to bring forth the kingdom of God in their daily living.

Sung response: *Fr Bernie - Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, you are the way the truth the life*  
**Sung: Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, you are the way the truth the life**

**For leaders of nations** – that they attend with compassion to the plight of refugees throughout the world and strive earnestly to end all war and civil unrest.

Sung response: *Fr Bernie - Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, you are the way the truth the life*  
**Sung: Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, you are the way the truth the life**

**For mothers, fathers and families preparing for the birth of a child** – that they look forward with joy to welcoming the newborn baby, that they provide a safe home filled with love, care and kindness.

Sung response: *Fr Bernie - Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, you are the way the truth the life*  
**Sung: Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, you are the way the truth the life**

**For people travelling by road this holiday season** – that they drive with caution, courtesy and patience, focusing on the care and safety of themselves and other road users.

Sung response: *Fr Bernie - Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, you are the way the truth the life*  
**Sung: Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, you are the way the truth the life**

**For families struggling to make ends meet** – that communities will find ways to support those in need, and that the holiday season will bring support not stress.

Sung response: *Fr Bernie - Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, you are the way the truth the life*  
**Sung: Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, you are the way the truth the life**

**For those who are away from their family and friends at this time** – that they find consolation in the angel's message to Mary that God is always with them.

Sung response: *Fr Bernie - Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, you are the way the truth the life*  
**Sung: Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, you are the way the truth the life**

**For peace in our hearts and in our world** – We pray in silence

Sung response: *Fr Bernie - Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, you are the way the truth the life*  
**Sung: Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, you are the way the truth the life**

**Concluding Prayer:** *Eternal God, we place these prayer before you in faith. Hear these prayers and grant to us everlasting glory with you and your incarnate Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## NEWS & NOTICES

### CHURCH CLOSED - NEW YEAR WEEK

Please note that after the 1 January 9:15am morning Mass, the Church will be closed until Saturday 6 January Vigil at 5pm with exception for a wedding on Friday 5 January. To confirm, there will be no morning masses in the Church from Tuesday, 2 Jan -> Saturday, 6 Jan. Normal Mass schedule will resume from Sat 5pm Vigil. Thank you for your understanding.

### THANK YOU

As the New Year approaches, we would like to thank all volunteers who have generously donated their time and efforts so selflessly to our Parish in 2023. Maintaining a church takes considerable time & effort, and we appreciate each and every one of you, so thank you for a wonderful year and blessings!

## 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 T. 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 & Annette Connelly.

**Those with anniversaries at this time:** Bridget Pereira (30/12) & Kim Malouf.

**Those recently deceased:** Antonio Rizzo, Antonio Gabriele & Cardinal Tom Williams (Emeritus Archbishop of Wellington)

## LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

### St Charles' Primary School

53-63 Carrington Road, Waverley 2024

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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

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School Principal: Mrs Ann Freeman

REC: Mr Mark McCoy

### Waverley College, Senior Campus

131 Birrell Street, Waverley 2024

P (02) 9369 0600

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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

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Director of Junior School (Acting):

Ms Gabrielle Bransby

Asst Dir of Identity & Student formation:

Mr Stephen Ghattas

## 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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**Dr Marjorie O'Neill MP**  
MEMBER FOR COOGEE



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## ROSTER

| 23 – 24 DECEMBER   | SAT 5PM VIGIL                  | SUN 9.15AM CHRISTMAS EVE  | SUN 5PM FAMILY VIGIL             |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| ALTAR SERVING      | Barry Blake                    | Marchellas Tjipto   | Dominic Hearne & Sofia Baricevic |
| PROCLAIMER OF WORD | Margaret Blake                 | Des Durkin & Maria Ner  | Karl Baricevic                   |
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