



# 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.

## PARISH CENTRE

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## NEWS & NOTICES



### 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.



### CHURCH CLOSED - NEW YEAR WEEK

Please note that after 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.

### 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](mailto:office@waverleycatholic.org.au) periodically. All urgent requests, please contact Fr Bernie (02) 9369 9399 or [parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au](mailto:parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au). Thank you.

## ROSTER

30 – 31 DECEMBER	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
ALTAR SERVING	Laurie Bond	Cameron Ward	Dominic Hearne
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Maria Ner & Des Durkin	Peter Foley
EUCCHARIST MINISTER	Susana Hansen & Vincent Conroy	Francine Darvill, Veralene Lobo Genevieve Roberts & Jackie Durkin	Miriam Wairau & Janet Gerzina
HOSPITALITY	Ruth Lucas	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly
OFFERTORY			
POWERPOINT OPS	Toni Dickson	Maureen Teagle	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY		

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger

**FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-6; 21:1-3**

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." The Lord brought Abraham outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And Abram believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 104:1-6, 8-9**

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
O sing to him, sing his praise;  
tell all his wonderful works!

Be proud of his holy name,  
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.  
Consider the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.  
Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.  
O children of Abraham, his servant,  
O sons of the Jacob he chose.

He remembers his covenant for ever,  
his promise for a thousand generations  
the covenant he made with Abraham,  
the oath he swore to Isaac.

**9.15AM SUNDAY:** *The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.*

**SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:8, 11-12, 17-19**

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

By faith Sarah herself, though barren, received power to conceive, even when she was too old, because she considered God, who had made the promise, to be faithful.

Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." Abraham considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead- and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: HEBREWS 1:1-2**

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets;  
now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

When Mary and Joseph had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*As members of God's family, we bring our prayers to the Lord, whose love surpasses all others:*

We pray for peace in the lands that gave birth to the great world faiths, that long-standing hostilities may give way to a deep desire for reconciliation.	Lord born anew hear our prayer	<b>Christ our Lord hear our prayer.</b>
We pray for families that are broken or divided, that past hurts will be healed and present conflicts resolved.	Lord born anew hear our prayer	<b>Christ our Lord hear our prayer.</b>
We pray for those families living in dire poverty, hunger and deprivation, that they will receive generous help from all who have been blessed with an abundance of material possessions.	Lord born anew hear our prayer	<b>Christ our Lord hear our prayer.</b>
We pray for the elimination of violence in our families and the building up of that mutual respect for one another that will make homes into dwellings of peace and love.	Lord born anew hear our prayer	<b>Christ our Lord hear our prayer.</b>
We pray for children, that they will grow up in families where they are welcomed, cherished, kept safe and allowed to flourish..	Lord born anew hear our prayer	<b>Christ our Lord hear our prayer.</b>
We pray for those who have been unable to have children and for parents who grieve a child's death, that they will find their way through sadness to peace of heart.	Lord born anew hear our prayer	<b>Christ our Lord hear our prayer.</b>

***We pray together:*** O God, you cradle us at the beginning of life and embrace us at journey's end. In trusting your Son to the care of Mary and Joseph you honoured the life of every family. May we live as Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in the love of the Trinity. We make this prayer through, **Amen**