



# 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.



## PARISH CENTRE

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## REFLECTIONS - DEPENDING ON GOD

"Living with their heads in the clouds" is no compliment to anyone living in this world of ours. How realistic is Paul's advice, to live as though the ordinary events and concerns of life did not matter? As if business, planning, bereavements, possessions and the rest were of no fundamental importance? Well, first of all he does not mean that people should withdraw from all these things, or neglect the practical life.. What he does mean is that we should get our priorities right, and get a proper balanced view of things, so that what is of lasting importance can play its part too — namely, the question of our eternal destiny, and how we stand in the sight of God. Under the influence of a brush with death — a near escape, or a recent bereavement — we come to realize how trivial are the usual concerns that engross us, when compared to the abiding mystery of life and death. Does it have a purpose? Is our life going anywhere, or is it simply an absurd farce, poised between comedy and tragedy? There are three common reactions to this mystery of life and death: **First:** You can't take it with you — so spend it while you can. When you're dead you're dead and that's it! So make the most of these short years, enjoy them to the utmost, and then submit to the universal annihilation that awaits us all.

**Second:** A hope that there may be life beyond the grave, but one which seems so shadowy and insubstantial that there's little point in thinking about it. Still, it's a worry. Perhaps there will be a punishing judgement for wrongs done in this life, which we managed to get away with.

**Third:** The conviction that God holds each human life securely in his hand, so that death is just a passing-over into his direct presence. In the biblical view, we should not worry about death, nor about anything. in life so much as to turn to God, and obey his word. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his glory" says Jesus. If we can make the right primary decision, if our first desire is to fit in with God's plan for us, then everything else will fall into place; life and work, marriage, successes and failures, sickness and even death itself. All of us, no matter how long we have been living in the faith, need to reawaken this attitude of trust. We need conversion, no, less than the people of Nineveh, or the people of Galilee. Repent, and believe, says Jesus today, to each one here. Believe that God is my father and your father; believe that he is near at hand, and that he is merciful; realize that God's will for you is that you be saved — and that includes the need to live by his Gospel. "Repent" — yes, the challenge is as fresh today as when our Lord first spoke it. As though we were hearing of the kingdom of God for the first time, and making our first act of total trust and total submission to God's love.

Taking Jesus at his word, being converted to genuine faith in God the Father, does not mean living with our head in the clouds. Genuine Christian devotion certainly fixes our ambition away above the passing things of life, but also keeps us aware of everyday duties towards other people. Hearing the Gospel, welcoming and following it, keeps a person with feet well grounded in reality, more keenly involved than ever in carrying out the tasks that have to be done here and now, because now is the day of salvation; now is the time, given us by God to pay him our thanksgiving through service.

## YOUNG FAMILY WHATSAPP GROUP

Join our new Mary Immaculate Young Families WhatsApp chat group. Do you have little ones (babies or primary school age)? Connect now with other parents who share the unique challenges of raising Catholic kids in Sydney's eastern suburbs. Message Ky on 0403 042 359.



**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people  
of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated  
at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

**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 588** - Praise my soul, the King of  
Heaven.

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**CWBII 547** - Lord, we come to your  
table.

**THANKSGIVING HYMN**

**CWBII 122** - O Father, I know I can  
count on your mercy.

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

**FIRST READING: JONAH 3:1-5, 10**

The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying,  
"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and  
proclaim to it the message that I tell you."  
So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh,  
according to the word of the Lord.  
Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a  
three days' walk across. Jonah began to go  
into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried  
out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be  
overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh  
believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and  
everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.  
When God saw what they did, how they  
turned from their evil ways, God changed his  
mind about the calamity that he had said he  
would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 24:4-9**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor.

**9.15AM SUNDAY:**

*Teach me your ways O Lord*

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31**

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has  
grown short; from now on, let even those who  
have wives be as though they had none, and  
those who mourn as though they were not  
mourning, and those who rejoice as though  
they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as  
though they had no possessions, and those  
who deal with the world as though they had  
no dealings with it. For the present form of  
this world is passing away.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MARK 1:15**

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near:  
believe the Good News! Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: MARK 1:14-20**

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee,  
proclaiming the good news of God, and saying,  
"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God  
has come near; repent, and believe in the  
good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he  
saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a  
net into the sea - for they were fishermen.  
And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will  
make you fishers of people." And immediately  
they left their nets and followed him.  
As Jesus went a little farther, he saw James  
son of Zebedee and his brother John, who  
were in their boat mending the nets.  
Immediately he called them; and they left  
their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired  
men, and followed him.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Those who are sick:** Michael Connery, Ella Connery, Ken Smith & Annette Connelly.

**Those with anniversaries at this time:** Barbara Fitsimons (21/01), Margaret Kirchner (28/1),  
Robert Teagle (24/01) & John Abrahams (22/2)

**Those recently married:** Tyrone Delon-Shikhris & Emily Barca

**Those recently deceased:** Karen Ann Menzies (09/06/23)

**Those recently baptised:** Ciara Charlotte Kelly-Davis & Sonny Thomas McNamara





## WEEKDAY READINGS

22 Jan	2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10 Mark 3:22-30
23 Jan	2 Samuel 6:12-15, 17-19 Mark 3:31-35
24 Jan	2 Samuel 7:4-17 Mark 4:1-20
25 Jan	Acts 9:1-22 Mark 16:15-18
26 Jan	Isaiah 32:15-18 Matthew 5:1-12
27 Jan	2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17 Ps 50:12-17 Mark 4:35-41

## 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 Saturday vigil and Sunday 9:15am Mass. Franciscan Calendars are now available \$10 each and God's Word 2024 at \$24 each.

All Sacramental gifts, cards and candles are available too. Don't miss out!



## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*As followers of Jesus, we bring our needs to him who promises to hear and answer our prayers*

**For the Church** – that, by our lives, we give witness that 'the kingdom of God has come near,' and that we who are the Church, follow the Way of Jesus in all that we do.

God who is near **Hear our Prayer**

**For community, national and international leaders** – that in this year, 2024, leaders will strive to address injustices relating to race, gender, poverty, human slavery and climate change.

God of Justice **Hear our Prayer**

**For Christian unity** – that we continually open ourselves to hear the Word of God and seek unity with all people who are hearers of the Word. God of Unity **Hear our Prayer**

**For sick and the hungry, the lonely and the homeless** – that they may find support, compassion and hope, through the care of our community.

God of Compassion **Hear our Prayer**

**For inactive Catholics** – that our good example and encouragement may prompt them to return to active membership in the Church. God of Renewal **Hear our Prayer**

**For families** – that homes will be places of peace, free from violence and aggression, places where children are encouraged to recognise and develop their own talents, and learn to respect the talents of others. God of Peace **Hear our Prayer**

**For all teachers and educators** – that their work of educating, will enrich and bless their own lives, and that their preparation will ensure that those in their care have rich opportunity to learn and grow. God of Learning **Hear our Prayer**

***We pray together:** Give us, O Lord, the gift of a strong faith so that like Simon Peter and Andrew, we may respond to your call with generosity, honesty and courage. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

## 2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

**Yr 2 - First Reconciliation (Penance) - Enrolments open now. Close 14th February 2024**

**Parent Info Evening:** Wed, 14th February @ 6.30pm Parish Centre

**Commitment Mass:** Sat, 17th February @ 5pm at Mary Immaculate Church

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Wed, 20th March @ 6.30pm at Mary Immaculate Church

**Yr 3 - First Eucharist (Communion) - Enrolments open mid-July 2024**

**Parent Info Evening:** Wed, 24th July @ 6.30pm at Mary Immaculate Parish Centre

**Commitment Mass:** Sat, 27th July @ 5pm at Mary Immaculate Church

**Training Day:** TBC - Fri, 13th September @ 11.45am-12.45pm at Mary Immaculate Church.

**Sacrament of First Eucharist:** TBC - Sun, 15th September @ 11:30am (photos from 10:50am)

**Yr 6 - Sacrament of Confirmation - Enrolments open late April 2024**

**Parent Info Evening:** Wednesday, 8th May @ 6.30pm at Parish Centre

**Commitment Mass:** Sat, 11th May @ 5pm at Mary Immaculate Church

**Confirmation Spirituality / Training Day:** Wed, 12th June @ 9.15am-12.30pm

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Sun, 23rd June @ 2pm at Mary Immaculate Church

## AFFILIATED SCHOOLS OPEN DAYS

### ST CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Wed 21st Feb, 9:15 – 10:45am, 5:00 – 7:00pm | Wed 6th Mar, 9:15 – 10:45am**

**Sat 9th Mar, 2:00 – 4:00pm | Wed 27th Mar, 9:15 – 10:45am**

Register: <https://stcwaverley.syd.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/visit-our-school>

Ph: (02) 9387 3845 or email [info@stcwaverley.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stcwaverley.catholic.edu.au).

### ST CLARE'S COLLEGE

**Tues 5 March 2023 2pm—6pm**

Ph: (02) 8305 7100 or Email: [info@stclares.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stclares.catholic.edu.au)

### WAVERLEY JNR & SNR COLLEGE

Early March. Details to come soon.

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## LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

**St Charles' Primary School**

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W <https://stcwaverley.catholic.edu.au>**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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W <https://stclares.nsw.edu.au/>**School Principal:** Mrs Ann Freeman**REC:** Mr Mark McCoy**Waverley College, Senior Campus**

131 Birrell Street, Waverley 2024

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W <https://waverley.nsw.edu.au/>**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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Ms Gabrielle Bransby

**Asst Dir of Identity & Student formation:**

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 Safeguarding Office on 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

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MEMBER FOR COOGEE



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Jesus called out to them,  
"Come, be my disciples, and  
I will show you how to fish  
for people!"  
- Mark 1:17 (NLT)

JOHN KINGDOM ANDREW GOOD	NEWS BOAT REPENT COME
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## ROSTER

20 – 21 JANUARY 2024	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
ALTAR SERVING	Margaret Blake	Cameron Ward & Christian Abruzzese	Dominic Hearne
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Francesca Jensen	Bella Abruzzese & Genevieve Roberts	Joy Pertile
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