



# 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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## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*One who has authority*

### REFLECTIONS - BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

In the not-too-distant past, Catholics felt confident that God's will for our faith and conduct is infallibly communicated by Pope and bishops, with the teaching authority given them by Christ himself. The doctrine of papal infallibility proclaimed in 1869, stressed the principle of authority so strongly that many felt unfree to make up their own minds on issues of faith or morals. Whenever controversy arose, we could expect a statement from the Magisterium to put the issue beyond doubt. Recently, many ordinary Catholics show a much lower respect for Church authority. Some welcome this greater freedom for individual conscience, while others long for a return to the clean-cut edge of dogma, defined and unquestionable. Perhaps we can get some light from today's Gospel, where Jesus "teaches with authority, and not as their scribes."

Our knowledge of God comes to us primarily from Jesus, the Word of God, who makes the Father known to us. If we pay attention to his gospel read at Mass, or give time to the private reading of holy scripture, the main lines of Our Lord's teaching will be clear enough. Apart from reading or hearing the word of the Gospel, we have the prompting and guidance of Christ's Spirit, if we take time to pray, reflect and let our conscience come awake in God's presence. And finally, to help us apply the message of Jesus to definite areas in our lives, we have the teaching ministry of the Church. The only valid purpose of authority among Christians is to keep the Lord's word alive in the community, to keep us reminded of what Jesus said, and still says, to us his followers. God knows, we need such a reminder often enough, due to the slump-factor in all of us, tending to lower our ideals, and cool our devotion. We're often like a flock of straying sheep, needing the care of alert shepherds to hold us together, and keep us moving on the upward path. Yet, after listening with respect to what our leaders say — whether it be the Pope and bishops, or more locally the parish clergy — each adult Christian must look into his or her conscience, to blend the official teaching into our personal faith in God.

Under several papacies in the recent past, many worried about an excessive dogmatism, seeking to stretch of the boundaries of defined doctrine. Surely it is right to expect our leaders to ground their teaching in the well-springs of the Gospel. Yet somehow, beyond and beneath all authority in the Church, and permeating it with vitality, is the prophetic authority of Christ himself, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Through him, in faith and loyalty, we can know with certainty what God the Father expects of us, and what we must do in order to gain eternal life. Just one thing is needed: to be willing to undertake whatever he shows us, no matter how difficult. If Christ is God's fullest Word to us, we can have no reserves about doing what he says.

@<https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/>



**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 456

The Beatitudes

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

CWBII 547

Lord, we come to your table.

**THANKSGIVING HYMN**

CWBII 595

Seek, O Seek the Lord

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

**FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20**

Moses spoke to the people; he said: "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.'

"Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

"'Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die.'"

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 95**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.

**9.15AM SUNDAY:**

*If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts*

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35**

I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord; but the married man is anxious about the affairs of the world, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided.

The unmarried woman and the virgin are concerned about the affairs of the Lord, so that they may be holy in body and spirit; but the married woman is concerned about the affairs of the world, how to please her husband.

I say this for your own benefit, not to put any, restraint upon you, but to promote good order and unhindered devotion to the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:  
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: MARK 1:21-28**

The disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing the man and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching-with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

At once Jesus' fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

# "Be silent, and come out of him!"

**MASS INTENTIONS****Those who are sick:**

Michael Connery, Ella Connery, Ken Smith, Annette Connelly &amp; Pamela Cooper

**Those with anniversaries at this time:**

Margaret Kirchner (28/1), Tony Webster (3/2) &amp; John Abrahams (22/2)

**Those recently deceased:**

Karen Ann Menzies (9/6/23), Jeff Linfoot 23/1



## WEEKDAY READINGS

29 Jan	2 Sam 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Mark 5:1-20
30 Jan	2 Sam 18:9-10, 14, 24-25 Mark 5:21-43
31 Jan	2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Mark 6:1-6
1 Feb	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 Mark 6:7-13
2 Feb	Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 2:22-32
3 Feb	1 Kings 3:4-13 Ps 118:9-14 Mark 6:30-34

## 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.

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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

**Presider:** *The psalmist calls us not to harden our hearts but to hear God's voice so we turn now in prayer and ask our Father to listen graciously to the needs of our community.*

**For Pope Francis** – that he may lead us in faithful service as we seek to grow in Christian charity. God of service **Hear our Prayer**

**For our local church leaders** – that they have the courage to speak out to proclaim faith to the peoples of this land and bring justice and healing to our disenfranchised communities. God of Justice **Hear our Prayer**

**For our civil leaders of Australia** – that they will respect all the people who come to these shores and particularly support those on whose land we now walk. God of our ancient land **Hear our Prayer**

**For married couples** – that the love that drew them together will grow stronger through the joys and struggles of daily life. God of Love **Hear our Prayer**

**For people who struggle with anxiety or depression and emotional illness** – that they will be led by wise and compassionate guides towards peace of mind and heart. God of healing **Hear our Prayer**

**For children, students, teachers and all preparing to return to places of learning** – that they will respect the opportunity they have for education, apply effort consistently, and strive to develop their talents and abilities through their learning. God of learning **Hear our Prayer**

**We pray together:** *All powerful God, you are all light. In you there is no darkness. Let your light shine upon for all whom we pray so that we may walk gladly in your ways. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

## NEWS & NOTICES

### YR2 FIRST RECONCILIATION (PENANCE)

**Enrolments 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.

### 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 to Ky on 0403 042 359.



## CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

We would like to introduce any interested parishioners to the Catholic Bushwalking Club. The CBC has been operating since 1943 and is currently having a membership drive. The club offers a variety of both day walks and multi day walks either in the wider Sydney region or wherever a member wants to lead a walk. The club caters for a wide age range and offers a social program as well as the walks program. The CBC is an incorporated body and is a member of Bushwalking NSW. For further information please visit our website: [www.cbcsnw.org.au](http://www.cbcsnw.org.au)

## 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)



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**St Charles' Primary School**

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

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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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## ROSTER

27 – 28 JANUARY 2024	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
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