



# 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

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## PARISH CENTRE

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## WORD FROM FR BERNIE

Towards the end of 2019, Pope Francis instituted a Sunday of the Word of God. This was put down for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. He chose this date because it is close to when the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated in the northern hemisphere. This timing is quite impractical for Australia. The dates get mixed up with the final weeks of the summer holidays, the return to school and the celebration of Australia Day. The Australian bishops decided to change the date so that it could be emphasised as a day of great importance whilst keeping it close to Pope Francis' day, hence the first Sunday in February.

**The Importance of the Word of God.** There have been two documents about Scripture released in recent times by the Holy See on 30 September – one in 2019 and the other in 2020. They mark the 1600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, the great Scripture scholar who prepared the definitive translation of the Bible into Latin. The first document institutes the Sunday of the Word of God, intended to help people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. The second gives an account of St Jerome, his scholarship, his faith and his "living and tender love" of the Word of God. Jerome is proposed as a model for inculturating the Gospel and discovering Christ for our time.

The day presents an opportunity to encourage people/us to read, appreciate and pray daily with sacred Scripture, especially through the practice of *lectio divina*. One of the primary ways in which the faithful honour God's Word in the liturgy is by faithfully listening to the proclamation of the readings and the homily, and by discerning the various ways in which God's Word applies to our lives. An important point to remember here is the Second Vatican Council's insight that Christ's presence is recognised in the actual "proclamation" of the Word, when the Church believes that Christ is present and speaking to those assembled through the words of the Church's minister [*Sacrosanctum concilium* (1963) art. 7], rather than in the physical book itself.

Pope Francis also reminds us that for many centuries before being written down, God's Word was passed down orally from one generation to another. Therefore the actions of proclamation, listening and heeding God's Word are still accorded high priority. Hence the role of the proclaimer to do exactly that – "Proclaim"! Not just read. And for the hearers to "hear", not to be distracted. Hence why we put the text of the Scriptures in the bulletin. But you are encouraged to listen as much as possible to the Proclaimer, and not get too distracted by the bulletin.

Let us embrace Sunday of the Word of God to help us launch our new year with a deeper and richer encounter with the Risen Lord.

Blessings, Fr Bernie



## 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 540

Christ be our Light

## OFFERTORY HYMN

CWBII 484

Eat this Bread

## THANKSGIVING HYMN

CWBII 456

The Beatitudes

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

## FIRST READING: JOB 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke to his friends:

"Do not human beings have a hard service on  
earth, and are not their days like the days of a  
labourer? Like a slave who longs for the  
shadow, and like labourers who look for their  
wages, so I am allotted months of emptiness,  
and nights of misery are apportioned to me.

"When I lie down I say, 'When shall I rise?'

But the night is long, and I am full of tossing  
until dawn.

"My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,  
and come to their end without hope.

Remember that my life is a breath; my eye  
will never again see good."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 146:1-6

Praise the Lord for he is good  
Sing to our God for he is loving  
The Lord is good and upright  
to him our praise is due

The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and brings back Israel's exiles  
he heals the broken-hearted,  
binding up their wounds.  
He fixes the number of stars;  
he calls each one by name.

Our Lord is great and Almighty  
his wisdom cannot be measured  
The Lord raises up the lowly;  
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

## 9.15AM SUNDAY:

*Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted*

## SECOND READING: 1 CORIN 9:16-19, 22-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no  
ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid  
on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the  
gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a  
reward; but if not of my own will, I am  
entrusted with a commission. What then is  
my reward?

Just this: that in my proclamation I may make  
the gospel free of charge, so as not to make  
full use of my rights in the gospel.  
For though I am free with respect to all, I  
have made myself a slave to all, so that I  
might win more of them.

To the weak I became weak, so that I might  
win the weak. I have become all things to all  
people, that I might by all means save some. I  
do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I  
may share in its blessings.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL: MARK 1:29-39

As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the  
synagogue, they entered the house of Simon  
and Andrew, with James and John. Now  
Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a  
fever; and they told Jesus about her at once.  
He came and took her by the hand and lifted  
her up. Then the fever left her; and she began  
to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to  
Jesus all who were sick or possessed with  
demons. And the whole city was gathered  
around the door. And he cured many who  
were sick with various diseases, and cast out  
many demons; and he would not permit the  
demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark,  
Jesus got up and went out to a deserted  
place, and there he prayed. And Simon and  
his companions hunted for him. When they  
found him, they said to him, "Everyone is  
searching for you."

He answered, "Let us go on to the  
neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim  
the message there also; for that is what I  
came out to do." And Jesus went throughout  
Galilee, proclaiming the message in their  
synagogues and casting out demons.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Those who are sick:

Michael Connery, Ella Connery, Ken Smith,  
Annette Connelly, Pamela Cooper, Sabrina  
Kafka Girard, Kevin Brookes & Tania Gerzina  
(Murray)

### Those with anniversaries at this time:

Dezma Malouf (24/1), Tony Webster (3/2) &  
John Abrahams (22/2), Anna Sidoti, Concetta  
& Angelo De Luca, Allan Smith

### Those recently deceased:

Jeffrey Linfoot (23/1)

### Those recently married:

Joshua Regoli & Daniela Cuadros-Garrot



## WEEKDAY READINGS

<b>5 Feb</b>	1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Mark 6:53-56
<b>6 Feb</b>	1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Mark 7:1-13
<b>7 Feb</b>	1 Kings 10:1-10 Mark 7:14-23
<b>8 Feb</b>	1 Kings 11:4-13 Mark 7:24-30
<b>9 Feb</b>	1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 Mark 7:31-37
<b>10 Feb</b>	1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 105:6-7, 19-22 Mark 8:1-10

## 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

**Dear sisters and brothers** - having heard God's life-giving Word on this Day of the Lord, let us be open now to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as we pray for the needs of the Church, the world and our local community.

**For all servants of God's Word in the Church, particularly Pope Francis, and all who lead in worship:** that they will always promote the proclamation of the Gospel and the practice of Christian virtue in their ministries. We pray to the Lord *Lord hear our Prayer*

**For all leaders in government and the legal profession, especially those who solemnly swear on God's Word to speak the truth from their heart:** that their words and example will inspire others towards honesty and integrity of life. We pray to the Lord *Lord hear our Prayer*

**For all who research, teach and publish God's Word in our world:** that their study, formation and resources will be fruitful in helping more people to know, love and serve the Lord. We pray to the Lord *Lord hear our Prayer*

**For all who proclaim and preach the Word of God in our communities:** that they will always treasure the opportunity to be formed by God's Word and to use their gifts to bring this Word to life in the liturgy and in the lives of those close to them. We pray to the Lord *Lord hear our Prayer*

**For all who suffer in mind, body or spirit:** that they will never lose hope in God but place their trust in him, and find comfort, consolation and healing in the words of his Son. We pray to the Lord *Lord hear our Prayer*

**We pray for all who have died recently or whose anniversaries of death occur around this time:** that they will rest in the peace of Christ and rise in glory on the last day. We pray to the Lord *Lord hear our Prayer*

**Concluding prayer** - *Gracious and loving God, source of all wisdom and love, we ask you to hear the prayers we make this day in response to your life-giving Word. We make these prayers through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.*

## NEWS & NOTICES

**YR2 FIRST RECONCILIATION - ENROLMENT OPEN - LINK ON WEBSITE**  
**Parent Info Evening:** 14 February 6.30pm at Parish Centre  
**Commitment Mass:** 17 February 5pm at Mary Immaculate Church  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 20 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 Ky on 0403 042 359.

### MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

The St. Charles' Mothers' Prayer Group meet in Mary's Chapel during school term on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. You are warmly invited to spend time in prayer and reflection with us. Contact: [laura@habitatmedia.com.au](mailto:laura@habitatmedia.com.au)



## 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, visit [www.cbcnsw.org.au](http://www.cbcnsw.org.au)

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Resuming on 12 February 2024, the Christian Meditation Group meet in the Parish Centre at 5.30pm on every Monday except Public Holidays. All welcome. For more information, please call on Trisha 0405 516 972.

## LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

### St Charles' Primary School

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P (02) 9387 3845

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

P (02) 8305 7100

W <https://stclares.nsw.edu.au/>

School Principal: Mrs Ann Freeman

REC: Mr Mark McCoy

### Waverley College, Senior Campus

131 Birrell Street, Waverley 2024

P (02) 9369 0600

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

W <https://waverley.nsw.edu.au/2>

Director of Junior School (Acting):

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).

## ADVERTISE WITH US

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



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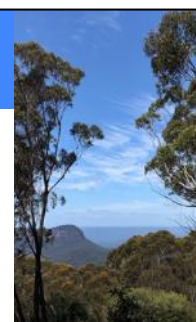
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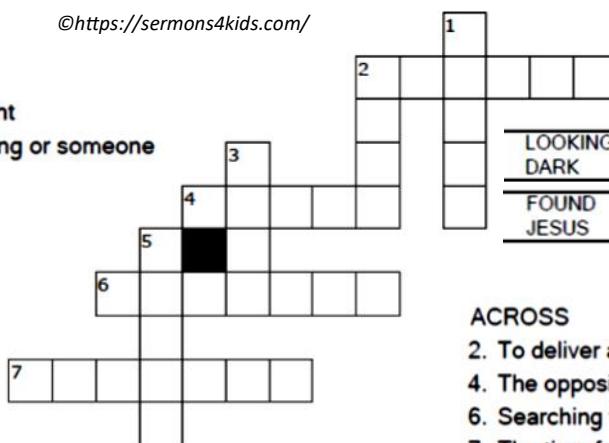
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## KIDS CORNER

### DOWN

- The son of God
- To talk to God
- To be without light
- Located something or someone

@<https://sermons4kids.com/>



LOOKING DARK	PREACH EARLY
FOUND JESUS	MORNING PRAY

### ACROSS

- To deliver a sermon
- The opposite of late
- Searching for something
- The time from sunrise until noon

## ROSTER

3 – 4 FEBRUARY 2024	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Sofia Baricevic & Matthew Woolaston
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Maria Ner & Eloise Linfoot	Karl Baricevic
EUCARIST MINISTER	Susana Hansen & Leanna Langlands	Gisella Musumeci, Margaret Kelly, Genevieve Roberts & Veralene Lobo	Joy Pertile & Janet Gerzina
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Margaret Duncan	Kathy Reilly
OFFERTORY		Genevieve Roberts	
POWERPOINT OPS		Lidia Linfoot	Theo Mabee & Dominic Hearne
CHILDREN'S LITURGY			

RESUMES SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2024