



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

Ash Wednesday: 7:00am & 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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REFLECTIONS

By referring to leprosy in two of the three readings today, clearly the Church wants to direct our attention to something deeper than a purely physical disease. This is confirmed in the Responsorial Psalm, celebrating the joy of those who confess their sins before God, and experience his forgiveness. We might regard sin as a kind of leprosy of the soul. The ancient world used to combat physical leprosy by isolating the lepers, make them live outside the camp or town, and making them cry aloud, "Unclean, unclean!" as a warning to anyone approaching them. Also, whoever had the misfortune to even touch a leper would be regarded as unclean, and would be excluded from the community. Perhaps there is some parallel to this on the spiritual plane. In the church of Jesus Christ, a sin committed by any member of this community is never a purely private affair, but a rejection in some degree of the standards the members have pledged to uphold. One of the most disturbing sayings of Christ in the gospels was his reference to Judas at the Last Supper: "Not one of them is lost, except the one who chose to be lost" (Jn 17:12). There is a touching humility in the leper's request to Jesus, "If you want to, you can cure me." This appeal was met with compassion by Jesus, who, as St Mark comments, *was moved with pity*. He went further, stretching out his hand and touching the leper, so making himself unclean according to the law. Shortly afterwards Mark says that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in country places. This compassion for suffering humanity resulted in more and more people coming to him, and even today the outstretched arms of God's Son on the cross are a never-ending invitation to sinners to seek refuge with him. No longer was the leper, when cured, forced to live apart. After showing himself to the priest he was re-admitted as a member of the community.

What in the past was called confession is now called the sacrament of *reconciliation*. We should reflect that just as mortal sin is not an isolated act, but rather the culmination of a series of minor infidelities, so reconciliation is a gradual return to God over a period of time, with the reception of the sacrament as the high point, a time to celebrate our joy and gratitude in being at one with God again. This conversion, this newly-found commitment to the Lord is a thing which has to be constantly renewed. There is an enduring need for reconciliation, if we want to love God with our whole strength, and our neighbour as ourselves — the task Christ has set each of us when he said, "This do, and you will live."

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PARISH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

ST CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Sat 9 Mar, 2:00 – 4:00pm | Wed 27 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.



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 543**

Lord of Creation, to you be all praise

OFFERTORY HYMN**CWBII 579**

One bread, one body

THANKSGIVING HYMN**CWBII 595**

Seek, O seek the Lord

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
name.

FIRST READING: LEVITICUS 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying:
"When a person has on the skin of the body
a swelling or an eruption or a spot, and it
turns into a leprous disease on the skin of the
body, that person shall be brought to Aaron
the priest or to one of his sons the priests.

"A person who has the leprous disease shall
wear torn clothes and let the hair of the head
be dishevelled and shall cover the upper lip
and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean.'

"A person shall remain unclean as long as the
disease persists; and being unclean, that
person shall live alone with a dwelling outside
the camp."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 32

Happy those whose offence is forgiven
whose sin is forgiven
O happy those to whom the Lord imputes no
guilt,
in whose spirit there is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: "I will confess my offence to the Lord."
And the Lord, has forgiven the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord
Exult all you just!
O come ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

9.15AM SUNDAY:

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you
fill me with the joy of salvation.*

SECOND READING: 2 CORIN 10:3 - 11:1

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you
do, do everything for the glory of God. Give
no offence to Jews or to Greeks or to the
church of God, just as I try to please everyone
in everything I do, not seeking my own
advantage, but that of many, so that they
may be saved.

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

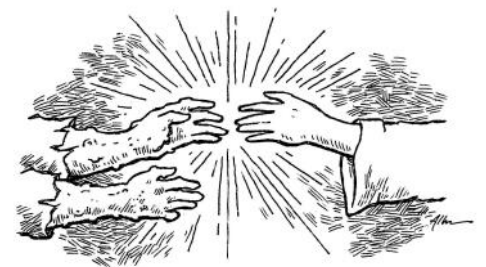
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MARK 1:40-45

A man with leprosy came to Jesus begging
him, and kneeling said to Jesus, "If you
choose, you can make me clean." Moved with
pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and
touched him, and said to him, "I do choose.
Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left
him, and he was made clean.

After sternly warning him Jesus sent him
away at once, saying to him, "See that you
say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself
to the priest, and offer for your cleansing
what Moses commanded, as a testimony to
them."

But the man went out and began to proclaim
it freely, and to spread the word, and people
came to Jesus from every quarter.

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

- 12 Feb** James 1:1-11
Mark 8:11-13
- 13 Feb** James 1:12-18
Mark 8:14-21
- 14 Feb** Joel 2:12-18
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
- 14 Feb** Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Luke 9:22-25
- 16 Feb** Isaiah 58:1-9
Matthew 9:14-15
- 17 Feb** Isaiah 58:9-14
Ps 85:1-6
Luke 5:27-32

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Those who are sick: Michael Connery, Ella
Connery, Ken Smith, Annette Connelly,
Pamela Cooper, Sabrina Kafka Girard, Kevin
Brookes, Peter Timmins & Tania Gerzina
(Murray)

Those with anniversaries at this time: Jean
Malouf (7/2), Maureen McLean (7/2),
Maddalena Balcone (14/2), Ed Reilly (18/2)
John Abrahams (22/2), John Chong (25/2),
Monica & Jim French, Christine Harrison
(28/2), John Harrison (2/3), Luis Trindade
(2/3) & Bridie Clarke (6/3)

Those recently deceased: Patrick Byrne, Xiang
Cheng Hui, Lawrence Coy & Peter Cameron

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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MAILING LIST

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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

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

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!



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 via email: laura@habitatmedia.com.au

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

President: *We prayerfully stretch out our hearts and hands to the Lord who stretched out his hand to touch and heal a leper.*

For the Church – that those with healing ministries remain inspired by the healing ministry of Jesus and that they affirm the dignity of the sick, and all whose lives are crushed, broken or marginalised. God of healing **Hear our Prayer**

For law makers – that they ensure the dignity, and right to life and health of people who are sick, vulnerable or marginalised, is protected. God of Dignity **Hear our Prayer**

For all health professionals – that the health services they offer will be available to all, regardless of people's wealth or location, that their work will be funded appropriately, and will bring a sense of joy into their lives. God of Joy **Hear our Prayer**

For people with diseases and injuries that disfigure their bodies – that they will be loved by their family, affirmed by their friends, live meaningful lives and be confident that they are loved and precious in the eyes of God. God of Compassion **Hear our Prayer**

For married couples and all who have committed themselves to each other in love – that the self-giving, self-emptying love of Christ will be the inspiration and basis of their love for each other. God of Love **Hear our Prayer**

For couples preparing for marriage – that their love will be gentle, kind and respectful, bringing each other to fullness of life, and that in their preparation for marriage, they will be guided by people who are wise, generous and loving. God of Wisdom **Hear our Prayer**

We pray together: *God, who sends us to wash in the River of Healing, hear the prayers we offer you this day and enable us to proclaim your good news and spread the word of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

NEWS & NOTICES

YR2 FIRST RECONCILIATION

Parent Info Evening: Wed, 14 February at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Commitment Mass: Sat, 17 February at 5pm in Mary Immaculate Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 20 March at 6.30pm in Mary Immaculate Church.

ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE

An enrichment course for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship as God intended. Access from privacy of own home and time. Info: smartloving.org/marriage-kit. Marriage Week Sale - Ends 29 Feb. 50% off code: **MarriageWeek24**

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

Celebrated every year on the 2nd Sunday in February, sometimes coinciding with St. Valentine's Day. This year, it takes place on February 11. World Marriage Day officially began in 1983 in the USA. Popularised by the Catholic Church, the purpose of World Marriage Day is to emphasise the beauty of marriage and to honour husbands and wives for their faithfulness and sacrifices. In 1993, Saint Pope John Paul II approved and imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day. In the Catholic church, World Marriage Week still takes place each year from Feb 7 — Feb 14. Catholic couples can celebrate the day by attending the Sunday mass and recommitting themselves to the values of the institution of marriage.



You are cordially invited to the next Secular Franciscan Fraternity Meeting on Saturday, 17 February at 2pm in the Parish Hall.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Is observed on February 11th each year. This date holds special significance as it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, a day associated with healing and devotion to the Virgin Mary. World Day of the Sick was established by Pope John Paul II in 1992, is a day dedicated to promoting acts of kindness and solidarity towards those who are suffering due to illness. It serves as a reminder of the importance of providing physical, emotional, and spiritual support to individuals facing health challenges, especially those who are vulnerable and marginalised.

LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

St Charles' Primary School

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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

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Principal: Mr Graham Leddie

Dir of Identity & Student Formation:

Ms Suzanne Walsh

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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.

ROSTER

10 – 11 FEBRUARY 2024	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
ALTAR SERVING	Laurie Bond	Cameron Ward & Christian Abruzzese	Sofia Baricevic & Matthew Woolaston
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Francesca Jensen	Gabrielle McAnespie & Bella Abruzzese	Joy Pertile
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HOSPITALITY	Ruth Lucas	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly
OFFERTORY	Dante & Giovanni Jensen	Chloe Neeson	
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