



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.

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3rd Sunday of Lent

GOSPEL REFLECTION: MOVING HOUSE

Psychologists tell us that, apart from the death of a loved one, perhaps the most traumatic experience a person can have is that of moving house. Those of us who have gone through all that is involved in this particular trauma can attest to the truth contained in these words. One of the benefits derived from the exercise, however, is that we get rid of all the junk we have accumulated since our last move. It could perhaps be argued that people's dread of moving is directly proportionate to the amount of stuff they have gathered. The Israelites, having come out of Egypt, had been through the experience, and were inclined to avoid too much clutter. (One of the psalms laughs at the pagans who "carry around their idols made of wood.") Today we find Jesus clearing all the accumulated junk out of the Temple. But what is happening here is not merely the removal of unwanted items; by this symbolic act, Jesus is calling all the peoples of the earth to worship God "in spirit and in truth." True worshippers, he will tell us later in the gospel, are those who worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

Worship is not a word which figures largely in our religious vocabulary today. Like "adoration," it is a particularly God-centred word, ill-suited to be our self-centred age where religiousness is more often expressed in terms of self-actualization. There is a sense in which it is true to say that people today have forgotten how to worship, so that often even our liturgical acts become simply gatherings or experiences. To worship means to acknowledge the transcendence of God, and his claim on us as our creator, and to respond appropriately. Rather than being just a relic of primitive religion, worship is an integral part of the Judeo-Christian religious sense. From deep within our self springs the desire to worship and adore God. Getting in tune with that desire, and expressing it through word and gesture is at the heart of prayer.

In order to worship in spirit and in truth, we must prepare our hearts and minds by being faithful to the covenant relationship (keeping the commandments) and seeking the wisdom of God, which is the wisdom of the cross. We have to let Jesus cleanse us, as he cleansed the Temple, leave our sins behind, and simplify our lives, getting rid of any needless clutter. Then we are able to enter into the new Temple, which is Jesus himself, praying in and through him.

When the side of Jesus was pierced on Calvary, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. The place of worship is no longer the Temple in Jerusalem; now, it is through the pierced side of Christ that we have "access to the Father in the one Spirit." So it is that, after the resurrection, Thomas will place his hand in Jesus's side and worship, saying, "My Lord and my God," as today's gospel tells us: "When Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered" and believed. If we are to properly worship God, we must leave behind everything that gets in the way, then enter into that secret chamber which is the side of Christ, and there worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

[@https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/](https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/)

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 585

Praise to the holiest in the height

OFFERTORY HYMN

CWBII 289

From ashes to the Living Font

THANKSGIVING HYMN

CWBII 512

I heard the voice of Jesus say

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WEEKDAY READINGS

4 Mar 2 Kings 5:1-15 Luke 4:24-30

5 Mar Dan 3:25, 34-43

Matt 18:21-35

6 Mar Deut 4:1, 5-9 Matt 5:17-19

7 Mar Jere 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23

8 Mar Hosea 14:2-10 Mark 12:28-34

9 Mar Hosea 5:15-6:6

Ps 50:3-4, 18-21

Luke 18:9-14

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
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Don't miss out!



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 20:1-17

God spoke all these words: I am the Lord
your God, who brought you out of the land of
Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall
have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol,
whether in the form of anything that is in
heaven above, or that is on the earth
beneath, or that is in the water under the
earth. You shall not bow down to them or
worship them; for I the Lord your God am a
jealous God, punishing children for the
iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth
generation of those who reject me, but
showing steadfast love to the thousandth
generation of those who love me and keep
my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name
of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not
acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.
Six days you shall labour and do all your work.
But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord
your God; you shall not do any work - you,
your son or your daughter, your male or
female slave, your livestock, or the alien
resident in your towns. For in six days the
Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all
that is in them, but rested the seventh day;
therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day
and consecrated it. Honour your father and
your mother, so that your days may be long
in the land that the Lord your God is giving
you.

You shall not murder. You shall not commit
adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not
bear false witness against your neighbour.
You shall not covet your neighbour's house;
you shall not covet your neighbour's wife,
or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey,
or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 18:8-11

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.

9.15AM SUNDAY:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to
those who are perishing, but to us who are
being saved it is the power of God.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire
wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a
stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to
Gentiles, but to those who are called,
both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of
God and the wisdom of God.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human
wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than
human strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
God loved the world so much, he gave us his
only Son, that all who believe in him might
have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: JOHN 2:13-25

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus
went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found
people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and
the money changers seated at their tables.
Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them
out of the temple, both the sheep and the
cattle. He also poured out the coins of the
money changers and overturned their tables.
He told those who were selling the doves,
"Take these things out of here! Stop making
my Father's house a marketplace!"

His disciples remembered that it was written,
"Zeal for your house will consume me." The
people then said to him, "What sign can you
show us for doing this?"

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple,
and in three days I will raise it up." They then
said, "This temple has been under
construction for forty-six years, and will you
raise it up in three days?" But Jesus was
speaking of the temple of his body.

After he was raised from the dead, his
disciples remembered that he had said this;
and they believed the scripture and the word
that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the
Passover festival, many believed in his name
because they saw the signs that he was
doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust
himself to them, because he knew all people
and needed no one to testify about anyone;
for he himself knew what was in everyone.

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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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 Beatriz Ponte 0425 248 014 or Bernadine Lavender 0410 406 296.

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

YOUNG FAMILY WHATSAPP

Join our Mary Immaculate Young Families WhatsApp chat group. Do you have little ones (babies or primary 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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: People of God, through the gospel we have been offered the way to God through Christ. In faith and knowledge of the gospel, let us present all of our needs to God.

We pray for Pope Francis and all the leaders of our Church. May they remain true to the law of God and serve all people as they find their way to God.

In your mercy Lord

Hear us now we pray.

We pray for law makers throughout the world. May they find ways to help communities live in peace and justice by holding to the true focus of the law, not just to empty rules.

In your mercy Lord

Hear us now we pray.

We pray for those who have economic power in the world. May they be opened by the Holy Spirit to lessen their greed and be just in their market dealings.

In your mercy Lord

Hear us now we pray.

We pray for those who misunderstand the intent of God's law and make it a burden for others. May their minds be opened to the real needs of the people they serve and an understanding of authentic justice in the Kingdom of God.

In your mercy Lord

Hear us now we pray.

We pray for those who are suffering because of economic injustice inflicted upon them. May they find relief through the advocates who can help them and through the efforts of political powers who serve them.

In your mercy Lord

Hear us now we pray.

We pray for ourselves. May this Lenten journey guide us to always be open to the light of God's love, lead us to the wilderness to pray, and remind us of God's mercy and grace.

In your mercy Lord

Hear us now we pray.

We pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May Christ be their everlasting wisdom, strength and life.

In your mercy Lord

Hear us now we pray.

We pray together: O God, whose foolishness is wise, and whose weakness is strong, by the working of your grace during this holy season of Lent, purify our hearts so that we may become living temples of your love. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER

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: Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca, John Harrison & Luis Trindade (2/3), Alice Aston, Lisa Rivera & Anthony Chin (3/3), Clare Webster (Morrison) & Caterina Sidoti (4/3), Bridie Clarke (6/3), Rose Chin (7/3),

NEWS & NOTICES

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ST CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wed 6 Mar, 9:15 – 10:45am | Sat 9 Mar, 2 – 4pm | Wed 27 Mar, 9:15 – 10:45am
Register: <https://stcwaverley.syd.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/visit-our-school>

ST CLARE'S COLLEGE - Tues, 5 March 2:00pm – 6:00pm

Ph: (02) 8305 7100 E: info@stclares.catholic.edu.au

WAVERLEY COLLEGE - Wed, 6 March 10am Junior & 11:20am Senior

Ph: 9387 5022 E: juniorschool@waverley.nsw.edu.au

Ph: 9369 0600 E: wavcoll@waverley.nsw.edu.au

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REC: Mrs Jessica Keeley

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St Clare's College, Waverley

41-51 Carrington Road, Waverley 2024

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School Principal: Mrs Ann Freeman

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131 Birrell Street, Waverley 2024

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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.

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