



# 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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## Fourth Sunday of Lent



### REFLECTION: LOVE LIFTED UP

Have you noticed the types of phrases we use when describing something wonderful? I catch myself saying things like being 'over the moon' or 'on cloud-nine.' A friend talks about being in the 'seventh heaven!' Now, that admission may say a lot both of us, but I can't help thinking that our deepest experiences are those that have a power to lift us up. Such experiences take us out of ourselves. They uplift us and we perceive things differently.

Jesus is always inviting us to see things differently. When Nicodemus sought out Jesus, he was "in the dark" both really and symbolically. He couldn't see clearly. In the years that followed this late night conversation, Nicodemus became a follower of Jesus and, step by step, was drawn to see things differently. At last he finally did see. When at the end, Jesus was really and truly lifted up, Nicodemus was not too far away.

When we meditate on the crucifix and participate in the Eucharist we also see Jesus lifted up. Perhaps today as I lift my eyes to see him, I might ponder on the mystery of suffering and exaltation and wonder at the love that is lifted up and draws us ever closer, uplifting us as well.

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

## 2024 Holy Week



24 - 31 MARCH 2024

### Palm Sunday

5pm - Saturday Vigil

9:15am - Passion Sunday

5pm - Evening Mass

### Holy Thursday

7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Good Friday

10am - Stations of the Cross

3pm - Celebration of Lord's Passion

### Holy Saturday

7pm - Easter Vigil

No morning Mass

### Easter Sunday

9:15am - Resurrection Sunday

No evening Mass

MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH, WAVERLEY



## 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 450**

Amazing Grace

## OFFERTORY HYMN

**CWBII 289**

From ashes to the Living Font

## THANKSGIVING HYMN

**CWBII 297**

Our Father we have wandered

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

**11 Mar** Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54

**12 Mar** Eze 47:1-9, 12  
John 5:1-3, 5-16

**13 Mar** Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:17-30

**14 Mar** Exo 32:7-14 John 5:31-47

**15 Mar** Wis 2:1, 12-22  
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**16 Mar** Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Ps 7:2-3, 9-12  
John 7:40-52

## 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!



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

## FIRST READING: 2 CHRO 36:14-16, 19-23

All the leading priests and the people were  
exceedingly unfaithful, following all the  
abominations of the nations; and they  
polluted the house of the Lord that he had  
consecrated in Jerusalem.

The Lord, the God of their ancestors,  
persistently sent his messengers to them,  
because he had compassion on his people  
and on his dwelling place; but they kept  
mocking the messengers of God, despising his  
words, and scoffing at his prophets, until the  
wrath of the Lord against his people became  
so great that there was no remedy.

Therefore, the Lord brought up against them  
the king of the Chaldeans, who burned the  
house of God, broke down the wall of  
Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire,  
and destroyed all its precious vessels. The  
king took into exile in Babylon those who had  
escaped from the sword, and they became  
servants to him and to his sons until the  
establishment of the kingdom of Persia, to  
fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of  
Jeremiah, until the land had made up for its  
sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it  
kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years.

In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in  
fulfilment of the word of the Lord spoken by  
Jeremiah, the Lord stirred up the spirit of King  
Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald  
throughout all his kingdom and also declared  
in a written edict:

"Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord, the  
God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms  
of the earth, and he has charged me to build  
him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.  
Whoever is among you of all his people, may  
the Lord his God be with him! Let him go up."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 137

By the rivers of Babylon  
there we sat and wept  
remembering Zion.  
On the poplars that grew there  
we hung up our harps.

For it was there that they asked us  
our captors for songs,  
our oppressors for joy.:  
"Sing to us" they said  
"one of Zions songs!"

O how could we sing  
the song of the Lord  
on alien soil?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
may my right hand be withered!

O let my tongue  
cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
If I prize not Jerusalem  
above all my joys.

## 9.15AM SUNDAY:

*Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!*

## SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:4-10

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great  
love with which he loved us even when we  
were dead through our trespasses, made us  
alive together with Christ - for it is by grace  
you have been saved.

And God raised us up with Christ and seated  
us with him in the heavenly places in Christ  
Jesus, so that in the ages to come God might  
show the immeasurable riches of his grace in  
kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through  
faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the  
gift of God. This is not the result of works, so  
that no one may boast. For we are what he  
has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good  
works, which God prepared beforehand to be  
our way of life.

## 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 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"Just as Moses lifted up  
the serpent in the  
wilderness, so must the  
Son of Man be lifted up,  
that whoever believes in  
him may have eternal

life. For God so loved the world that he gave  
his only Son, so that everyone who believes in  
him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the  
world to condemn the world, but in order  
that the world might be saved through him.  
Those who believe in him are not  
condemned; but those who do not believe  
are condemned already, because they have  
not believed in the name of the only Son of  
God.

"And this is the judgment, that the light has  
come into the world, and people loved  
darkness rather than light because their  
deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the  
light and do not come to the light, so that  
their deeds may not be exposed. But those  
who do what is true come to the light, so that  
it may be clearly seen that their deeds have  
been done in God."





## 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 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](mailto: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:** The psalmist calls us not to forget the love of God. Therefore, in this Lenten season as we open ourselves in this Eucharist, we call out with the needs of our community and our world.

We pray for the Holy People of God who have been saved by grace as described by St Paul. May the leaders of our Church show the love and mercy that God has given us.

God of Grace

*Hear our prayer*

We pray for the people in authority, especially our leaders in Australia, that they may work for unity and peace in our nation.

God of authority

*Hear our prayer*

We pray for the people who are burdened with suffering. We pray especially today for the ones who are afflicted with mental illness, that they find comfort through their family and health carers and compassion in those they meet.

God of the suffering

*Hear our prayer*

We pray for those gathered here in this Lenten season, full of the knowledge of God's mercy, that by our actions and deeds of kindness the Good News will be spread.

God of knowledge

*Hear our prayer*

We pray for parents, teachers and catechists and all who teach others the stories that draw them into the life of Christ. Give them strength to continue their ministry and bring others into the light of knowledge and truth.

God of truth

*Hear our prayer*

We pray for those who have died and those who are grieving in our community. May they be supported by the love and care of those around them.

God of comfort

*Hear our prayer*

**We pray together:** *God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son. Therefore, we have the confidence to present these prayers to you our God through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen*

## 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), Madeline McMahon & Paddy Raleigh.

**Those with anniversaries at this time:** Josue Martins (6/3),

**Those recently deceased:** Catherine Hall, Ruth Tarlinton & Bishop Austen Crapp ofm

**Those recently married:** Aaron De Gois & Emma Whetters; Kevin Lie & Michella Wijaya

## NEWS & NOTICES

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new series of Planned Giving envelopes starts this Sunday. Please collect your next series of envelopes from the back of the Church to save on postage. Thank you for your support!



### HOUSE OF WELCOME

Support House of Welcome by bringing something to add to the baskets. The next collections will be Sat, 16 March & Sun, 17 March and Sat, 23 March & Sun, 24 March. Non-Food Items OR Non-Perishable Food Items. Food vouchers are also great. Pick up from your home is available. Call or SMS - 0421 745 612.



### PROJECT COMPASSION

Our parish is raising funds to help support Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's annual fundraising campaign. You can help women like Memory seize better job opportunities and thrive in their community. Please make a generous donation through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, Ph 1800 024 413 or join our Parish: [parishes.projectcompassion.org.au/o/waverley-catholic-parish-2024](http://parishes.projectcompassion.org.au/o/waverley-catholic-parish-2024)

## LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

### St Charles' Primary School

53-63 Carrington Road, Waverley 2024

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 (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

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## ROSTER

| 9 – 10 MARCH 2024         | SAT 5PM VIGIL                  | SUN 9.15AM  | SUN 5PM                             |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>ALTAR SERVING</b>      | Barry Blake                    | Cameron Ward & Christian Abruzzese  | Sofia Baricevic & Matthew Woolaston |
| <b>PROCLAIMER OF WORD</b> | Margaret Blake                 | Gabrielle McAnespie & Bella Abruzzese                                     | Peter Foley                         |
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