



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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Fifth Sunday of Lent

REFLECTION: INTO THE VALLEY OF DEATH

One focus during Lent is to reflect on our own death and to see our way through it. We all must die, as much as we don't like the fact. We try to hide it, dodge it, deny it. Yet we can't in fact escape it. Jesus came into the world, not so much to do away with death (not immediately) but to teach us how to die by his example and then to assure us that death does not say the last word about life. When we walk into the valley of death we do not walk alone. Jesus is with us because he's been there before and knows what it is like. Moreover he promises us that just as he rose from the dead so will we. We will all be young again. We will all laugh again.

Once upon a time there was a young grandmother who totally adored her oldest grandson (like most grandmothers do). He was a good young man too. Handsome, friendly, courteous, more mature than you could reasonably expect any teenager to be. He was also an excellent athlete and was to be valedictorian of his class. Then, just a week before graduation, another teen (quite drunk) plowed into the car in which the young man was returning from a baseball game. He died three hours later in the hospital. Everyone in the family was, devastated, as you can well imagine. The grandmother was furious. "Why do such terrible things happen?" she demanded. "Why did it have to happen to my grandson? What kind of God would permit this to happen to me? He must be a cruel and vicious God. Why should I believe in him? I don't believe in him. My grandson was so young, he had the rest of his life ahead of him. It's all right for old people to die, but not for someone who had a right to a long and happy life. I don't believe in heaven. I don't believe in anything." She carried on like this for months, making the tragedy even harder for her family. She stopped going to Church and refused to talk to the priest who dropped by her house to talk to her. "I just hate God," she insisted. Then one night, maybe she was dreaming, maybe she was half away, her grandson, in his baseball uniform, came to visit it her. "Cool it, Grams," he told her. "I'm happy. Life is much better where I am. You're not acting like my grams any more. We all have to die sometime, young or old, but here we're all young and we're all laughing." So the grandmother began to let go of her grief and rage.



2024 Holy Week

24 - 31
MARCH 2024

MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH, WAVERLEY

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

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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 509**

I am the bread of Life

OFFERTORY HYMN**CWBII 289**

From ashes to the Living Font

THANKSGIVING HYMN**CWBII 288**

Forty days and forty nights

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WEEKDAY READINGS**18 Mar** Jere 1:4-9 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20**19 Mar** 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16

Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24

20 Mar Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28

Jn 8:31-42

21 Mar Gen 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59**22 Mar** Jere 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42**23 Mar** Ezel 37:21-2

Jere 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God,
 and plead my cause against a nation that is
 faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
 for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
 when I will make a new covenant with the
 house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will
 not be like the covenant that I made with
 their ancestors when I took them by the hand
 to bring them out of the land of Egypt-a
 covenant that they broke, though I was their
 husband, says the Lord.

But this is the covenant that I will make with
 the house of Israel after those days, says the
 Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will
 write it on their hearts; and I will be their
 God, and they shall be my people. No longer
 shall they teach one another, or say to each
 other; "Know the Lord," for they shall all
 know me, from the least of them to the
 greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their
 iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 50:3-4, 12-15

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
 In your compassion blot out my offence.
 O wash me more and more from my guilt
 and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
 put a steadfast spirit within me.
 Do not cast me away from your presence,
 nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
 with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
 that I may teach transgressors your ways
 and sinners may return to you.

9.15AM SUNDAY:*Create a clean heart in me, O my God***SECOND READING: HEBREWS 5:7-9**

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up
 prayers and supplications, with loud cries and
 tears, to the one who was able to save him
 from death, and he was heard because of his
 reverent submission.

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Although he was a Son, he learned obedience
 through what he suffered; and having been
 made perfect, he became the source of
 eternal salvation for all who obey him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 12:26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
 If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
 and where I am, my servant will also be.
 Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the
 festival were some Greeks. They came to
 Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee,
 and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew
 and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus
 answered them, "The hour has come for the
 Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell
 you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the
 earth and dies, it remains just a single grain;
 but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who
 love their life lose it, and those who hate
 their life in this world will keep it for eternal
 life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and
 where I am, there will my servant be also.
 Whoever serves me, the Father will honour."

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I
 say- 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is
 for this reason that I have come to this hour.
 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came
 from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will
 glorify it again."

The crowd standing there heard it and said
 that it was thunder. Others said, "Angel has
 spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice
 has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is
 the judgment of this world; now the ruler of
 this world will be driven out. And I, when I am
 lifted up from the earth, will draw all people
 to myself." Jesus said this to indicate the kind
 of death he was to die.

ROSTER

16 – 17 MARCH 2024	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
ALTAR SERVING	Laurie Bond	Anthony Spratt	Sofia Baricevic & Matthew Woolaston
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Francesca Jensen	Anne Fahy & Bella Abruzzese	Brigid Zengeni
EUCCHARIST MINISTER	Leanna Langlands & Susana Hansen	Margaret Kelly, Francine Darvill, Alison Abruzzese & Tony Abruzzese	Joy Pertile & Kathy Reilly
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Margaret Duncan	Kathy Reilly
OFFERTORY	Dante & Giovanni Jensen	Genevieve Roberts	
POWERPOINT OPS		Maureen Teagle	Theo Mabey & Dominic Hearne
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	-	Connie Stojic & Laura Neeson	-

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 are welcome. For more info, please call or SMS Beatriz on 0425 248 014.

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, the psalmist calls on God to create a clean heart in us and we do so with confidence in God's goodness.

We pray for Pope Francis and the leaders of our Church, clerical and lay, that God will create a clean heart in them so that their witness and leadership will be authentic in the light of the cross of Christ. God of guidance **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the leaders of our world and our nation that they will understand in their hearts that the only way to have life is to lose it in service of others. God of service **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all those in Australia who hold economic, administrative and political power. May they be given an understanding of true service in justice for the good of the people they serve. God of power **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who struggle to believe in God. As the Easter season approaches may they see the witness to salvation through those who truly follow Jesus. God of salvation **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those gathered here. May we open our minds and hearts to understand that it is only in dying to our own desires that we will truly have life in Jesus through the gospel. God of life **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all those suffering from grief, violence, ill health and distress. May they find peace and strength in the compassion of those who care for them. God of healing **Hear our prayer**

We pray together... God of infinite mercy, we offer these petitions to you in faith and understanding that they will be granted according to your will through the power of the Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, the 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: Sean Stankard (24/3), Jessie Duncan (24/3)

Those recently deceased: Ruth Cecily Tarlinton, Bishop Austen Crapp ofm,

Those recently baptised: Santiago Cruz Perez

NEWS & NOTICES

DEVOTIONAL SHOP OPEN

The Devotional Shop is open after the Saturday 5pm vigil and Sunday 9:15am Mass. All Sacramental gifts, cards and candles are available. Don't miss out!



Our Parish is raising funds to help support Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's annual fundraising campaign. Please make a generous donation through Project Compassion Ph 1800 024 413 or join our Parish here:

parishes.projectcompassion.org.au/o/waverley-catholic-parish-2024

HOUSE OF WELCOME COLLECTION

Support House of Welcome. Bring something to add to the baskets in church. **Next collection 16/17 & 23/24 March. Pick up available for those unable to carry - Call/SMS 0421 745 612.**

Non-Food Items: (NO CLOTHES PLEASE)

- * Nappies (larger sizes—walker / junior)
- * Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- * Laundry detergent, dishwashing Liquid
- * Shampoo, conditioner, soaps
- * Deodorant (men's and women's)
- * Sanitary Pads (no tampons) & toilet paper
- * Razors & Shaving Cream
- * Aldi/Woolworths/ Coles vouchers

Great food items to donate include:

- * Cook oil, sugar/flour, salt/pepper/spices
- * Basmati rice & instant noodles
- * Biscuits, tea/coffee, honey/jam & juices

(Please no soup, baked beans or tinned spaghetti!)

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

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 (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org

WORLD	DIE	TIME
ANGEL	HEAVEN	MYSELF
VOICE	FATHER	GLORIFY
JUDGEMENT	DRAW	EARTH
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"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." - John 12:32



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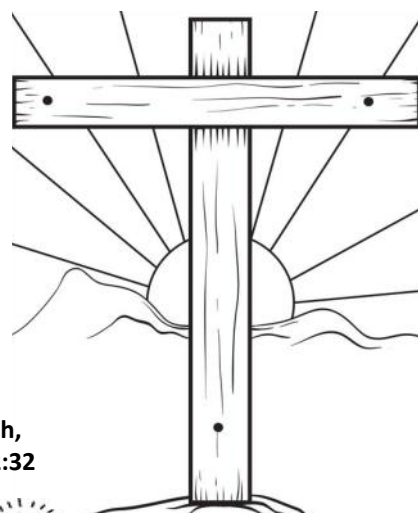
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