



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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RESURRECTION SUNDAY

REFLECTIONS: NEW LIFE, WITH JESUS

The Easter story begins very early in the morning of the first day of the week while it is *still dark*. As an old man, John would later write that *'the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining'*. But he links this strictly to one condition: *'Whoever loves his brothers and sisters,'* John says, *'lives in the light.'* On the other hand, *'whoever prefers to hate... is still in the darkness.'* (1 Jn 2:8-11).

On Friday, as we remembered the sufferings and death of the most marvellous human being the world has ever known, we came face to face with the dark side of human nature, the darkness that led the enemies of Jesus to torture, humiliate, and finally murder him on a cross. On that black day in Jerusalem, the capacity of human beings to hate, hurt and harm one another went completely out of control. It's no wonder, then, that *'darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon'*, that *'the sun's light failed'*, and that *'the curtain of the temple was torn in two'* (Lk 23:24).

Between light and darkness, between good and evil, one mighty struggle is still going on. It's going on in the physical cosmos, in human societies, and within our own personalities. Although the darkness often appears to be stronger than the light, it has not yet triumphed. The light is remarkably resilient. Often in danger of being extinguished, it manages to survive, and even to win many victories. The words of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of modern India, still ring as true as when he spoke them seventy years ago: *'When I despair I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but, in the end, they always fall.'* The words of the Easter Vigil liturgy express the same truth in an equally appealing way: *'The power of this holy [Easter] night,'* it proclaims, *'dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy. It casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride.'* Our celebration of Easter reminds us that the darkness of evil and hatred will never have the last say. For the resurrection of Jesus proclaims the ultimate triumph of light over darkness and goodness over evil, both in us and in our world.

Jesus was buried at sunset, as darkness was once again creeping over the earth, to all appearances a victim and a failure. But on the third day afterwards the sun came up on him victorious and triumphant, alive, powerful and influential. Once again, *'the true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world'* (Jn 1:9)

So we celebrate his resurrection today by rising from darkness and death ourselves. The Risen Lord himself, represented here by this beautiful Easter candle burning in our midst, is asking us to leave behind the works of darkness, to renounce and reject anything and everything in our lives which is dark, sinister and evil, and as persons connected to him by baptism, to *'walk always as children of the light'*, following in his footsteps.

So we are now invited to renew our baptismal promises. Reject darkness, evil and sin in every shape and form. And promise to follow Jesus Christ from now on, in a life of light, goodness and love, a life shaped by his own powerful example, a life supported and guided by the Holy Spirit, whom he first gave us at baptism and whom he gives us again right now. So together, dear People of God, let us renew our baptismal promises, and renew them as loudly and enthusiastically as we can.

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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.

WEEKDAY READINGS

1 Apr Acts 2:14, 22-33
Matthew 28:8-15
2 Apr Acts 2:36-41 John 20:11-18
3 Apr Acts 3:1-10 Luke 24:13-35
4 Apr Acts 3:11-26 Luke 24:35-48
5 Apr Acts 4:1-12 John 21:1-14
6 Apr Acts 4:13-21
Ps 117:1, 14-21
Mark 16:9-15



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be glory and power
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34, 37-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. "You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

"We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

"He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

RESPONSORIAL PS: 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

9.15AM SUNDAY:

*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 CORIN 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



WISH TO DONATE, NO CASH?

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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 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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To avoid last minute organising we are seeking people: **Offertory procession** - bring forward the gifts at Masses on Sunday as per the new "way" of presenting the gifts. **PowerPoint operators** - learn how to set up and use the PowerPoint - this will require arriving at Mass 10-15 minutes early to help with the set up especially if Fr Bernie is away.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

President: In the joy and hope of the resurrection let us pray to our wondrous God for our needs.

We pray for the Church and her leaders that they will all truly witness to the risen Christ in word and deed as they journey in a synodal way.

Sung response

We pray for the leaders of all nations that they will ensure that religious freedom is a right so that joy in the resurrection can be celebrated in Christian communities.

Sung response

We pray for those who are suffering persecution because they are Christian. May the light of the risen Christ be truly in their hearts as they persevere for the gospel.

Sung response

We pray for those who do not believe in Christ. May they receive the good news and rejoice through the witness of Christians everywhere.

Sung response

We pray for ourselves as we gather to rejoice in the day of the Lord. May we authentically witness to the good news in every aspect of our lives.

Sung response

We pray for all those who are suffering ill health, or from violence or isolation. May the light of the resurrection enter their lives through those who care for them and serve them.

Sung response

We pray together: Father, you have already granted us more than we can ask for in the Resurrection of Christ. As you answer our prayers through the power of the Spirit, make us ever more faithful to him who is Lord forever and ever.

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:

Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca

Those recently deceased:

John Baltazar, Karl Jaeger, Beatrice Van Heynsbergen, Sr Anne Tregillgas OSC & Garry Lane



NEWS & NOTICES

EAST SYDNEY CHAMBER

ORCHESTRA presents Mendelssohn in Italy on Sunday, 7 April at 2pm. \$25 pre purchased tickets. Short Interval. Only 250 seats. School aged child accompanied by adult - free. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mendelssohn-in-italy-east-sydney-chamber-orchestra-april-7-2pm-tickets-870448122767?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete>

CLOCKS GO BACKWARD

A reminder to put your clocks back 1 hour on Sunday 7 April as daylight saving ends. Enjoy the extra hour!



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!

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.



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Our Parish is raising funds to help support Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's annual fundraising campaign. Please donate to Project Compassion Ph 1800 024 413 or to: parishes.projectcompassion.org.au/o/waverley-catholic-parish-2024

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REC: Mrs Jessica Keeley

Family Educator: Mrs Caroline Doherty

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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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Ms Suzanne Walsh

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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.

Alternatively, contact Safeguarding Office on (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.



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"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" - John 20:2

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