



Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO - CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE WAVERLEY

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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REFLECTIONS:

When the excited disciples told Thomas "We have seen the Lord!" his initial response was to reject the possibility that they had seen Jesus. But the fact that all the other disciples were involved, and all saying the same thing, must have left him bewildered. If what they were saying was true, why had Jesus chosen not to include him?

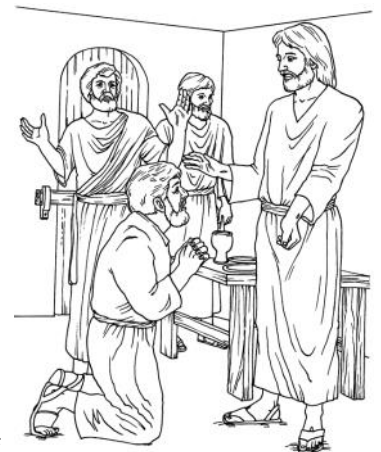
The following eight days would have been tough for Thomas. He had not shared in the encounter with Jesus and he must have felt envious of the others when he saw how it had affected them. Amid all his interior confusion he could have chosen to walk away, overwhelmed with a sense that somehow he did not matter to Jesus. He may even have had a strong sense of rejection.

Thomas stayed with the disciples despite his doubts and difficulties. He was there when Jesus came looking for him, and his encounter with Jesus was very personal. Perhaps Thomas vaguely remembered Jesus talking about ninety-nine sheep and the shepherd looking for the one which wasn't with the others. Thomas experienced the mercy of Jesus in the encounter, and it would have also had an effect on the other disciples.

If we miss out on something it is easy to let feelings of rejection or inferiority become overwhelming. Often there is a misunderstanding or combination of circumstances beyond anyone's control behind what happened, rather than a deliberate act of rejection. Finding out why things happened as they did should be a first step, as a relationship may depend upon it.

Sometimes we may find ourselves in the eight days of Thomas, as we struggle with a sense that somehow we do not matter to Jesus (or to perhaps to others). Jesus will return as he did for Thomas. Mary understood the nature of God when she proclaimed in the Magnificat "His mercy is from age to age...".

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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.*

GATHERING HYMN

CWBII 449
Alleluia Sing to Jesus

OFFERTORY HYMN

CWBII 342
Though the Red Sea brought at last

THANKSGIVING HYMN

CWBII 349 (Verses 1, 5, 6 & 7)
Oh Sons and Daughters let us sing
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Like newborn infants,
you must seek the Lord in total faith that in
him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:32-35

The whole group of those who believed were
of one heart and soul, and no one claimed
private ownership of any possessions, but
everything they owned was held in common.

With great power the apostles gave their
testimony to the resurrection of the Lord
Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

There was not a needy person among them,
for as many as owned lands or houses sold
them and brought the proceeds of what was
sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it
was distributed to each as any had need.

RESPONSORIAL PS: 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

Let the family of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the family of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

I was thrust down and falling,
but the Lord was my helper
The Lord is my strength and my song,
He was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory,
in the tents of the just.

The stone rejected by the builders is now the
corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice
and are glad.

**9.15AM SUNDAY: *Give thanks to the Lord for
he is good; his love endures forever.***

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been born of God, and everyone who
loves the parent loves the child.

By this we know that we love the children of
God, when we love God and obey his
commandments. For the love of God is this,
that we obey his commandments. And his
commandments are not burdensome, for
whatever is born of God conquers the world.
And this is the victory that conquers the
world, our faith.

Who is it that conquers the world but the one
who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
This is the one who came by water and blood,
Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with
the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the
one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have
seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but
still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the
dead, the first day of the week, and the doors
of the house where the disciples had met
were locked for fear of the authorities.

Jesus came and stood among them and said,
"Peace be with you." After he said this, he
showed them his hands and his side. Then
the disciples rejoiced when they saw the
Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be
with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send
you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them
and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If
you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven
them; if you retain the sins of any, they are
retained."

But Thomas, who was called the Twin, one of
the twelve, was not with them when Jesus
came. So the other disciples told him, "We
have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of
the nails in his hands, and put my finger in
the mark of the nails and my hand in his side,
I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the
house, and Thomas was with them. Although
the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood
among them and said, "Peace be with you."
Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here
and see my hands. Reach out your hand and
put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my
God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed
because you have seen me? Blessed are
those who have not seen and yet have come
to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the
presence of his disciples, which are not
written in this book. But these are written so
that you may come to believe that Jesus is
the Messiah, the Son of God, and that
through believing you may have life in his
name.



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 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

WEEKDAY READINGS

- 8 Apr** Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10
Luke 1:26-38
- 9 Apr** Acts 4:32-37 John 3:7-15
- 10 Apr** Acts 5:17-26 John 3:16-21
- 11 Apr** Acts 5:27-33 John 3:31-36
- 12 Apr** Acts 5:34-42 John 6:1-15
- 13 Apr** Acts 6:1-7
Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
John 6:16-21

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Inspired by Jesus' Easter mission of forgiveness and new life, we now pray to the God of mercy and compassion and make known our needs

We pray that the whole community of the Church will remain faithful to the teaching of the apostles and spread the Good News through the witness of their daily lives.

We pray to the Lord Lord hear our prayer

We pray that the peace of our Risen Lord may spread across the world and inspire national leaders to work for peace and justice for all and the protection of the planet.

We pray to the Lord Lord hear our prayer

We pray that, like Thomas we may believe, so that we too can pray truly in our hearts, "My Lord and my God".

We pray to the Lord Lord hear our prayer

We pray for the newly baptised, that their new life in Christ may be a source of growth and enrichment.

We pray to the Lord Lord hear our prayer

We pray for all whose unseen efforts keep the community safe. May they be blessed in their endeavours and receive due recognition for their humble service.

We pray to the Lord Lord hear our prayer

We pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they be raised with Christ and live with him forever.

We pray to the Lord Lord hear our prayer

We pray together: Strengthen our faith, O God, in the power of your merciful love, that brings forth life from death, and grant that in faith and love we may too confess Jesus, your Son, as our living Lord and God, who lives with you and Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Those who are sick: Michael Connery, Ella Connery, Annette Connelly, Pamela Cooper, Sabrina Kafka Girard, Kevin Brookes, Peter Timmins, Tania Gerzina (Murray), Madeline McMahon & Paddy Raleigh.

Those with anniversaries at this time: Pui Chun Wong (25/3), Yuk Lin Sin (21/2),

Those recently deceased: Beatrice Van Heynsbergen, Lydia Magat, Ken Smith, Lorcan Branagan, Garry Lane & George Atrash

Those recently baptised: Ziggy & Patrick Wilkie



NEWS & NOTICES

EAST SYDNEY CHAMBER

ORCHESTRA presents Mendelssohn in Italy this 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 this Sunday as daylight saving ends. Enjoy the extra hour!



You are cordially invited to the next Secular Franciscan Fraternity Meeting on 20 April at 2pm in the Parish Hall.

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.

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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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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KIDS CORNER

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- ACROSS**
- The disciple who would not believe without seeing
 - An entrance into a building or room
 - A pointed and headed fastener designed to be pounded into wood
 - Unwilling to believe that something is true

- DOWN**
- The body parts at the end of the arms
 - To observe with your eyes
 - Not open
 - To believe in something for which there is no proof

FAITH THOMAS CLOSED NAILS
 HANDS SEE DOUBTING DOOR