



# 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.

## STAY CONNECTED

Follow our social media platforms to keep up to date with the latest news in the Parish.

 facebook.com/waverleycatholic

 instagram.com/waverleycatholic

## PARISH CENTRE

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**Website:** [www.waverleycatholic.org.au](http://www.waverleycatholic.org.au)

### Parish Priest:

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[parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au](mailto:parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au)

### Parish Secretary:

Mrs Carla Korkor - (02) 9369 9399

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Monday - Friday (Mon/Weds email only)

### Pastoral Coordinator:

Mr Barry Blake

### Music Director:

Mr Kurt Ison

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## A WORD FROM FR BERNIE

A couple of weeks ago I received the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference Parish Social Profile, which is based on the 2021 Census. Bearing in mind that this was taken during a tumultuous time in our history (i.e. the latter stages of the pandemic) it still however makes for some interesting reading so I thought I would share with you some of the data. All the info below is calculated on our Parish boundaries.



<b>Total Population</b>	13,179	<b>Marital Status (Catholics aged 15+)</b>	
<b>Catholic Population</b>	3,012	Never Married	42.3%
<b>Median age</b>	41 years	Married	41.1%
<b>Unemployed</b>	2.5%	Divorced	10.8%
		Widowed	5.8%

## Families

Families	1,081
Single parent	83 (7.7%)
Couples of mixed religion	59.3%
Median annual family income	\$210,553

## Households

Households	1,548
Persons living alone	11.6%
Dwellings owned	61.8%
Median monthly home loan repayment	\$3,620

## Religious Affiliation

Catholic	3,012
Other Christian	1,792
Orthodox	379
Non Christian	1,156
<b>No Religion</b>	<b>5,785</b>

## Languages – Catholics (not all languages)

English	2,331
Italian	159
Spanish	124
Portuguese	103
French	46
Chinese languages	30
Filipino	25
Arabic	14
Vietnamese	3

## Educational Qualifications - Catholics

Post Grad degree	302
Grad dip/bachelor	843
Advanced Dip & Dip	232
Certificate	729

## Education

Catholics with Bachelor degree or higher		47.2%
Catholic Students attending Catholic Schools	Primary	55.1%
	Secondary	60.7%
Non-Catholic Students attending Catholic schools	Primary	14.4%
	Secondary	40.1%

More info, visit <https://ncpr.catholic.org.au/2021-Parish-Social-Profiles/Sydney/Waverley.pdf>

WE APPRECIATE EVERY HELPING  
HAND WE CAN GET!  
BE A PART OF OUR FAMILY  
**VOLUNTEER TODAY**



**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 353**

Christ is Alive with joy we sing

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**CWBII 342**

Though the Red Sea brought at last.

**THANKSGIVING HYMN**

**CWBII 352**

By your Kingly Power o Risen Lord

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**FIRST READING: ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19**

At the temple gate, Peter addressed the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

"But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

"Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

**RESPONSORIAL PS: 4:2, 4, 7, 9**

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy  
and hear me!

It is the Lord who grants favours to those  
whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at  
once,  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**9.15AM SUNDAY:**

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*

**SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 2:1-5**

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, "I have come to know him," but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 24:32**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you  
speak. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: LUKE 24:35-48**

The two disciples told the eleven and their companions what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."



**WEEKDAY READINGS**

- 15 Apr** Acts 6:8-15    John 6:22-29
- 16 Apr** Acts 7:51-8:1    John 6:30-35
- 17 Apr** Acts 8:1-8    John 6:35-40
- 18 Apr** Acts 8:26-40    John 6:44-51
- 19 Apr** Acts 9:1-20    John 6:52-59
- 20 Apr** Acts 9:31-42    Ps 115:12-17  
John 6:60-69

**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.

Secure Payments available  
Scan Here



**E-MAILING LIST**

Do you wish to receive this bulletin via email each week? Any updates from Fr Bernie or events in the Parish will also be announced via our Friday Parish News email. Scan this QR code or visit: <http://eepurl.com/hHvhOr>



**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 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](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**

**President:** As we continue to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ, let us bring our needs to God in prayer.

For the Church, that through Jesus' resurrection the Good News of salvation may burn anew in all for the good of others. *We pray to the Lord* **Lord hear our prayer**

For the leaders of the world, that their hearts may be opened to do good for oppressed and suffering people. *We pray to the Lord* **Lord hear our prayer**

For all who are isolated and rejected as strangers because of race, creed or colour, *We pray to the Lord* **Lord hear our prayer**

For countries at war, especially for the people of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan, that they may find strength in these troubled times and that the leaders involved will seek peace *We pray to the Lord* **Lord hear our prayer**

For all our students and families during this holiday break, that they will find great joy and hope in whatever they do during this time. And for those who are travelling, we pray for a safe journey. *We pray to the Lord* **Lord hear our prayer**

For all of us here, that we come to recognise Christ in each other as we make our journey together in faith. *We pray to the Lord* **Lord hear our prayer**

**We pray together:** Risen Jesus, stir up our faith that our hearts may burn within us at the sound of your word. Move our spirits with the courage to reach out to all in need. We pray in your name. **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:** Jean Gleeson (6/4), Peter Hassett (7/4) & Karl Jaeger

**Those recently deceased:** Garry Lane, George Atrash & Nicholas Malouf

**Those recently married:** Abel Mathew & Varsha Biju

**NEWS & NOTICES**

**GETTING MARRIED?**

Any couple intending to marry will need to participate in one of the Pre-Marriage Courses offered in the Archdiocese of Sydney. CatholicCare Sydney invites you to spend some time building or strengthening the foundations for your married life. Courses are run either in the group, online or in face-to-face format, on weeknights and some weekends. More info: [www.catholiccare.org](http://www.catholiccare.org); (02) 9509 1234 or [mre@catholiccare.org](mailto:mre@catholiccare.org)

**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 PowerPoint - this will require arriving at Mass 10-15 mins early to help with the set up especially if Fr Bernie is away.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

**Enrolment is now open.** Please note the following dates that are all compulsory. **Parent Information Evening** - Wednesday, 8th May @ 6.30pm at Parish Centre. **Commitment Mass:** Saturday, 11th May @ 5pm at Mary Immaculate Church. **Confirmation Spirituality / Training Day:** Wednesday, 12th June @ 9.15am-12.30pm. **Sacrament of Confirmation Ceremony:** Sunday, 23rd June @ 2pm at Mary Immaculate Church. Please find the link to enrol on our website under Sacraments menu.



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



**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. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. Contact Safeguarding via [safeguardingenquiry@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiry@sydneycatholic.org) or 9390 5810.

**ADVERTISE WITH US**

Our Parish would like to encourage and support local Catholic businesses. Do you or somebody you know have a small Catholic business that would benefit from advertising in our weekly Church bulletin? Our weekly bulletin is viewed by the number of people outside the Parish via the internet and from the 200 copies printed each week! For a small monthly donation of \$50 your business card sized ad would appear 4/5 times a month in our Church bulletin. This donation supports the printing costs of our bulletin. Please contact Carla in the office (02) 9369 9399 for more details.

**ROSTER**

13 – 14 APRIL 2024	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
ALTAR SERVING	Laurie Bond	Cameron Ward & Christian Abruzzese	Sofia Baricevic & Matthew Woolaston
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Gabrielle McAnespie & Bella Abruzzese	Peter Foley
EUCHARIST MINISTER	Shirley Lyons & Susana Hansen	Francine Darvill, Margaret Kelly, Alison Abruzzese & Tony Abruzzese	Miriam Wairau & Laura Neeson
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Margaret Duncan	Laura Neeson
OFFERTORY	Victor Voros		Chloe Neeson & Massimo Neeson
POWERPOINT OPS	Toni Dickson	Maureen Teagle	Dominic Hearne
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	-	Teresa Vigroux & Genevieve Roberts	-