



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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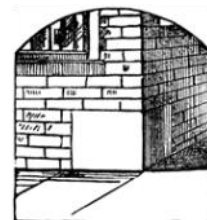
REFLECTIONS: A VERY PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

When people go to Rome on pilgrimage, they usually try to include a visit to the Catacombs, the earliest Christian cemeteries in existence. The earliest Christian art is there in the catacombs, in images are very simple and unadorned compared to the art that would emerge in later centuries. Yet these pictures are very striking just because of their simplicity and directness. One of the images of Jesus most found in the catacombs is that of the Good Shepherd. One is in the Catacomb of San Callistus, showing a young beardless man with a sheep draped around his shoulders and holding a bucket of water in his right hand. Clearly the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd that we find in today's gospel spoke to Christians from the earliest days of the church.

The shepherd image in the catacombs appealed to Christians from the start, because it conveys the *personal* nature of the relationship between Jesus and his followers; it portrays the close personal care that the shepherd has for the sheep. The shepherd has gone looking for the one sheep that was wandered off and having found it, he takes it home to the flock upon his shoulders. There is a bond between the shepherd and this one sheep. That is what Jesus conveys in today's gospel. He declares that he knows his own and his own know him, just as the Father knows him and he knows the Father. It is an extraordinary statement to make. Jesus is saying that the very personal relationship he has with his heavenly Father is the model for the equally personal relationship he has with each one of us. Jesus knows us as intimately as the Father knows him, and he wants us to know him as intimately as he knows the Father. There is a great deal to ponder there. When it comes to the Lord we are not just one of a crowd, lost in a sea of faces. In a way that we will never fully understand, the Lord knows each one of us by name. He relates to us in a personal way and he invites us to relate to him in a personal way. He wishes to enter into a personal relationship with each one of us. I am often struck by a line in Saint Paul's letter to the churches in Galatia, where he says, 'I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me'. We can each make our own those words of Saint Paul. When Jesus says in today's gospel that, as the good shepherd, 'I lay down my life for my sheep', he is saying that he lays down his life for each one of us individually.

The Lord who knows us by name, who gave himself in love for each one of us, also calls us by name. Today is *Vocations Sunday*. The Lord has a calling that is personal to each one of us. He calls us in our uniqueness with our very particular temperament, our unique identity, the background that is specific to each one of us. No one of us is like anyone else. Parents know how distinct and unique each of their children is. They will all have been given the same love; they grow up in basically the same environment. Yet, from a very early age, their uniqueness becomes very evident. The family is a microcosm of the church as a whole. From the time of our baptism, we are each called to be the Lord's disciples, to follow the good Shepherd. However, the way we do that will be unique to each one of us. The particular way in which the Lord works through us is unique to each one of us. I can do something for the Lord that only I can do. Each person in this church can do something for the Lord that only he or she can do. Each one of us has a unique contribution to make to the work of the Lord in the world, to the life of the church, and that contribution is just as vital as anyone else's contribution. We each have a unique vocation and each vocation is equally significant. Each one of us is vitally important to the Lord. When we each respond to our unique vocation, we give a lift to everyone else. When any one of us fails to respond to that vocation, we are all a little bit impoverished. We can all feel at times like the rejected stone, for whatever reason. Yet, we are never rejected in the Lord's eyes. He continues to call us in the way that is unique to us. He sees us as the keystone for some aspect of his work. He recognises the potential for good that is within us all. On this Vocations Sunday we commit ourselves anew to hearing and responding to the call of the good shepherd.

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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.*



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:8-12

While Peter and John were speaking to the
people about the resurrection of Jesus, the
captain of the temple arrested them and
placed them in custody.

The next day the rulers, elders and scribes
assembled. When they had made the
prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired,
"By what power or by what name did you do
this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit,
said to them, "Rulers of the people and
elders, if we are questioned today because of
a good deed done to someone who was sick
and are asked how this man has been healed,
let it be known to all of you, and to all the
people of Israel, that this man is standing
before you in good health by the name of
Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified,
whom God raised from the dead.

"This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by
you, the builders; it has become the
cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one
else, for there is no other name under heaven
given among mortals by which we must be
saved."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 117

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end.

9.15AM SUNDAY: *The stone rejected by the
builders has become the corner stone.*

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-2

See what love the Father has given us, that
we should be called children of God; and that
is what we are. The reason the world does
not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we
will be has not yet been revealed. What we
do know is this: when he is revealed, we will
be like him, for we will see him as he is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "I am the good
shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his
life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not
the shepherd and does not own the sheep,
sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep
and runs away-and the wolf snatches them
and scatters them. The hired hand runs away
because a hired hand does not care for the
sheep.

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and
my own know me, just as the Father knows
me and I know the Father. And I lay down my
life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do
not belong to this fold. I must bring them
also, and they will listen to my voice. So there
will be one flock, one shepherd.

"For this reason the Father loves me, because
I lay down my life in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from
me, but I lay it down
of my own accord. I
have power to lay it
down, and I have
power to take it up
again. I have received
this command from
my Father."



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 620

The Lord's my shepherd

OFFERTORY HYMN

CWBII 342

Though the Red Sea brought at last

THANKSGIVING HYMN

CWBII 651

You Satisfy the hungry heart

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WEEKDAY READINGS

22 Apr Acts 11:1-18 John 10:1-10

23 Apr Acts 11:19-26 John 10:22-30

24 Apr Acts 12:24-13:5 John 12:44-50

25 Apr Wisdom 3:1-9 John 12:23-28

26 Apr 1 Peter 5:5-14 Mark 16:15-20

27 Apr Acts 13:44-52 Ps 97:1-4
John 14:7-14

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 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 laurapneeson@gmail.com

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

Introduction: Confident that the Lord's love for us has no end, we bring forward our needs and the needs of the whole world.

For all who have positions of leadership or authority in the Church – that they will be inspired by Jesus the Good Shepherd, committed to the care of those they serve.

Christ has died, Christ is risen! Alleluia. Alleluia.

For community and national leaders – that they foster communal values of tolerance and respect for people from diverse backgrounds, and encourage people to be attentive to the needs of others.

Christ has died, Christ is risen! Alleluia. Alleluia.

We pray for all those who lead nations in conflict – that the Holy Spirit will open their minds and hearts to understand that violence cannot end their troubles and that peace is the only true way to bring hope and prosperity to their people.

Christ has died, Christ is risen! Alleluia. Alleluia.

We pray on this World Day of Prayer for vocations to the Christian life in its many forms – that all the baptised grow in knowledge of their role as priest and prophet and servant King and be imbued with the spirit of service and humility.

Christ has died, Christ is risen! Alleluia. Alleluia.

For all responsible for the farming, care and stewardship of animals – that there will be deep respect for the complexity and interconnectedness of all life and rich appreciation of God's gift of life, in so many diverse forms.

Christ has died, Christ is risen! Alleluia. Alleluia.

For our local community of Waverley – that we as a community will continue to grow in faith and to encourage others to seek the hope that is in Jesus Christ.

Christ has died, Christ is risen! Alleluia. Alleluia.

***We pray together:** God of lasting love, fulfil your plan of salvation to gather into one fold, the peoples of the whole world. Let everyone on earth recognise your Christ as the Good Shepherd, who freely lays down his life. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. 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 & Michael Salem.

Anniversaries at this time: Maria Hoang (22/4), Bill Kerr (24/4), Peter J Foley (25/4), William Malouf (26/4)

Those recently baptised: Angus Richard Basil Glen & Harriet Anita Elise Glen, Goldie Wendy Harley, Mila Rose Ivancsik & Olive Elena Innamorati

Those recently married: Adrian Reinboth & Stephanie Domazet

NEWS & NOTICES

ANZAC DAY 25 APRIL 9:15AM MASS

Please come and pray as a community for men and women who have served and who currently serve in our countries (Australia and New Zealand) military. This is a special day of Remembrance of how our 2 countries fought together so that the places we call home could become places of peace and prosperity. In celebrating and remembering we gather to pray that peace, and in particular the peace found through Christ, may be lived in our countries, our communities, in our homes and in our hearts.



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.



LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

St Charles' Primary School
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 W <https://stcwaverley.catholic.edu.au>
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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 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

20 – 21 APRIL 2024	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Cameron Ward & Christian Abruzzese	Sofia Baricevic & Matthew Woolaston
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Francesca Jensen	Des Durkin & Anne Fahy	Karl Baricevic
EUCARIST MINISTER	Leanna Langlands & Vincent Conroy	Veralene Lobo, Jackie Durkin, Alison Abruzzese & Tony Abruzzese	Joy Pertile & Kathy Reilly
HOSPITALITY	Ruth Lucas	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly
OFFERTORY	Dante & Giovanni Jensen	Genevieve Roberts	-
POWERPOINT OPS	Theo Mabee	Maureen Teagle	Dominic Hearne & Steven Alderton
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	-	Connie Stojic & Laura Neeson	-