



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: FALSE PROPHETS

Admirers have suggested that the brilliance of Oscar Wilde's plays was only surpassed by that of his conversation. He was a superb raconteur whose conversational offerings were heavily laced with irony. He had a particular penchant for parables, often recounting them in the style of the gospel narrative. Here is one of them. "One day, an unknown man walked down the street. It was the first hour of daylight and people had not yet gathered in the market place. The man sat down by the wayside and, raising his eyes, he began to gaze up to heaven. And it came to pass that another man who was passing that way, seeing the stranger, he too stopped and raised his eyes to heaven. At the second and third hour, others came and did likewise. Soon word of this marvellous happening spread throughout the countryside and many people left their abodes and came to see this stranger. At the ninth hour, when the day was far spent, there was a great multitude assembled. The stranger lowered his eyes from heaven and stood up. Turning towards the multitude, he said in a loud voice: "Amen, amen~ I say unto you. How easy it is to start a religion!"

To start a religion, as Wilde observed, may not be that difficult, but to ensure its survival is quite another matter. People are gullible. Futurists predict a growth in religious activity in the 21st century. For them it forms part of the leisure industry which is expected to expand dramatically. Whether one should greet this prediction with joy or apprehension is a matter for debate. A purely statistical increase in church membership is a dubious gain. What counts for Christianity — indeed, what ensures its survival — is not external but internal growth. What is required is not more members of the Catholic Church, but better disciples of Jesus Christ. Mere membership and full discipleship are worlds apart. Christianity has always suffered from a surfeit of members and a shortage of disciples. Humans are social animals and crave to be associated. In a world grown cold and depersonalised the churches offer a comfortable ambiance of friendship and security. Often the gospel is diluted to accommodate the prejudices and lifestyle of the parishioners. Few preached fearlessly enough, like St Paul, to risk their livings, let alone their lives. The radical Christ is made into a benign bishop and the collection plate registers members' approval. Too many withered branches remain un-pruned.

St John tries gently to prod us into discipleship. "My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active." You won't meet Christ in your Sunday liturgy, if you haven't rubbed shoulders with him in the office, in the factory or in the kitchen. You won't hear his message from the altar, if you were deaf to his call at your office desk. Jesus put it simply and bluntly: "It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples."

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Register: <https://www.maristformation.org/amy-jill-levine-speaking-engagements>

Professor Amy-Jill Levine

Sydney Lecture

Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi

Date: 6 May 2024

Venue: Doltone House, Hyde Park, 181 Elizabeth Street, Sydney

Time: 9.00am-2.30pm

Cost: \$120 (inc. morning tea and lunch)

Marist

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:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

GATHERING HYMN

CWBII 353 - Christ is alive

FIRST READING: ACTS 9:26-31

When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus Saul had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus.

So Saul went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. He spoke and argued with the Hellenists; but they were attempting to kill him. When the believers learned of it, they brought Saul down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 22:26-28, 30-32

My vows I will pay before those who fear the Lord.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill;
They shall praise the Lord,
those who seek him:

May their hearts live forever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord;

all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

They shall worship him,
all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow down all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him; my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

'These things the Lord God has done.'

9.15AM SUNDAY: *I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people*

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:18-24

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God. And this is God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another; just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

"Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

"Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

OFFERTORY HYMN

CWBII 3409 - An Upper Room

THANKSGIVING HYMN

CWBII 620 - The Lord's my Shepherd

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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.*

WEEKDAY READINGS

29 Apr Acts 14:5-18 John 14:21-26

30 Apr Acts 14:19-28 John 14:27-31

31 Apr Acts 15:1-6 John 15:1-8

1 May Acts 15:7-21 John 15:9-11

2 May 1 Corinthians 15:1-8
John 14:6-14

3 May Acts 16:1-10
Ps 99:1-3, 5
John 15:18-21



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

President: *People of God, the psalmist calls us to praise God in our assembly. Therefore, in this spirit of praise we offer all of our needs and the needs of our community.*

We pray for the Church, that we may be a sign of love that is real and active and show the world that the truth matters. Christ has died, Christ is risen! **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

We pray for the world, for those in positions of power, that they may have the courage and strength to make decisions for the good of all those who are weak and oppressed. Christ has died, Christ is risen! **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

We pray for those fleeing war and political persecution, that they may find refuge and safety from all danger since the pandemic has made global safety more vulnerable. Christ has died, Christ is risen! **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

We pray for all those who are suffering, especially those who are suffering from mental illness, may they find consolation and acceptance in their families and friends. Christ has died, Christ is risen! **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

We pray for all of us gathered around this altar, that we might have the grace to love one another, as God has loves us. Christ has died, Christ is risen! **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

We pray for all the members of our Parish, that in this Easter season we may be an authentic sign of Christ's death and resurrection through our love for each other and the way in which we live in this world. Christ has died, Christ is risen! **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

We pray together: *God of compassion, as branches of the vine, we know that in your mercy you will listen to these petitions and grant them according to your will, through the power of the Spirit and in the name of 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 & Michael Salem.

Anniversaries at this time: Joao Goncalzes (23/4), Tom Hassett (24/4), William Malouf (26/4), Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca,

Those recently deceased: Neil William Rogers, Kathleen Webb & Bernadette Campion

Those recently married: Anthony Porteous & Anastasia Poulios

Those recently baptised: Belle Marie Blake, Georgia Josephine Griffiths & Hayley O'Connor

NEWS & NOTICES

BRIGIDINE EX-STUDENT REUNION

On Sun 5 May 2024, we are having a high tea at Brigidine Randwick in Cullen Hall (entry via Ritz Carpark lift) at 1pm. Please pass this message on to any ex-student you know. We'd love to see them again. \$55 payable at the door. Info, call Dianne 0499 325 823/Mary-Lynne 0438 671 640

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4 & 5 May is our Parish appeal. Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Donate at www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf or complete envelope during Mass.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Enrolment open. Please note the following dates that are priority. **Parent Info 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. **Confirmation Ceremony:** Sun, 23rd June @ 2pm at Mary Immaculate Church.

DEVOTIONAL SHOP OPEN

The Devotional Shop is open after the Sat 5pm Vigil & Sun 9:15am Mass. Come see our sacramental gifts, cards and candles.

LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

St Charles' Primary School
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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
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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 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5810.

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EASTERN SUBURBS LEGION CLUB
 Open 5 days for lunch and dinner. Please check out our website for the menu, opening hours and other social entertainment activities. All Welcome!
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ROSTER

27 – 28 APRIL 2024	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
ALTAR SERVING	Margaret Blake	Marchellas Tjipto	Sofia Baricevic & Matthew Woolaston
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Victor Voros	Eloise Linfoot & Maria Ner	Karl Baricevic
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