



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: CHOOSING & BEING CHOSEN

The experience of being chosen by someone can be a welcome one. It might be as simple as someone choosing us to be on their team; or, some years later, to be their referee, when applying for a job; they trust us to give them a good reference. But being chosen can be even more significant still. At the root of every happy marriage is the fact that two people once chose and then kept on choosing each other. At the heart of every true friendship is a similar choice. Two people choose to be friends with each other; they valued their relationship as special and worthwhile. As in marriage, the choice must be mutual if the friendship is to last. When the choice is one-sided, there can be heartbreak for the one not chosen in return. One of life's really painful experiences is unrequited love. In the gospel today Jesus uses this language of choice and friendship. He tells them (and us), "I chose you," "I call you friends." We can each hear those words as addressed to us.


The disciples here represent us all. He has handed over his life for us all. Like St. Paul we can each say that the Son of God *loved me and gave himself for me*. In giving his life for us, Jesus chose us, personally, called each of us his friend. His words are to us, "You are my friends." The Mass makes present the self-giving death of Jesus in every generation, to every community that gathers for the Breaking of Bread. Right here and now he continues to speak those same words from the last supper, "You are my friends," "I chose you." But here's a thing: In our personal lives, choosing one means not choosing another. This is not the case with the good Lord, who is able to choose each of us equally. As Peter says in the first reading, "God does not have favourites."

If I choose someone as a friend, I want that person to make a similar choice of me. Similarly, the Lord's choice of us seeks and desires our choice of him. Having chosen us, he wants us to reciprocate that choice. Earlier in the gospel, at a time when many people stopped following him, he turned to his disciples and said to them, "Do you also wish to go away?" Jesus was inviting them to respond to the choice he had made of them. At that highly-charged moment, Peter said on behalf of them all, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the message of eternal life." In this way he publicly declared his choice of Jesus. At Mass we both celebrate the Lord's choice of us and we renew our choice of him. When we respond to his invitation to *take and eat*, we take Him to heart and renew our choice him as our way, our truth and our life. [@https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/](https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/)





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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:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

GATHERING HYMN

CWBII 353 - Christ is alive

FIRST READING: ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

On Peter's arrival at Caesarea, Cornelius, a centurion of the Roman cohort, met him, and falling at his feet, worshipped him. But Peter made him get up, saying, "Stand up; I am only a mortal."

Then Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius, "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 97:1-4

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation:
he has shown justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and his love
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
shout to the Lord all the earth
ring out your joy.

9.15AM SUNDAY:

*The Lord has revealed to
the nations his saving
power.*



SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them. Alleluia

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

"You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

"You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

OFFERTORY HYMN

CWBII 342

Through the Red Sea brought at last

THANKSGIVING HYMN

CWBII 443

- A new commandment

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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

6 May Acts 16:11-15
John 15:26-16:4

7 May Acts 16:22-34
John 16:5-11

8 May Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1
John 16:12-15

9 May Acts 18:1-8
John 16:16-20

10 May Acts 18:9-18
John 16:20-23

11 May Acts 18:23-28
Ps 46:2-3, 8-10
John 16:23-28

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.

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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: *The psalmist declares that we should sing a new song to the Lord who has worked wonders. With confidence in these wonders we have witnessed we offer our petitions.*

We pray for the Church under the leadership of Pope Francis, that in this season of Easter we may bear witness to the joy that the Gospel brings.

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

We pray for the Church in Australia, that the joy of Easter will inspire all involved to work hard towards the renewal of faith and that all people will find hope in the resurrection.

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

We pray for volunteers who devote time and energy to help make the world a better place, especially our parish volunteers, that they will be enriched in their giving and see their efforts bear fruit.

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

We pray for those who are suffering from mental illness, that the Holy Spirit will convince them of the immense love God has for them through the compassion that they experience.

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

We pray for our young people who are preparing to celebrate Confirmation this year, that the gifts of the Spirit may encourage them in their faith.

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

We pray for our parish, that we may be ready to bear witness to the hope that we have been given through the knowledge that the love we share comes from God.

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

We pray together: *Ever-loving God, we sing a song of praise to your name, for you have worked wonders: continue to guide your people, and hear our prayers, through Jesus 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: Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca, Sr Marina Morrison & Tony Aston (4/5) Johanna & Jack Aston (5/5), Francis Fernandez (24/5) & Jeffrey Teoh (31/5)

Those recently married: Anthony Porteous & Anastasia Poullos

NEWS & NOTICES

CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

We would like to introduce any interested parishioners to the Catholic Bushwalking Club. The CBC has been operating since 1943. The club offers a variety of both day walks and multi day walks either in the wider Sydney region or wherever a member wants to lead a walk. The club caters for a wide age range and offers a social program as well as the walks program. For info: www.cbcnsw.org.au

CHILDREN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

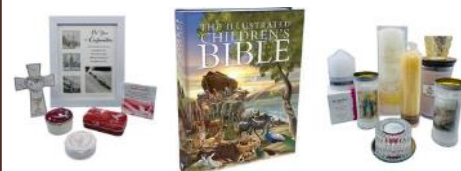
We are seeking people for weekend Masses: **Offertory procession** - bring forward the gifts at Masses on Sat/Sun as per the new "way" of presenting the gifts. This will require arriving at Mass 10 minutes early. Chat to Fr Bernie today.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Parent Information Evening: Wednesday, 8th May @ 6.30pm at Parish Centre.
Commitment Mass: Saturday, 11th May @ 5pm at Mary Immaculate Church. See website for enrolment & Ceremony date.

DEVOTIONAL SHOP HOURS

Need a last minute gift or card for someone special? Need a new bible? The Devotional Shop is open each weekend after the Saturday 5pm Vigil & Sunday 9:15am Mass. Come see our Sacramental gifts, cards and candles. Don't have what you need in stock? Ask our team!



LOCAL AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

St Charles' Primary School
 53-63 Carrington Road, Waverley 2024
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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
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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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ST CHARLES' PLAYGROUP

COME JOIN US

STARTING WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 9:15AM



ROSTER

4 – 5 MAY 2024	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 9.15AM	SUN 5PM
ALTAR SERVING	Angel Agustin	Anthony Spratt	Sofia Baricevic & Matthew Woolaston
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Leanna Langlands	Des Durkin & Eloise Linfoot	Peter Foley
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