



St Mary's Catholic Parish Warwick

Vision Statement

To live the Gospel by celebrating together, sustaining a welcoming parish and serving Jesus Christ through the joys and sorrows of our wider community.

25th & 26th November 2023
The Feast of Christ The King, Year A

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The Divine Makes Itself Felt in the Poor

It is hard to imagine a more profound set of readings with which to end the liturgical year and transition into the Advent season. On this Sunday, when the church celebrates the risen Christ as king of the universe, Matthew identifies the Son of Man with the destitute. The powerful imagery in this Sunday's Gospel leads many scholars to ask just how close Christians should understand this identification. As two scholars wonder in their commentary on this passage, "Do we have here the real personal presence of the Son of Man in the poor?" (David and Allison, *International Critical Commentary*, 2004). If the answer is yes, then we must accept that God reveals at least part of the mystery of divine being through the experience of the poor. It is in Matthew's Gospel that Jesus reveals the intimate identification between God and these lost, injured and sick sheep. The parable in this Sunday's Gospel is often referred to as the "Judgment of the Nations." The Son of Man will sit on a glorious throne and call "the nations" to a final examination of their deeds, separating them like a shepherd separates sheep from goats. In a surprising move, the criterion of this judgment is specific: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Questions remain, however. Who are these "nations" being judged? Who are the "needy" being served or being neglected? There are several ways to interpret this parable, but two interpretations are particularly helpful. The first rests on Matthew's repeated references to "the nations." Some Christian thinkers believe that he is referring to people throughout the world that have yet to hear the message of Christ. The passage thus suggests a path to salvation for those outside the believing community. For those who have not encountered the faith, care for the poor is the action that pleases the God whom they seek. This interpretation, although rarely heard, merits reflection as it finds in one of our faith's earliest texts an open path to salvation for non-Christians.

In the second interpretation, the "nations" under judgment represent all humanity. For many of us, this might be the more helpful way to pray with this Gospel passage as we transition into Advent. We are preparing for the arrival of the one who will raise humanity up, and yet, at the same time, suffers within the least of his brothers and sisters. "For I was hungry and you gave me food," says Christ, king of the universe, "thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35). The divine mystery revealed in this passage is one of radical humility, an identification with the concrete experience of humanity in its pain, hunger and neglect. Advent prepares us for the humility that Christmas reveals. The mystery of the poor is also somehow the mystery of God at the center of our faith. Victor Cancino, S.J.

PLEASE PRAY FOR



MASS TIMES

THIS WEEKEND

25 & 26th November

St Mary's

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8:30am

Killarney

Sunday 8am

Texas

Saturday 5pm

Inglewood

Sunday 9am

REGULAR

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday Mass 9am

Tuesday Mass 9am

Wednesday Mass 7am

Thursday Mass 9am

Friday Mass 9am

Saturday Mass 9am

Regular Mass Times could change if there are any special celebrations for the week, please see inside the Bulletin for any updates.

St Mary's Sunday

8:30am Masses are live-streamed from St Mary's on YouTube or the website.

Reconciliation

St Mary's

Every Saturday 9:30am after mass

FEAST DAYS

Tue: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed: St Cecilia

Fri: St Andrew Dung-Lac & companions

NEXT WEEKEND

25th & 26th November

St Mary's

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8:30am

Yangan

Saturday 6pm

Greymare

Sunday 10am 9.30am

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Don McGuinness, Wilma & Tom Crawford, Mary & Joe Ryan, James & Edna Mullins, Basil Nolan, Monica Mahoney, Lila Cuneo, Glad Greene, Rev Frs William McGovern, Cornelius Cahalane, Charles Daly, Francis Leonard, Peter Murphy, John Dowd, William McCormack, Ven A/Deacon Leo Hayes, *and all relatives and friends.*

SICK: Kierstan Farrell, Rita Collins, Christie-Lee Krause, John & Lyndell O'Mara, John McMahon, Maurice Ryan, Joanne Small, Tom Willett, Mary & Douglas Hough, Karen Hynes, Michael Bunch (Bne), Paul Ryan (Bne), Jack & Marie Beard, Barry Donnelly, Angela Gannon, Des & Jan Buchbach, Anthony White and residents of Akooramak, The Oaks, Churches of Christ and patients at the Warwick Hospital.

Names for anniversaries & the sick will remain on our list for 4 weeks unless

Covid-19: Please use the hand sanitizer provided at the doors

ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 18th & 19th November 2023		NEXT WEEKEND 2 December 2023	
	Vigil 6pm	8:30am	Vigil 6pm	8:30am
Bell Ringers	Brian Collins	Marty & Sue Harris	Chris Ryan	Mal Brownlie
Welcomers	Justin Walsh	Barry Scanlan	Phillipa Doherty	Paul Coghlan
Altar Server	Polly Young	Thomas & Felicity Madsen	Andrew & Andrea Curoopen	Victoria McHardy
Children's Liturgy		Emma Timmins		Alana Brosnan
1st Reader	Family Mass	John Telfer	Sharon Young	Michael Ryan
2nd Reader	Family Mass	Jill Hume	Nick Nolan	Margaret Plummer
Prayer of Faithful	Family Mass	Maureen Dunn	Tim Kajewski	Michael Gaffney
Gifts	Family Mass	Plummer Family	Chris Newly Family	Pat Sheil
Communion Ministers	Lyn Noble Brian Collins Cheryl Collins	Tom Lawton Paul Maher Monica Maher	Brian Collins Cheryl Collins Bernice Furness	Paul Maher Monica Maher Barry Scanlan
Powerpoint	Erin Walsh	Harriet Plummer	Alby & Polly Young	Gemma King
Musician	Debbie Cleary Regina Henry	Tom Hodgson	Kathleen / Men's Choir	Michael, Rey & Val
Money Counters	Group 4—Chris O'Brien		Group 5—Vince Hemmings	

OTHER ROSTERS	WEEK COMMENCING 26th November 2023	WEEK COMMENCING 3rd December
Akooramak	Bernice Furness & Michael Dwan	Sue Harris
Home Communion	Fr Bony & Len Doyle	Fr Franco
Morning Tea	Bethany Family	Brian & Mary Bourke

GIVING

Thank you for the continued financial support of our parish through your giving. Please see our details below for ways to give. **Ways to Give:**

1. Envelopes **2.** One-off deposit or credit card payment **4. Direct Debit - All NEW Direct Debits** will be via Archdiocesan Development Fund. Please contact the Parish Office for the form.

GIVING APP

You can now make a donation on your mobile phone. This can be a one-off donation or a recurring donation.



The **Mass Sheets** for daily Mass are once again available and are placed at the side doors as usual. However, there is one important change which needs to be noted. The Response and the Psalm is to follow the same procedure as at Sunday Mass. This is the correct way. Hence the Response is said by the Congregation, but the Psalm is said by the Reader ONLY. The congregation is not to recite the Psalm.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a many pairs of sunglasses and reading glasses in lost property. Please see the office if you are missing a pair. Also a few items of clothing.

**ST MARY'S BELL RINGERS
CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER**

DATE CLAIMER:

Tuesday 19th December 2023
At Sovereign Hotel Beer Garden
6.00pm until late

Bulletin Submissions Deadlines

Please note the deadline for any submissions to our weekly Parish Bulletin is 12.00pm Thursday of each week.

**CHURCH OPENING
TIMES**

PRIVATE PRAYER -
Tuesday & Thursday
3.45pm - 4.45pm

PARISH GROUPS

The Parish Rosary is said each day a half hour prior to Mass. Except the 1st Saturday of the month when it starts at 7.45am. Anyone who has intentions or wish to join us are most welcome.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS— If you are interested in joining our groups please contact Marguerite 0411 092 841

FIL-HAROMIX— Choir practice 1st Sunday & 2nd Saturday of each month.

**PARISH GROUPS
MEETING AT
ASSUMPTIO PLACE**

MEDITATION GROUP meets on Fridays at 9am. Contact Mary 4661 9907

FATHER'S PRAYER GROUP meets on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:0pm. Contact Kev Seaby— 4661 3133

LAY CARMELITES meet on 3rd Tuesday of each month following morning Mass. Contact Maria 0427 644 108

MEN ALIVE GROUP meets on Thursdays at 4-5 pm. Contact: Paul 0412 115 618

MOTHER'S PRAYERS GROUPS meet on **Thursdays** at 9:30am after Mass in the church Maria 0427 644 108

PARISH LADIES GROUP meets on 1st Tuesday of each month at 9:30am, New members are warmly invited to join this group. Contact Rita 4661 8144 or Bernice 4661 1107

Sychar Rural Library Service is available during Morning Tea on Sundays.

We welcome into our Parish Community through the

Sacrament of Baptism

Dottie Kaye Hockings

(daughter of Charlotte)

&

Clayton Desmond Cooper

(son of Ben & Toni-Lee)

Meeting of **Men Let's Talk** – an initiative to get men together to talk and share each other's company. Our last for 2023 to discuss progress thus far and plans to launch in 2024 will be held at The Condamine Sports Club at 5pm Wednesday 9th November. Contact Paul Coghlan 0412115618 or meet us there.

2024 Columban

Calendars are now available from the Parish Office. Cost \$8.00 each

HELP WANTED

John Telfer is writing of history of the former C.B.C Warwick's Roll of Honour. John is looking for assistance in locating relatives or friends of:
JOHN WILLIAM MORRISEY, son of Michael & Kate Morrisey, formerly of Canning St, Warwick.
CYRIL CATON, son of James & Elizabeth Caton, formerly of Water Road, Mill Hill Warwick. Both died in New Guinea in 1942 with the A.I.F.
Please call John if you can help out: 0437607184

**ST MARY'S YOUTH INDIA
MISSION 2023 FUNDRAISER**

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE
Donate your collected cans and bottles to help fundraise for St Mary's Youth Mission 2023

Containers for Change Depot:
Citywide - 119 McEvoy Street Warwick
SCAN the Code to register your cans and cash with ST Mary's Parish Youth Group.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right." –Henry Ford

First Reading

Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.***Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 22: 1-3, 5-6. R.v. 1

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.***Second reading**

Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.***Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 25: 31-46

*Alleluia, Alleluia!**Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!***Gospel**

Matthew 25: 31-46

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.***CHILD SAFE PARISH: Ours is a Child Safe Parish**

All children, young persons and vulnerable adults, visiting or resident, have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned by any form of abuse that is immediate, you should call 000. A significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable ground, should immediately be raised with our Parish Safeguarding Officers

Toni Cox 0419 613 278 or Denise Ryan 0456 154 277

We are currently in need of **Religious Instructors** to teach in our State Schools. If you would be interested, please make contact with Fr Franco.

The Word Among Us Publication

The December edition of **The Word Among Us** is now available from the Parish Office. Please see parish office between Wednesday and Friday. Thank you.

Parish Administration & Communication System

We have been advised that our database & communication system (PACS) will be discontinued. The Melbourne Arch Diocese is offering PACEM as an alternative. We hope to transfer next week. In the meantime there may be some email issues.

St Mary's Catholic Debutante Ball

Calling all girls interested in making their debut at the Catholic Debutante Ball to be held on Friday, 14th June, 2024 in St Mary's Hall.

An information evening will be held on Sunday, 25th February, 2024 in Assisi Place at 7pm. All prospective debutantes and an accompanying family member will be most welcome to attend.

For more information please contact

Sue Harris mobile; 0428619562 or

email : tellsue@gmail.com

Christine Smith : email : c.smith3andersens.com.au

Men's Choir

New members of all ages are invited to join the St Mary's Men's Choir. No previous experience is necessary, and certainly, no audition is required. The choir sings at the Saturday vigil mass on the first weekend of the month.

A short rehearsal is held before mass. The choir sings only well-known hymns.

You are welcome to join us not just for the collegiality and friendship, but to elevate your appreciation of, and participation in the liturgy.

Contact Kevin Seeby 0457 739 332

WEBSITE:

A new website has been designed and activated. It is still under construction and some errors need to be corrected. Once again it might take some time.

St Mary's Christmas Party

All Welcome

When: Saturday 25th November 2023

Time: 7pm after Mass

Where: St Mary's Hall