



# 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.

4th & 5th November 2023

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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### St Mary's



### Catholic Parish

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A helpful way to understand the Book of Malachi is to see it as a stern "word of God" countering the cynical attitude of religious leaders who had become steeped in their skepticism. Indeed, the prophet's very name denotes a close connection with God's word. "Malachi" is the English spelling of the Hebrew name Mal'akhi, which means "my messenger." The prophecy opens with a hopeful tone, "I love you, says that Lord" (Mal 1:2), and closes with the promise of a reconciled community, "He will turn the heart of fathers to their sons, and the heart of sons to their fathers" (Mal 3:24). But between these hopeful verses, Malachi's oracles can be harsh, as one finds in this Sunday's first reading. Several rhetorical questions highlight God's concerns, "Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break the faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?" (Mal 2:10).

As God's ambassador, Malachi called on Israel to address two serious violations specific to its historical setting. The larger issue was a general loss of zeal for God's covenant, which resulted in a breakdown of traditional practices and family life. A second violation was the practice of sacrificing undesirable animals. The Torah commands that animals brought for sacrifice be healthy and unblemished, but priests allowed Israelites to ignore this law and keep the best for themselves. A priest's main role as a "son of Levi" should have been to perform a worthy sacrifice in the Temple that brought honor to God and the community. "Your blessing I will curse." says the Lord to these corrupt priests, "In fact, I have already cursed it, because you do not take it to heart" (Mal 2:2). Laxity in a matter of such importance to the faith reveals cynical leaders who do not believe that the ancient covenant applies to them.

Within his overall prophetic message, Malachi directs God's ire squarely at Israel's leaders. At stake is not merely a call to repentance and an act of conversion. Rather, what upsets God throughout Malachi's prophecy is the attitude of the leadership, its "tone of failure," its cynical approach to religious faith. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks of a similar concern. "They [religious leaders] love places of honor at the banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in the marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi'" (Mt 23:6-7). They do not lift a finger, however, to help carry the burden placed on their people (Mt 23:4). In this context, Jesus rejects the desire for recognition based on entitlement. The role of leadership, like all people of faith, is to cooperate with the word of God, especially when God's word strikes at human complacency.

Our readings are reminiscent of a now famous saying by Oscar A. Romero, "A church that doesn't provoke any crisis, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed—what gospel is that?" In a time like the present, it is too easy to look at the world around and feel defeated. This defeat can turn into cynicism if left unchecked. Anyone who picks up the paper today will find tragedy enough to question their faith or to think that God remains unmoved by the world's burdens. Today's readings expose how tempting it is to adopt an unhealthy and cynical tone towards these domestic and global burdens. God's opening tone in the Book of Malachi is the antidote to this: "I love you." If one allows those three words to sink in, they can unsettle the complacency that too easily settles into our societies and our individual hearts.

Victor Cancino, S.J.

PLEASE PRAY FOR



MASS TIMES

**THIS WEEKEND**

4th & 5th November

**St Mary's**

Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 8:30am

**Lay-Liturgies**

**Yangan**

Saturday 6pm  
**Greymare**  
Sunday 10am

**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**

Fri: St Leo the Great  
Sat: St Martin of Tours

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**St Mary's**

Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 8:30am

**Texas**

Saturday 5pm

**Inglewood**

Sunday 9am

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Norm Lovell

**ANNIVERSARIES:** James & Edna Mullins, Basil Nolan, Monica Mahoney, Lila Cuneo, Glad Greene, Mary Bourke, Joan & John Noye, 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:** 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 otherwise advised.*

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

ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 4th & 5th November 2023		NEXT WEEKEND 11th & 12th November 2023	
	Vigil 6pm	8:30am	Vigil 6pm	8:30am
<b>Bell Ringers</b>	Brian Collins	Marty & Sue Harris	Brian Collins	Marty & Sue Harris
<b>Welcomers</b>	Sharon Young	Val Gray	Tim Kajewski	Pat Shell
<b>Altar Server</b>	Rose Walsh	Victoria McHardy	Isabelle Sullivan	Thomas & Felicity Madsen
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Alana Brosnan		Jenny McCray
<b>1st Reader</b>	Justin Walsh	Margaret Plummer	Margurite Walsh	Filipino Community
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Bernice Furness	Mary Goyne	Denise Ryan	Filipino Community
<b>Prayer of Faithful</b>	Mick Dwan	Marg Trahair	Bernice Furness	Filipino Community
<b>Gifts</b>	Ronnie Doyle	Des & Cheryl Cantwell	Mary Henningsen	Filipino Community
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Dianne Dawes Sally Lancaster Mary Noble	Marty Harris Jill Hume Tom Lawton	Sally Lancaster Mary Noble Lyn Noble	Jonathan Cruda Maree Ryan John Telfer
<b>Powerpoint</b>	Sharon Young	Harriet Plummer	Lachlan/Patrick Kajewski	Filipino Community
<b>Musician</b>	Kathleen Men's Choir	Michael, Rey & Val	Debbie Cleary/ Regina Henry	Kathleen/ Fil Harmonix
<b>Money Counters</b>	Group 1 - David Hynes		Group 2—Gerry Morrissey	

OTHER ROSTERS	WEEK COMMENCING 5th November 2023	WEEK COMMENCING 12th November 2023
<b>Akooramak</b>	Maree Ryan & Pat Sheil	Nea McGinnes & Mary Bourke
<b>Home Communion</b>	Fr Franco & Marie Dwan	Sue Harris
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Rita Seed & Maureen Henry	Filipino Community (Leleth)

**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.



### Plan Giving Envelopes

Could donator **109** please let the office know who you are.

Please dispose of all old envelopes, our system does not work if you are giving with an old envelope number.

Thanks



### 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.

2024 Columban  
Calendars are now available from the Parish Office.  
Cost \$8.00 each



### **ST MARY'S BELL RINGERS CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER** DATE CLAIMER:

Tuesday 19th December 2023  
At Sovereign Hotel Beer Garden  
6.00pm until late  
Details with more information early December.

### Please note:

**Parish Ladies meeting** will be held on the 7th November (Melbourne Cup Day) at 9.30am and will conclude in time for those wishing to attend functions that day.

### LIBRARY

There will be **NO Library** this Sunday, due to librarian having other ministries at this time.

### **The Word Among Us Publication**

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

### **Bulletin Submissions Deadlines**

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

### **READERS WORKSHOP**

Calling all Mass readers for this weekends workshop: **Sunday 5th November at 10.00am**, in the office building.

I would like to inform that the parish has purchased a new house at 160 Palmerin Street. It was placed on the market in May and the finance committee recommended the purchase because of its location. It has been bought in view of providing a Priest's residence. Final settlement was processed 17 October. Fr Franco

### Dates from Parish Calendar

**Mass or Remembrance:** The annual Mass for the deceased of our parish will be celebrated on Tuesday November 14th at 7pm.



### **St Mary's Church Windows**

We have been waiting on the submission and approval of an exemption certificate from Heritage. This has now been approved. Work for the removal and repair of the northern windows will commence on Monday November 6th.

**First Reading** Malachi 1: 14-2: 2,8-10

*You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.*

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 130

*In you, Lord, I have found peace.*

**Second reading** Thessalonians 2: 7-9, 13

*We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good New but our lives as well.*

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 23: 9, 10

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*You have one Father in heaven;*

*You have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Matthew 23: 1-12

*They do not practise what they preach.*



### 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](mailto: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.**

### 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



### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Whatever you are, be a good one.” – Abraham Lincoln.