



# 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.

2nd & 3rd December 2023  
First Sunday of Advent, Year B

### PARISH OFFICE

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WARWICK.

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St Mary's

Catholic Parish



### Parish Priest

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### Assistant Priest

Fr Bony Abraham

### Semi-retired Priest

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4661 8227

### Administration Officer

Melissa Cooper

### PPC Deputy Chairman

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### Creating larger areas of peace within ourselves

Just beyond the leaves and the white faces of the lilies,

I saw the wings of the green snow cricket.

As it went flying from vine to vine,

Searching, then finding a shadowed place in which

To sing and sing...

One repeated rippling phrase, built of loneliness.

And its consequences: longing and hope...

Mary Oliver's poem beautifully encapsulates the essence of Advent: a time when we reconnect with the yearning nestled within our hearts. This yearning isn't merely a reflection of our inner solitude; it's a bittersweet longing suffused with hope. As the familiar sights of Christmas—trees, stars, twinkling lights, and mangers—resurface, we encounter Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the wise kings once more. These figures within the nativity tale speak of the yearning God holds for us.

Undeniably, we recognize a yearning within ourselves for a profound sense of peace and fulfilment. This sentiment resonates with the sentiments expressed in the first reading from Isaiah for this Sunday of Advent: "Oh God, that you would rend the heavens and come down." However, the Gospel story reveals a God who yearns for communion with us. God's longing for us mirrors our desire for love, peace, and unity. The more we embrace this longing, the closer we draw to experiencing love, peace, and unity with God. It's in acknowledging and embracing this yearning that we find ourselves on the path toward deeper connection and fulfilment.

Our task is not to escape this longing through healthy or unhealthy distractions. Instead, it's to actively uncover and dismantle the barriers we've erected within ourselves that obstruct God's yearning for us. These barriers might manifest as guilt, the weight of shame we carry, our misconceptions about ourselves, our anger, or the disappointments we've faced in life. If we can simplify life, by creating large areas of peace within ourselves, the union between God and us increases. Creating large areas of peace within ourselves takes the form of forgiving ourselves, letting go of people and material things, being compassionate to ourselves, letting go of greed, letting go of fame etc. Yes, the more we embrace "let go", the larger the peace inside of us becomes.

"There is the "me" that people see and then there is the "rest of me". In this season of advent let us take some time and craft a picture of the "rest of me." This could be a drawing, in words, even a song or a poem. Just remember that the chances are good it will be full of paradox and contradictions." The "me" people see is worried about the looks. The "rest of me" is the truth. There is God because God is Truth. And when I stay close to the truth, the truth will set me free.

May this advent be a journey to the 'rest of me': a letting go of the 'me' people see to the embracing of the 'rest of me' that I only have access to. Like that snow cricket, let us find a shadowed place to sing and sing the goodness of God to us until we are at home with the 'rest of me' part. Maybe that's how we create larger areas of peace within ourselves, and that peace will reflect on others. **Fr. B**

PLEASE PRAY FOR



MASS TIMES

**THIS WEEKEND**

2nd & 3rd December

**St Mary's**

Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 8:30am

**Yangan**

Saturday 6pm  
**Greymare**  
Sunday 10am

**Lay-Liturgies**

**Killarney**

Sunday 8am

**Gladfield**

Sunday 9.30am

**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**

Sun: First Sunday of Advent

Thurs: St Ambrose

Fri: The Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**NEXT WEEKEND**

9th & 10th December

**St Mary's**

Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 8:30am

**Killarney**

Sunday 8am

**Inglewood**

Saturday 5.30pm

**Texas**

Sunday 9am

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Don McGuinness, Patrick Kelly, William Holland, Wilma & Tom Crawford, Mary & Joe Ryan, James & Edna Mullins, Basil Nolan, Monica Mahoney, Lila Cuneo, Glad Greene, Rev Msgr Michael McKenna, Rev Frs Justin King, Joseph Callaghan, James Byrne, James Wiemers *and all relatives and friends.*

**SICK:** Rita Collins, 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 2nd & 3rd December 2023		NEXT WEEKEND 9th & 10th December	
	Vigil 6pm	8:30am	Vigil 6pm	8:30am
<b>Bell Ringers</b>	Chris Ryan	Mal Brownlie	Chris Ryan	Mal Brownlie
<b>Welcomers</b>	Phillipa Doherty	Paul Coghlan	Richard Tartan	Val Gray
<b>Altar Server</b>	Andrew & Andrea Curoopen	Victoria McHardy	Alby Young / William Wooding	Thomas & Felicity Madsen
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Alana Brosnan		NIL
<b>1st Reader</b>	Sharon Young	Michael Ryan	Richard Tartan	Pat Sheil
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Nick Nolan	Margaret Plummer	Bryan Slattery	Michael Ryan
<b>Prayer of Faithful</b>	Tim Kajewski	Michael Gaffney	Nick Nolan	Mary Goynes
<b>Gifts</b>	Chris Newly Family	Pat Sheil	Lyn & Mary Noble	McHardy Family
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Brian Collins Cheryl Collins Bernice Furness	Paul Maher Monica Maher Barry Scanlan	Cheryl Collins Bernice Furness Denise Ryan	Monica Maher Barry Scanlan Pat Sheil
<b>Powerpoint</b>	Alby & Polly Young	Gemma King	TBA	Harriet Plummer
<b>Musician</b>	Kathleen / Men's Choir	Michael, Rey & Val	Mike & Val	Kathleen/ Fil Harmonics
<b>Money Counters</b>	Group 5—Vince Hemmings		Group 6—Mark Brennan	
<b>OTHER ROSTERS</b>	<b>WEEK COMMENCING 3rd December</b>		<b>WEEK COMMENCING 10 December</b>	
<b>Akooramak</b>	Sue Harris		David Moran & John Telfer	
<b>Home Communion</b>	Fr Franco		Sue Harris	
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Brian & Mary Bourke		Des & Cheryl Cantwell	

**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 ay. 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.

**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.

**Australian Catholic Magazine**

has arrived and is available from the

**Little Books**

Now available for Advent & Christmas.

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 is now available from the Parish Office. Please see parish office between Wednesday and Friday.

**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.

**ADVENT PROGRAM**

9/12/23: Sharon presentation of Israel Trip (Assisi Place) 4.00pm  
16/12/23: Anointing within Mass 9.00am  
19/12/23: Reconciliation 10am & 7pm.

MASSES

23/12/23: St Mary's 6.00pm  
**NO 6.00pm at YANGAN**

24/12/23: St Mary's 8.30am, 6.00pm, 8.00pm.  
Yangan 6.00pm.  
Gladfield 7.00pm  
**NO 10.00am at GLADFIELD**

25/12/23: Inglewood 8.00am  
Killarney 8.00am  
St Mary's 8.30am  
Greymare 10.00am  
Texas 10.00am

**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

**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 MEETNG 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 form the Parish Office. Cost \$8.00 each



**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

**"Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans." — John Lennon**

**First Reading** Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1, 3-8

*Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19. R. v. 4

*Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

**Second reading** Corinthians 1: 3-9

*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation** Ps 84: 8

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Mark 13: 33-37

*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*

### **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 have some baking trays and a container from the Parish Xmas Party. Please pick up from the office.

### **INDIA MISSION**

All is set for the vision/mission trip to India. We leave this Friday (8<sup>th</sup> Dec) from Brisbane to Bangalore. And we will arrive back in Brisbane on the evening of 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. Please keep us in your prayers every day. Please follow the church's Facebook @St Marys Catholic Parish Warwick and my YouTube channel @frbonyabraham page to get regular updates about our mission trip. Fr. Bony.

Day1 (8/12): Depart Brisbane 9 am, Arrive in Bangalore, India 10 PM

Day 2 (9/12): Visit Mysore Palace, Arrive at Tribal Mission Centre, Wayanad

Day 3 (10/12): Parish Mass, Official Welcome to Mission team, Debut Performance of the band we sponsored to create.

Day 4 (11/12): Tribal home painting

### **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.**

**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

Day 5 (12/12): Tribal homes visitation and cultural night

Day 6 (13/12): Visiting Spice Gardens and elephants, tea plantations. Overnight drive to the city of Kochi

Day 7 (14/12): Urban mission, volunteering at Providence home for orphans

Day 8 (15/12): Urban Colony visit, Exposure to people leave of Urban waste integration.

Day 9 (16/12): Volunteering at home for the abandoned, mingling with local youth groups, and visiting churches.

Day 10 (17/12): Visiting Fr. Bony's home parish, and youth group and Lunch with Fr. Bony's family, debrief begins in the evening

Day 11 (18/12): Debrief, House boating and sightseeing and relaxing

Day 12 (19/12): Visiting a catholic school, shopping, final dinner with sisters of destitute, Leaving for Brisbane at midnight (20/12) and arriving in Brisbane at 7.30 pm.