



# 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.

23rd & 24th December 2023  
Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B

### PARISH OFFICE

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St Mary's Catholic Parish  
Warwick

### Parish Priest

Fr Franco Filippetto

### Assistant Priest

Fr Bony Abraham

### Semi-retired Priest

Fr Terry Hickling  
4661 8227

### Administration Officer

Melissa Cooper

### PPC Deputy Chairman

Justin Walsh

### Safeguarding Reps.

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## Listening With the Heart

Sometimes we do not notice that there is also a parallel account to Mary's Annunciation in Luke ([Lk 1:18-25](#)), and it is hinted at by the angel to Mary.\*

**How much do you and I listen to the voice of God's promise, which is written in our hearts?**

Thus, Gabriel makes *two Annunciations*, one just after the other. Each is about a child to be born. Interestingly, as things stood, neither one was feasible. Mary had no husband and she had never Elizabeth was barren, so she could not have a child.

But after this second Annunciation, Zechariah is struck deaf and mute, while Mary, initially fearful, accepts peacefully. Compare the two:

1. Zechariah: "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years."

2. Mary: "Tell me how this can be, since I have no relations with a man?"

Ponder these.

1. Zechariah's reply, while realistic, is insulting. He is saying to the angel, "give me some reason to believe what you are saying. Just hearing you say it is not enough."

2. This kind of doubt should never have occurred to Zechariah. God's voice had already spoken God's love into his heart throughout his whole life. His trust in God's promise should have been the deepest meaning of his existence. In this sense, Zechariah did not receive the words of the angel (and so was deaf to it and became literally deaf), and therefore unable to speak it to his wife, Elizabeth (and therefore literally mute).

Mary on the other hand simply asked clarification. She seemed to know already that "nothing is impossible to God." — "Just tell me how this is going to happen so I can gladly do it."

Looking at both annunciations gives us an insight, too often hidden. It helps us immensely to understand Mary's "inside story": how she listened with her heart.

How much do you and I listen to the voice of God's promise within our hearts, which is written in our hearts too, if we let it be.

Do our own words just spout out of us without reference to that unwavering love deep within? If so, we may be like Zechariah: hard of hearing when it comes to the beauties and needs of those around us, speechless when a word of love would make all the difference.

Let us ask humbly on this last day of Advent for the grace to listen and to hear.

The one who promised will not fail. Watch tomorrow!

John Foley, SJ

# PLEASE PRAY FOR

## MASS TIMES

### THIS WEEKEND

23rd & 24th December  
**St Mary's**  
 Saturday 6pm  
 Sunday 8:30am, 6pm & 8pm.

### **25 December 2023**

St Mary's: 8.30am  
 Killarney: 8.00am  
 Texas: 10.00am  
 Greymare: 10.00am

### 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.

### AGED CARE MASSES

Thursday 4th January 2024, 10.45am @ The Oaks.  
 Thursday 11th January 2024, 10.30am @ Akooramak.

### FEAST DAYS

Mon: The NATIVITY of the LORD  
 Tues: St Stephen  
 Wed: St John  
 Thur: The Holy Innocents, martyrs

### NEXT WEEKEND

30th & 31st December

### **St Mary's**

Saturday 6pm  
 Sunday 8:30am  
**Karara**

Sunday 11am

### Lay-Liturgies

**Killarney**

Sunday 8am

### **Yangan**

Saturday 6pm

### **Gladfield**

Sunday 9.30am

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Geneveive & Jack Ryan, Raymond Cleary, Denis Ryan, James & Eileen Ryan, John Connolly, Frank & Vera Connolly, Arthur & Noela Sheriff (TWBA), Bob Green (Killarney), Patricia & Harold Baguley, Beth Brewer, Ben Brosnan, Keith Locke, Kingsley Locke, Don McGuinness, Patrick Kelly, William Holland, Wilma & Tom Crawford, Mary & Joe Ryan, Rev Msgr Michael McKenna, Rev Frs Justin King, Joseph Callaghan, James Byrne, James Wiemers and all relatives and friends.

**SICK:** Paul Ryan, Rylan Lean, Leo Ryan (Warwick), Rita Collins, Kierstan Farrell, 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 23rd & 24th December		NEXT WEEKEND 31 December 2023	
	<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Vigil 6pm</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Vigil 6pm</b>
<b>Bell Ringers</b>	Chris Ryan	Mal Brownlie	Chris Ryan	Mal Brownlie
<b>Welcomers</b>	Tim Kajewski	Dave Carr	Megan Kajewski	Barry Scanlan
<b>Altar Server</b>	Isabella Sullivan	Tom & Felicity Madsen	Lachlan & Patrick Kajewski	Victoria McHardy
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		NIL		NIL
<b>1st Reader</b>	Erin Walsh	Liisa Hammond	Carmel Wooding	Paul McHardy
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Justin Walsh	Emma Timmins	Marguerite Walsh	Pat Sheil
<b>Prayer of Faithful</b>	Gill Totman	Jill Hume	Justin Walsh	Margaret Plummer
<b>Gifts</b>	Sharon Young	Des & Cheryl Cantwell		Nancy Ford
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Denise Ryan Patti Hemmings Richard Tartan	Pat Shiel Maree Ryan John Telfer	Patti Hemmings Richard Tartan Justin Walsh	Maree Ryan Sue Harris Penny Doyle
<b>Powerpoint</b>	Rose Walsh	Harriet Plummer	Sharon Young	Gemma King
<b>Musician</b>	Debbie Cleary Regina Henry	Tom Hodgson	Kathleen Cuskelly	Michael, Val, Rey
<b>Money Counters</b>	Group 2—Gerry Morrissey		Group 3—Paul Maher	
<b>OTHER ROSTERS</b>	<b>WEEK COMMENCING 24th December</b>		<b>WEEK COMMENCING 31 December</b>	
<b>Akooramak</b>	Pat Shiel		Nea McGuinness & Mary Bourke	
<b>Home Communion</b>	Dianne Dawes & Maria Ryan		Maree Ryan & Patti Hemmings	
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Rita Seed		Lesley Grayson	

### 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.



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

**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**

## Community Christmas Tree Festival

• Come along and visit St. Mark's Anglican Church, Cnr Albion and Grafton Street, Warwick for the Community decorated Christmas Trees celebration viewing, from 5-7pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023.

• Gold Coin Donation (Local Charity Recipient)

• Vote for your favourite decorated tree

• Twilight Christmas Gift Pop-Up Markets, on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December as well. Showcasing a fabulous selection of home-made gifts and crafts to solve those unique last-minute Christmas Gifts. With Coffee Van - Sausage Sizzle - Entertainment - Gifts and Christmas Trees

Join with the community to celebrate Christmas and the inspiring work of local clubs, charities, organisations and groups through the beauty and magic of a decorated Christmas Tree.



### ADVENT PROGRAM

#### 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

#### *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 Seebj 0457 739 332**

**Our Bulletin can now be found on our facebook page and our new website.**

[www.stmarysparishwarwick.org.au/bulletins/](http://www.stmarysparishwarwick.org.au/bulletins/)



#### Available from the Office:

**Little Books** for Advent & Christmas.  
The December & January edition of **The Word Among Us, the Australian Catholic Magazine, and Horizons** magazine.

#### 2024 Columban Calendars

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



#### 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 4:00-5:00pm. 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.

#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world." – Robin Williams



**First Reading**

Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

*The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 88: 2-5, 27, 29. R. cf. v. 2

*For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

**Second reading**

Romans 16: 25 –27

*The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Luke 1: 38

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel**

Luke 1: 26-38

*You will conceive and bear a son.*

**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)

The **PARISH OFFICE** will be closed from 4pm Friday 22 December and will reopen 9am Wednesday 4th January 2024.

**LIBRARY**

The library is on recess and will not be operating again until mid-January.

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 STORY OF MARY AND JOSEPH**

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



**Bulletin Submissions Deadlines**

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

**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.

May the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ bring you all endless prosperity, blessings, and peace of mind this Christmas season.

