



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.

30th & 31st December 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year B

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The Best of Parenting

Feast of the Holy Family Year B

Veronica Lawson RSM

The time between Christmas and New Year is often family time, a time to think about what family means, to reflect on the successes and struggles of the past year and to consider the inevitable challenges of the year to come. It can be a difficult time for families facing financial or other concerns. It can be a time to connect with those who are alone or struggling in some way. Few families are exempt from the "sword" that pierces the soul.

The first and second readings for today engage the family story of Sarah and Abraham, of God's promise to give them a child, and of the fulfilment of that promise in the most unlikely of circumstances. The wonder of God's ways and the need to trust in God are at the heart of their story. At the same time, there is humour reflected in Abraham's choice of name for their son: "Isaac" means "he laughed". Does Abraham detect God's humour in providing a son for an elderly couple? Does he laugh for sheer joy at the birth of the child who will hold the traditions of the past and the hopes of the future? Whatever about this, the family story of Sarah, Abraham and Isaac foreshadows the even more extraordinary family story to be found in today's gospel.

Luke depicts Mary and Joseph as observant Jews bringing their child to the Jerusalem Temple in accordance with the ritual requirements of the Law, even if the Law applied only to the woman who had given birth and not to the man. Two prophetic figures, Anna and Simeon, recognise God's saving and redemptive purpose at work in this child who is presented in the Temple. Mary and Joseph listen in wonderment at what is said of their child. When they have "fulfilled the demands of the Law", they return to their hometown of Nazareth.

In the care of Mary and Joseph, the child Jesus grows to maturity, is filled with wisdom and God's favour is with him. Luke's summary statement introduces us to the wonderful world of a grace-filled family home. It invites us to ponder the wisdom that both Mary and Joseph had to share with their child. They taught him to pray and told him the stories of his people. They filled him with wonder at the goodness of God and of God's creation. They mediated the grace and favour of God and watched him grow and gain the strength he needed for life. They allowed him the freedom to develop his own personality and to find his own Spirit-filled way on the earth. Finally, they had to let him go so that he might follow a path that was beyond their imagining when they came to the Temple in fulfilment of the Law. In other words, while they did what so many parents would want to do for their children, they knew the pain involved even in the best of parenting.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

MASS TIMES

THIS 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

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

Sun: The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Mon: Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Tues: St Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

NEXT WEEKEND

6th & 7th January

St Mary's

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8:30am

Yangan

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 10am

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, Col Vickers, Keith Locke, Kingsley Locke, Patrick Kelly, William Holland, 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 otherwise advised.

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

ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 30 & 31 December 2023		NEXT WEEKEND 6th & 7th January 2024	
	Ministries	Vigil 6pm	8:30am	Vigil 6pm
Bell Ringers	Chris Ryan	Mal Brownlie	Vince Hemmings	Dave Carr
Welcomers	Megan Kajewski	Barry Scanlan	Justin & Marg Walsh	Barry Scanlan
Altar Server	Lachlan & Patrick Kajewski	Victoria McHardy	Lachlan & Patrick Kajewski	Thomas & Felicity Madsen
Children's Liturgy		NIL		NIL
1st Reader	Carmel Wooding	Paul McHardy	Mick Dwan	Paul McHardy
2nd Reader	Marguerite Walsh	Pat Sheil	Nick Nolan	Jill Hume
Prayer of Faithful	Justin Walsh	Margaret Plummer	Richard Tartan	Mary Jane Cook
Gifts		Nancy Ford	Darcy & Bernice Furness	Plummer Family
Communion Ministers	Patti Hemmings Richard Tartan Justin Walsh	Maree Ryan Sue Harris Penny Doyle	Patti Hemmings Brian Collins Cheryl Collins	John Telfer Barry Scanlan Pat Sheil
Powerpoint		Gemma King	Andrea Curoopen (Marie)	Gemma King
Musician	Kathleen Cuskelly	Michael, Val, Rey	Kathleen / Men's Choir	Michael, Rey & Val
Money Counters	Group 3—Paul Maher		Group 4—Chris O'Brien	
OTHER ROSTERS	WEEK COMMENCING		WEEK COMMENCING	
Akooramak	Nea McGinness & Mary Bourke		Mick Gaffney & Carolyn Abood	
Home Communion	Maree Ryan & Patti Hemmings		June Stewart & Len Doyle	
Morning Tea	Lesley Grayson & Maureen Greene		Val Gray & Maree Ryan	

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.

 **PARISH GIVING**
Donate Here



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

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.**

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

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

www.stmarysparishwarwick.org.au/bulletins/

2024 Columban Calendars

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



The Parish office will reopen Wednesday 3rd January at 9am.

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.

Words from Hebrews

J V C S C N G I R T H O L I N E S S W D T I P N
 F X A B C I L K E I U F X Q M C J D O O L B Z S
 X V K V Z I O V J Z K R D C S L R E V E A L E D
 C C J N R A R P G M S C X J X F T L Z J B Q H I
 Z V A H S Z Y W B N I E M D H G U O R H T U E A
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 F F S Q R C D S X A I Q I M I D O D G E P E I U
 A J G K O P E A F R I C C Y E C N H A E Y R O J
 I M F K U G P L Y S P S U Z Y E X W G G R D X G
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 L B E S A L V A T I O N A U Q K Q L X K S B N O
 P X R R Z Y K A L A C T D J E S U S S V N O H F

power	bondage	fear	blood	flesh	partake
high priest	devil	nought	holiness	revealed	meekness
humility	crucified	salvation	leader	brethren	by
through	for	death	honor	glory	ingrafted
God	children	succor	Jesus	cross	faithful

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
“Whatever begins also ends.” – Seneca

First Reading

Genesis 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3

Your own son shall be your heir.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 104: 1-6, 8-9. vv. 7, 8

The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

Second reading

Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

Gospel Acclamation

Heb 1: 1-2

Alleluia, Alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets: now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2: 22-40

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.

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

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.

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.

Bulletin Submissions Deadlines

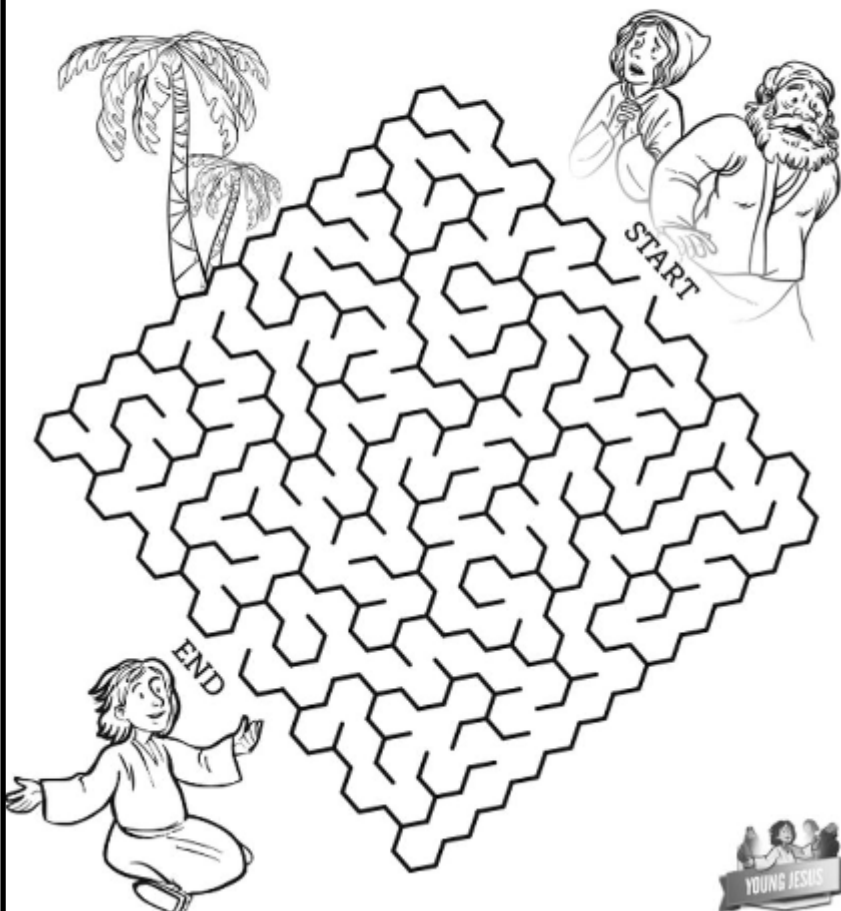
Please note the deadline for any submissions to our weekly Parish Bulletin is 12.00pm Thursday of each week.

LIBRARY

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

YOUNG JESUS

Help Mary and Joseph search for young Jesus



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This year half of our Christmas Collection will be sent to the victims of the Tara bushfires. 