



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.

6th & 7th January 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord, Year B

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Second only to the narrative of Jesus' birth in a manger, the image of the magi honoring the holy infant with royal gifts is a quintessential Christmas scene. In Year B of the liturgical cycle, it might be helpful to emphasize another aspect of Matthew's theological portrait. The magi, who were scholars who tried to discern meaning in the movements of stars and planets, came to "pay homage" to this new born king who was destined to struggle through his anointed life.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. (Mt 2:10-11)

In the ancient world, the act of "paying homage" symbolized a complete subordination of the will. Someone paying homage to a king promised through that act to listen and follow every command the king uttered. The homage that the magi paid to Jesus implied this. It means that the proskyne they paid the child only became complete in following after him, in other words, in the act of discipleship.

It is in this context that King Herod was "greatly troubled" (Mt 2:3). Herod's obsession to rid himself of threats to his authority might appear to be an embellishment, but it is historically plausible. King Herod, called "the Great" to distinguish him from several other kings of the same name, possessed a significant ego.

Herod the Great from today's Gospel had given in fully to deadly pride. He initiated a massive reconstruction of the Jerusalem temple, amassing funds from pilgrims and subjects loyal to his authority but also from those loyal to the Jewish faith who lived at a distance from his kingdom. Increasingly paranoid as he aged, Herod built several summer palaces, including one in the Herodium fortress about three miles from Bethlehem.

Thus, the Gospel of Matthew is correct in depicting Herod as a deeply troubled king. Conversely, this narrative also depicts the holy family's real struggle to survive. The passage from today's Gospel is just the first of several that reveal the vulnerability of the holy child. Jesus is a savior that enters the world and is in constant need of saving himself. Matthew illustrates this in one way by emphasizing Jesus' complete dependence on his mother. Matthew's repeated mentions of "the child and his mother" suggest that he understood them to be paired for their role in salvation history. While Mary provides for Jesus, both "the child and his mother" need Joseph's constant protection as they are displaced migrants on the move. Finally, Joseph is completely lost without the flood of divine revelations received through a series of dreams.

Throughout this narrative, Matthew emphasizes the desperate struggle to survive against constant threats. There is also a stream of hope found in Joseph's trust in divine providence to help him protect Mary and her child. Such complete abandonment to divine providence is a matter on which the church should reflect today as it asks itself how to press forward through the struggles that it faces.

Victor Cancino, S.J.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

MASS TIMES

THIS WEEKEND

6th & 7th January

St Mary's

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8:30am

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.

Priests Retreat

8–12 January
NO MASSES

FEAST DAYS

Mon: The Baptism of the Lord, & beginning of Ordinary Time.

NEXT WEEKEND

NO MASSES FROM

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Liturgy of the Word

Baptism of the Lord

Mon 8th 9.00am

Thurs 12th 9.00am

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rita Collins, Fr Don Murray

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, Patrick Kelly, William Holland, Rev Frs Thomas Concannon, William Hall, William Behm & Howard Crowe *and all relatives and friends.*

SICK: Paul Ryan, Rylan Lean, Leo Ryan (Warwick), 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 6th & 7th January 2024		NEXT WEEKEND 13th & 14th January 2024	
	Vigil 6pm	8:30am	Vigil 6pm	8:30am
Bell Ringers	Vince Hemmings	Dave Carr	Vince Hemmings	Dave Carr
Welcomers	Justin & Marg Walsh	Barry Scanlan	Justin & Marg Walsh	Barry Scanlan
Altar Server	Lachlan & Patrick Kajewski	Thomas & Felicity Madsen	Lachlan & Patrick Kajewski	Thomas & Felicity Madsen
Children's Liturgy		NIL		NIL
1st Reader	Mick Dwan	Paul McHardy	Mick Dwan	Paul McHardy
2nd Reader	Nick Nolan	Jill Hume	Nick Nolan	Jill Hume
Prayer of Faithful	Richard Tartan	Mary Jane Cook	Richard Tartan	Mary Jane Cook
Gifts	Darcy & Bernice Furness	Plummer Family	Darcy & Bernice Furness	Plummer Family
Communion Ministers	Patti Hemmings Brian Collins Cheryl Collins	John Telfer Barry Scanlan Pat Sheil	Patti Hemmings Brian Collins Cheryl Collins	John Telfer Barry Scanlan Pat Sheil
Powerpoint	Andrea Curoopen (Marie)	Gemma King	Andrea Curoopen (Marie)	Gemma King
Musician	Kathleen / Men's Choir	Michael, Rey & Val	Kathleen/Men's Choir	Michael, Val & Rey
Money Counters	Group 4—Chris O'Brien		Group 5—Vince Hemmings	
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	



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

Available from the Office:

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

Men's Choir

New members of all ages are invited to join the St Mary's Men's Choir.

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



Home Communion Volunteers

We require more volunteers to serve home communion on Thursdays and Fridays, and also Communion to Aged Care. Please contact the Parish office if you would be interested in volunteering.

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

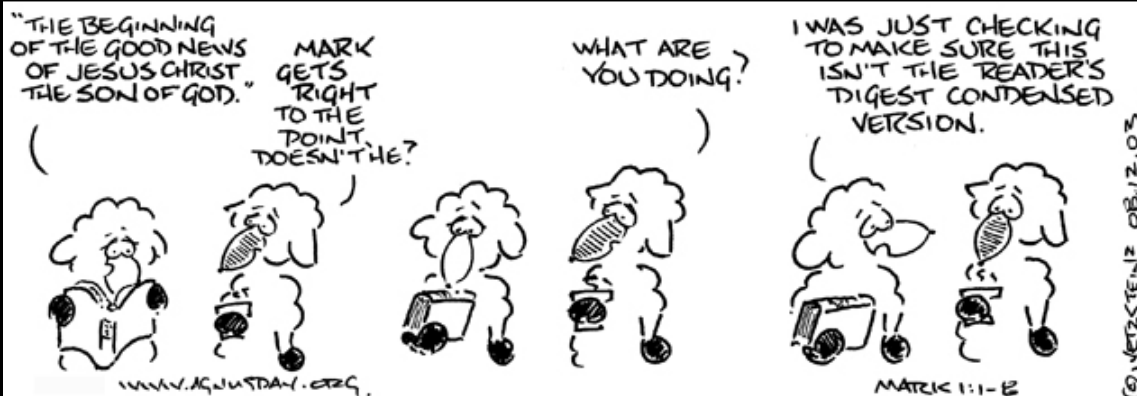
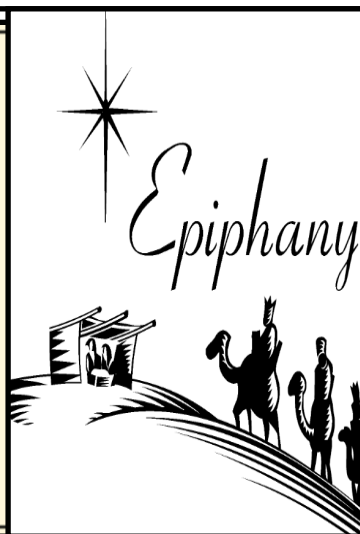
Sychar Rural Library Service is available during Morning Tea on Sundays.

Parish Sacramental Program for 2024

- First Reconciliation - Term 1 for Year 3
- Confirmation - Term 2 for Year 4
- First Communion - Term 3 for Year 4

If you wish to enrol your child/children in the 2024 Sacramental Program please contact the Parish Office on 4661 1033 or warwick@ctwb.org.au

Enrolments will close by the end of business Friday, 9th February 2024.



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Even the greatest was once a beginner. Don't be afraid to take that first step.” – Muhammad Ali

First Reading Isaiah 55: 1-11
Come to the waters; listen to my words and you shall have life.

Responsorial Psalm Isa 12: 2-6. R. v. 6
You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Second reading St John 5: 1-9
The Spirit, the water and the blood give witness.

Gospel Acclamation cf. Jn 1: 29
Alleluia, Alleluia!
John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:
This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1: 7-11
You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

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

LOST PROPERTY

31/12/23: A small purse was left on the seats at the front of the church. Please collect from the office. All lost property is kept in the office.

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.

Bulletin Submissions Deadlines

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

No Weekday Masses from 8th January to 12th January due to Priests Retreat.

Mark 1:1-6

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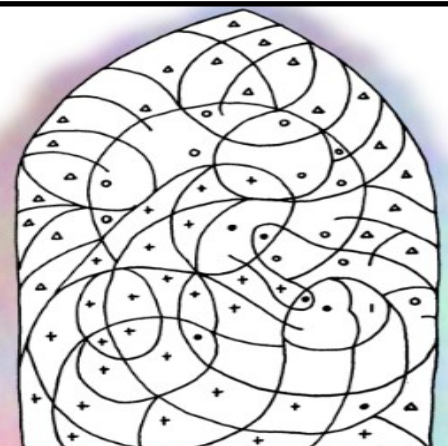
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life	save	good	evil	unlawful
accuse	days	forth	stand	Pharisees
restored	synagogue	sabbath	withered	heal

FUNERAL OF FR DON MURRAY

Fr Don's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at **2 pm Friday 12 January in St Patrick's Cathedral**. His burial will follow in the priests' section of Toowoomba Garden of Remembrance.

LIBRARY

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



Whose feast is it on New Year's Day?
 Colour in the spaces to see! Here's the code:
 ● Blue ▲ Pink ○ Yellow
 ■ Brown ● Skin colour