



# 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.

24th & 25th February 2024  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year B

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**"Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise".**

**Echoes of Calvary: a reflection on the final seven words of Jesus**

**It is never late.**

In the book of Revelation, we read that the Holy City has entrances from four sides: three from the east, three from the west, three from the south, and three from the north (Revelation 21:12-14). To me this imagery carries profound symbolism, signifying hope and the potential for divine encounters. For some of us, encountering God happens early in life, perhaps through upbringing in a Catholic family or within a faith community. Others may unexpectedly encounter God in their youth, while some may turn to faith amidst tragedy in midlife. Still, others may come to realize the need for God's presence through the wisdom that accompanies old age. Regardless of which "gate" or direction one enters from, and regardless of when in life this encounter occurs, the spiritual experience remains the same. The parable of the workers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16) illustrates this principle: whether one arrives early or late, all receive the same reward.

This is the consolation of the thief who was crucified along with Jesus that it was not too late to experience paradise. He asked Jesus to remember him when entering His kingdom, to which Jesus promised, "you will be with me in paradise." This is always the heart of Jesus, anyone at anytime turning to God, he or she will never be driven away (John 6: 37). Maybe he is called a 'good' thief for never giving up the hope of redeeming his life and sharing paradise with Jesus.

This is the first mention of the word "paradise" in the Bible. Paradise, originating from Persian, refers to a fenced private garden of a Sultan. It is a privilege given to those favoured by the Sultan to spend time with him in the garden, sharing meals and walks. Those who had this privilege were honoured by the community. Thus, paradise symbolizes walking with God amidst nature's beauty. Jesus says to the good thief that "today, you will be with me in paradise (sharing meals and walking side by side)".

The word "today" is important; it refers to the time, we let Jesus into our lives. Regardless of when we decide to take Jesus seriously or at what point in life we open our hearts to Him, it's never too late. This lent, as we encounter others, particularly those who may have lost hope, let's share the message that it is never late to let God in. Often, our struggle lies in postponing things: 'I'll call her later. I'll go there later. I'll pray later. I'll let God in later. I'll apologize later.' Munir Niazi's poem, "I will always let it get too late," serves as a reminder for us to act.

If I were to ever say something important, If I were to ever fulfill a promise,  
If I were to ever call her, If I were to ever call her back,  
I always let it get too late.  
If I ever had to help her If I ever had to give her hope  
To meet someone, I cherish so long,  
I always let it get too late.  
If I were to walk amidst changing seasons, and attempt to give my heart to something,  
If I were to remember someone or to forget someone  
I always let it get too late.  
If I were to ever save someone from the sorrow before death  
And say that reality was different,  
If I had to tell her all of this, I always let it get too late.

FrB

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### MASS TIMES

#### THIS WEEKEND

24th & 25th February

**St Mary's**

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8:30am

#### 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.**

**Oakes: 1st Thursday 10.30am**

**Akooramak: 2nd Thursday 10.45am**

**St Mary's Sunday 8:30am Masses**

are live-streamed from St Mary's on YouTube or the website.

#### FEAST DAYS

#### NEXT WEEKEND

2nd & 3rd March

**St Mary's**

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8:30am

**Yangan**

Saturday 6pm

**Greymare**

Sunday 10am

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Tom Conroy (Ireland), Dan Heenan

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Roy Smith, Joe & Mary Ryan, Gerard & Frank Kelly, Les & Connie Noye, Jimmy Ford, Marty Ford, Adam Ford, Bert & Joyce Noye, Frank Nolan, Catherine Roche, Tom Dwan, Paul & Brendehn McConville, Mick Brewer, Mary Brewer, Peter Watt, Graham Watt, Jack & Nell Cantwell, Jack & Mary Maher, Jack & Bridget Ryan, Graham Ryan, Vince & Maree Phelan, Tom & Olive Fletcher, Rev Frs Thomas Concannon, William Hall, William Behm, Howard Crowe, Thelma Marshall, Marcosa Cabingas & Beatriz Ompoc and all relatives and friends.

**SICK:** John Bourke, Michael Kavanagh, Paul Ryan (BNE), Rylan Lean, Leo Ryan (Warwick), Kierstan Farrell, John & Lyndell O'Mara, John McMahon, Maurice Ryan, Joanne Small, Tom Willett, Mary & Douglas Hough, Karen Hynes, Michael Bunch (Bne), Jack & Marie Beard, Barry Donnelly, Angela Gannon, Des & Jan Buchbach, Anthony White, Madeline King and residents of Akooramak, The Oaks, Churches of Christ and patients at the Warwick Hospital.

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

ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 24th & 25th February 2024		NEXT WEEKEND 2nd & 3rd March 2024	
	Vigil 6pm	8:30am	Vigil 6pm	8:30am
<b>Ministries</b>	Paul Scerri	Greg Brosnan	Darcy Furness	Michael Ryan
<b>Bell Ringers</b>	Phillipa Doherty	Val Gray	Richard Tartan	Pat Sheil
<b>Welcomers</b>	Polly Young & Clare Wooding	Tom Lawton	Andrew & Andrea Curoopen	Thomas & Felicity Madsen
<b>Altar Server</b>	Emma Timmins	Emma Timmins		Elaina Haynes
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Justin Walsh	Mary Goyne	Marguerite Walsh	Sue Harris
<b>1st Reader</b>	Sharon Young	Margaret Lawton	Sally Lancaster	Liisa Hammond
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Tim Kajewski	Margaret Plummer	Nick Nolan	Michael Ryan
<b>Prayer of Faithful</b>	Mary Henningsen	Nancy Ford	Tim & Megan Kajewski	Plummer family
<b>Gifts</b>	Lyn Noble Patti Hemmings Sharon Young	Marty Harris Pat Sheil John Telfer	Brian Collins Justin Walsh Dianne Dawes	Jill Hume Emma Timmins Maree Ryan
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Lachlan & Patrick Kajewski	Gemma King	Rose Walsh	Harriet Plummer
<b>Powerpoint</b>	Debbie Cleary & Regina Henry	Tom Hodgson	Kathleen / Men's Choir	Michael, Rey & Val
<b>Musician</b>	Group 5—Vince Hemmings	Group 6—Mark Brennan		
<b>Money Counters</b>				

OTHER ROSTERS	WEEK COMMENCING 25th February	WEEK COMMENCING 3rd March
<b>Akooramak</b>	Bernice Furness & Michael Dwan	Sue Harris
<b>Home Communion</b>	Maree Ryan & Patti Hemmings	Christine Cary & Len Doyle
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Rita Seed & Maureen Henry	Brian & Mary Bourke



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.



**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**

**Lenten Groups**

Maria will host a Tuesday evening group at 7pm in Assumption Place.

From Thursday 15th February, Shirley Owens is hosting a Lenten Group in Assumption Place after Mass.

Justin & Marg Walsh host a Thursday night group 7pm in their home. Please call Margurite on 0411092841 for address details if interested.

Bernice is hosting a Thursday afternoon group at 1:30pm in Assumption Place.

**ASSUMPTION COLLEGE LONG LUNCH**

The P&F Association are proud to announce the first-ever Assumption College Long Lunch!

Tickets are now on sale via TryBooking: [www.trybooking.com/COZRK](http://www.trybooking.com/COZRK)

Limited tickets are available so get in quick, we don't want you to miss out!

This event is open to all Parents, Guardians, Friends and Community members.

Enjoy a unique social experience within our College grounds.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact our College office on 07 4660 4000

**150 YEARS OF ST MARY'S SCHOOL**

We are calling for parishioners to be a part of our committee to plan our upcoming 150 years celebration in late October 2024. If you are interested and would like to be a part of the committee to plan for this momentous event, please join us

Where: St Mary's Office 173 Palmerin St

When: Wednesday 28th February at 3:30pm

**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 ASSUMPTION 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 at 10.00am. 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 Bernice 4661 1107

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

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.



**Second Sunday of Lent  
24 & 25 February**



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

**Please donate to Project Compassion.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." —Wayne Bennett

**First Reading** Gen 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18  
*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 115: 10, 15-19  
*I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.*

**Second reading** Rom 8: 31-34  
*God did not spare his own Son.*

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 17: 5  
*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*  
*From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:*  
*This is my beloved Son, hear him.*  
*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Gospel** Mk 9: 2-10  
*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

## 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

## Sacramental Preparation

Classes for Reconciliation will commence Thursday 22nd at 4pm in Assumption Place Meeting Room (beside the church). Parents of students in year 3 can contact the office now to register your child for this program.

Email: warwick@ctwb.org.au

Ph: 07 4661 1033



## World Day of Prayer

You are invited to World Day of Prayer. All are welcome. Uniting Church, Cnr of Guy and Fitzroy Streets at 10am Friday 1st March 2024.

Please follow the directions of the arrows shown in the church carpark.

## LOST PROPERTY

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

A small purse was left at the front of the church. Please collect from the office.

All lost property is kept in the office.

## BLOKES HAVING COFFEE

Would you like to get out and about once a week to have a coffee and a few laughs with a bunch of other blokes?

**COMMENCING:**

9 A.M. EACH TUESDAY MORNING

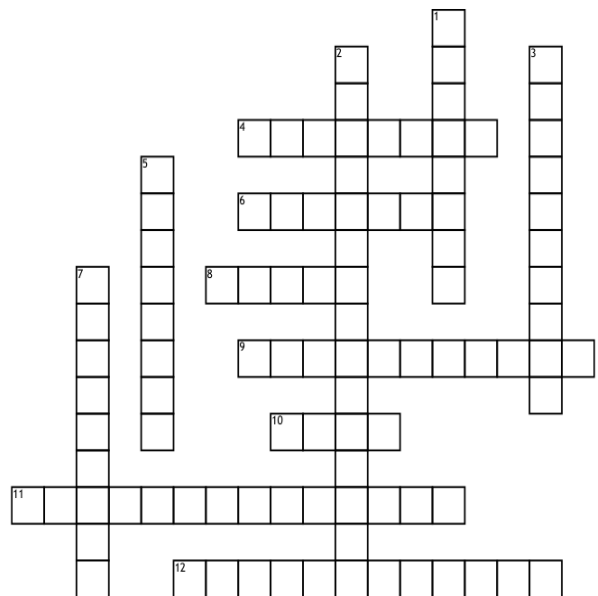
**LOCATION:**

BELLE VUE CAFÉ, 119 Palmerin Street Warwick (opposite post office)

**CONTACT:**

PAUL 0412115618 BY PHONE OR SMS

## Roman Catholic Church



### Across

4. Image of the crucified Lord  
 6. What is used to symbolize prayers rising to heaven  
 8. Used to summon the faithful  
 9. Common catholic symbol

10. Who the Catholic hierarchy is headed by  
 11. Oldest institution in the Western world  
 12. Colorful windows containing images of Christ or the Saints

### Down

1. Second Mark of the Church

2. Sacred text/writings of the Catholic Church  
 3. Classic church shape  
 5. Direction symbolic of Heavenly Jerusalem  
 7. Symbolic of Baptism

## Bulletin Submissions Deadlines

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