



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.

9th & 10th March 2024
4th Sunday of Lent, Year B

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Echoes of Calvary: Reflection on the last seven words of Jesus on the cross.

"I thirst" (John 19: 28)

"Sometimes the desire to be lost again, as long ago, comes over me like a vapour", writes my beloved poet Mary Oliver. She is verbalizing a desire in all of us to be lost once again. Her words resonate with a universal longing to reclaim a sense of being lost. This yearning isn't exclusive to her alone; it's a sentiment shared by many. In a world inundated with noise, opinions, reels, newsfeeds and responsibilities, the longing to escape and find solitude is a natural response. This yearning, this longing, is intrinsic to the human experience. While some may try to ignore or distract themselves from it, this longing catalyzes our passion, our hope, and our drive.

Although the lived experience of this longing often appears as emptiness, homesickness, sadness, or a sense of incompleteness, it holds a sacred significance—a *divine grip* cast upon us by God. God is the Supreme beauty, truth, and goodness, alluring us to him with a persistent yearning for more in our everyday encounters. The thirst of Jesus on the cross shows the passion he carries for our salvation and communion with the Father. Even in the face of apparent failure on the cross, Jesus still hopes, dreams and thirst. Perhaps it is here that the notion crystallizes: death is not an end, but rather a step closer to the ultimate union with supreme beauty, truth, and goodness we have been searching for all our lives.

Living alone in Goondiwindi at the presbytery, this longing resonates more loudly within me. Despite moments of profound ministry or cherished friendships, there are times when I still feel a lingering sense of emptiness. This sensation isn't unique to me; it can affect anyone, even those in seemingly happy marriages. I have heard of priests attempting to numb this emptiness with alcohol, gambling, relationships etc. Maybe I numb or distract it with the gym, Netflix, a good curry etc. As I grow older, what makes me non-anxious about this "thirst" is the conviction and acceptance that it is not a negative experience but rather a positive affirmation that I am created for something beyond material fulfilment.

My challenge is to create space for this 'yearning' to surface and embrace it courageously. Whenever I do that, it is a beautiful spiritual experience that generates hope and energy. Jesus' public outcry of "I thirst" is a humble acknowledgement of his desire for union with his father and the Holy Spirit. Mary Oliver writes, "Another morning and I wake with thirst for the goodness I do not have". St. Augustine writes in his Confessions, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." This humble acceptance keeps the yearning a divine affair and saves it from the clutches of materialism and capitalism.

Let us not shrug away from this *divine grip* – yearning- through distractions. Let us wake up each morning with humble submission that I thirst for the goodness, beauty, and truth I do not have.

FrB.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

MASS TIMES

THIS WEEKEND

9th & 10th March

St Mary's

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8:30am

Killarney

Sunday 8am

Texas

Saturday 5pm

Inglewood

Sunday 9am

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

16th & 17th March

Gladfield

Sunday 10am

Yangan

Saturday 6pm

RECENTLY DECEASED: Madeleine King

ANNIVERSARIES: Chic Roche, John & Mary-Geneveive Ryan, Clare Watts, Tom Cuskelly Jo & Mary Ryan, Jimmy, Marty & Adam Ford, 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 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

Please use the hand sanitizer provided at the doors

ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 9th & 10th March 2024		NEXT WEEKEND 16th & 17th March 2024	
	Ministries	Vigil 6pm	8:30am	Vigil 6pm
Bell Ringers	Darcy Furness	Michael Ryan	Darcy Furness	Michael Ryan
Welcomers	Sharon Young	Dave Carr	Tim & Megan Kajewski	Barry Scanlan
Altar Server	Alby Young & Will Wooding	Victoria McHardy	Rose Walsh	Thomas/Felicity Madsen
Children's Liturgy		Megan Kajewski		Jenny McCray
1st Reader	Sally Lancaster	Jill Hume	Richard Tartan	Margaret Plummer
2nd Reader	Pauline Stewart	Paul McHardy	Mick Dwan	Paul Coghlan
Prayer of Faithful	Bryan Slattery	John Telfer	Gill Totman	Emma Timmins
Gifts	Mary Noble	Pat Sheil	Sharon Young	McHardy Family
Communion Ministers	Cheryl Collins Richard Tartan Mary Noble	Tom Lawton Jonathan Cruda Sue Harris	Bernice Furness Sally Lancaster Dianne Dawes	Paul Maher Penny Doyle Michael Gaffney
Powerpoint	Andrea Curoopen	Gemma King	Alby & Polly Young	Harriet Plummer
Musician	Debbie Cleary & Regina Henry	Kathleen/ Fil-Harmonix	Tom Hodgson	Michael, Rey & Val
Money Counters	Group 1— David Hynes		Group 2—Gerry Morrisey	

OTHER ROSTERS	WEEK COMMENCING 10th March	WEEK COMMENCING 17th March
Akooramak	David Moran	Maree Ryan/ Pat Sheil
Home Communion	Fr Franco	June Stewart/ Len Doyle
Morning Tea	Val Gray/Maree Ryan	Margaret Waltisbuhl/Val Murphy



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.



Book your tickets now for the Feast of St Patrick
March 16 2024

Celebrate with Fr O'Brien and Fr O'Webb
Dance the night away with Irish band McCarthy's Reel
Feast on a sumptuous 3 course meal
Tickets \$50 available from the office or

book and pay using the QR code or via <https://www.trybooking.com/1170674>

Guinness available at the bar, doors open from 6.30pm



Lenten Liturgy Program
CHANGE OF PROGRAM

The following services will take place at St Mary's Church over the coming weeks:
Stations of the Cross: Friday 5:30pm

Reconciliation: Tuesday 12th March 7:00pm
& Wednesday 13th March 9:00am

*Due to a funeral, Tuesday morning's service
has been moved to Wednesday*

Anointing of the Sick: during Mass Saturday
16th March 9:00am

Rita Collins R.I.P.

Thursday **13th March** 9am Mass
will be offered for the repose of the
Soul of Rita Collins.

All are welcome to this Mass.

**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.

CHURCH CHOIR

— Choir practice 4th
Saturday of each month at
9:45am in the Church

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.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC DEBUTANTE BALL 2024

ITS ON, AGAIN and YOU'RE INVITED.

Ball Date: Friday 14th June 7pm

Ball Venue: St Mary's Hall

A large number of young women have shown interest to attend this years St Mary's Debutante Ball. A Stunning Event.

A second **Information Night** will be held on **Palm Sunday Night, 24th March** at 7pm in **Assisi Place**.

Any more interested young ladies are very welcome to attend for an information sheet and to register. Previous girls can again attend to drop their forms back

PASS THE WORD AROUND FOR A SENSATIONAL NIGHT



Fourth Sunday of Lent
9 & 10 March



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

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 or by calling 1800 024 413.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them ." —
Maya Angelou.

First Reading

2 Chron 36: 14-16, 19-23

*The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.***Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 136

*Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!***Second reading**

Eph 2: 4-10

*When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he have his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.***Gospel Acclamation**

Jn 3: 16

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!***Gospel**

Jn 3:14-21

*God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.***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**Sacramental Preparation**

Classes for Reconciliation are held on Thursdays at 4pm in Assumption Place Meeting Room (beside the church).

Email: warwick@ctwb.org.au

Ph: 07 4661 1033

ROSTERS

New rosters for our ministries are being drawn up. If you know that you will be away for specific weekends please notify the parish office on 4661 1033 or email sharon.young@twb.catholic.edu.au before Monday, **18th March**. After that date you will need to swap with someone else if you are away. If you did not receive a copy of the roster last quarter by email please send an email to Sharon so you can be added to the email list.

We are also looking for more helpers for our ministries if you are able to help. We particularly need helpers for **Children's Liturgy** on a Sunday morning. Training can be provided if you are new to the ministries.

Many thanks for those who share their gifts by helping with our parish ministries.

Lenten Groups

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

Shirley Owens is hosting a Thursday Lenten Group in Assumption Place after Mass.

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

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

LOST PROPERTY

A plate was left in Assisi Place after Morning Tea. We have some baking trays and a container from the Parish Christmas Party. A small purse was left at the front of the church. Please collect from the office. All lost property is kept in the office.

Blue Care Grief & Loss Programs

- Grief & Loss of A Loved One - 8 weeks x 2 hours per week - offering support to those struggling on their grief journey
- Grief Loss & Dementia - 5 weeks x 2.5 hours per week - offering support to those who are Carers of people with Dementia.

Contact: 0417 555 826

E: GriefandLossProgram@bluecare.org.au

**Bulletin Submissions Deadlines**

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

