



# 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.

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year B

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

"My God, My God, why have you abandoned me" (Matthew 27: 46)

As Jesus cries out from the cross, "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me," he dismantles the notion of God as a mere insurance policy, obtained through weekly or monthly premiums of religious rituals and prayers in times of need. For Jesus, God is not a cosmic vending machine or a celestial handyman fixing our problems. In his human vulnerability, Jesus reveals that God is not a transactional entity, but rather a profound presence and sojourner in every human experience. This God teaches us to go through every part and parcel of being a human. Jesus walked among us, feeling everything, we feel – joy, fear, despair. On the cross, he endured the worst humanity can offer. This is a call to accept our humanity, the good, the bad, and the ugly.

"Come and Be My Light" is a profound spiritual work delving into the spiritual darkness endured by St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. In one of her letters to her spiritual director, she expressed, "I want God with all the power of my soul – and yet between us there is terrible separation. Heaven from every side is closed. "I feel just that terrible pain of loss, of God not wanting me, of God not being God, of God not existing. I am told God lives in me – and yet the reality of darkness and coldness and emptiness is so great that nothing touches my soul".

In those words, Mother Teresa captured the unbearable agony of experiencing divine silence, particularly in her moments of greatest need. John of the Cross introduced the term "dark night of the soul" to interpret this profound silence of God. Similarly, Therese of Lisieux resonates with these sentiments as she describes a "night of nothingness," portraying the seeming absence of God's presence amidst her suffering.

What brings comfort in the saints' experiences is their unwavering devotion to God. Despite moments of feeling distant from Him, they remained steadfast in their belief in His love. Their connection with God was deeply personal, allowing them to express their frustrations openly, like Jesus' cry, "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?" While the word "abandon" carries pain and trauma, there's a moving tenderness, trust, and sense of belonging in the possessive "MY." It evokes the image that I witnessed this week at our school of a conflicted child reluctant to part with her mother at school drop-off. Despite her resistance, her mother gently separates her, understanding it's for her child's well-being, letting her endure the pain for her growth.

Between 2017 and 2019, I endured a difficult patch in my life. My cry was also, "My God why did you abandon me"? Reflecting on that time, I see myself as a child fighting the dad who still let me go through the first experience of the needle at the surgery clutching my hands and feet and exposing me to the cruel doctor. But Dad knew it had to happen.

God in Jesus embraces every aspect of humanity, including absolute darkness and silence in times of suffering. He teaches us to cry to God in love and trust our disappointment. He also shows that nothing ends as a tragedy for those who believe and trust. God turns everything for our good. There is always the logic of God: the logic of the third day-resurrection.

**Fr. B**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### MASS TIMES

*\*PLEASE SEE BULLETIN FOR EASTER MASSES\**

#### THIS WEEKEND

16th & 17th March

#### **St Mary's**

Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 8:30am

#### **Gladfield**

Sunday 10am

#### **Yangan**

Saturday 6pm

#### 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.

#### NEXT WEEKEND

23rd & 24th March

#### **St Mary's**

Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 8:30am

#### **Killarney**

Sunday 8am

#### **Texas**

Saturday 6pm

#### **Inglewood**

Sunday 9am

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Richard Tartan, Rhonda Eather, Gloria Litster

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Con Lo Guidice, 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 otherwise advised.**

*Please use the hand sanitizer provided at the doors*

ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 16th & 17th March 2024		NEXT WEEKEND 23rd & 24th March 2024	
	Ministries	Vigil 6pm	8:30am	Vigil 6pm
<b>Bell Ringers</b>	Darcy Furness	Michael Ryan	Darcy Furness	Michael Ryan
<b>Welcomers</b>	Tim & Megan Kajewski	Barry Scanlan	Justin & Marguerite Walsh	Paul Coghlan
<b>Altar Server</b>	Rose Walsh	Thomas/Felicity Madsen	Isabella Sullivan	Tom Lawton
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Jenny McCray		Emma Timmins
<b>1st Reader</b>	Sharon Young	Margaret Plummer	Pauline Stewart	Michael Ryan
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Mick Dwan	Paul Coghlan	Bernice Furness	Marg Trahair
<b>Prayer of Faithful</b>	Gill Totman	Emma Timmins	Justin Walsh	Pat Sheil
<b>Gifts</b>	Sharon Young	McHardy Family	Darcy & Bernice Furness	Dave Carr
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Bernice Furness Sally Lancaster Dianne Dawes	Paul Maher Penny Doyle Michael Gaffney	Patti Hemmings Brian Collins Cheryl Collins	Monica Maher Marty Harris Jill Hume
<b>Powerpoint</b>	Alby & Polly Young	Harriet Plummer	Lachlan & Patrick Kajewski	Gemma King
<b>Musician</b>	Tom Hodgson	Michael, Rey & Val	Debbie Cleary & Regina Henry	Tom Hodgson
<b>Money Counters</b>	Group 2—Gerry Morrissey		Group 3— Paul Maher	

OTHER ROSTERS	WEEK COMMENCING 17th March	WEEK COMMENCING 24th March
<b>Akooramak</b>	Maree Ryan/ Pat Sheil	Nea McGinnes/ Mary Bourke
<b>Home Communion</b>	June Stewart/ Sue Harris	Dianne Dawes/ Maria Ryan
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Margaret Waltisbuhl/ Val Murphy	Des & Cheryl Cantwell



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.



### Easter Masses

#### Palm Sunday

St Marys Saturday 6:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am  
Killarney Sunday 8:00 am  
Inglewood Sunday 9:00 am

#### Holy Thursday

St Marys 6:00 pm

#### Good Friday

St Marys  
Stations of the Cross 10:00 am  
Good Friday Liturgy 3:00 pm

#### Holy Saturday Vigil

St Marys 6:00 pm

#### Easter Sunday

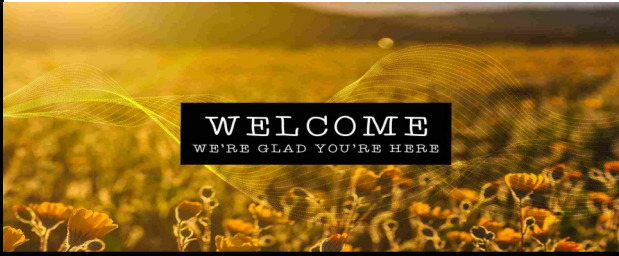
St Marys 8:30 am  
Killarney 8:00 am  
Greymare 10:00 am  
Gladfield 10:00 am  
Inglewood 9:00 am

### Fr. Periya

We welcome Fr. Periyayagam Savarimuthu ALCP/OSS. Father is usually called Periya.

Fr. Periya arrived in Australia four weeks ago and will be working in the Toowoomba Diocese during his stay in Australia. He comes from the state of Tamil Nadu, a southern state of India.

Please make him welcome.



### Church Choir Practice

Please see in the Parish Groups section of the bulletin that Church Choir practice is in the church 9:45am on the 4th Saturday of the month.

### 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



## **Fifth Sunday of Lent 16 & 17 March**



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2024.**

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](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

## **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

"What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family." — *Mother Teresa.*

**First Reading***Jer 31:31-34:**The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.***Responsorial***Ps 50:3-4, 12-15:**Create a clean heart in me, O God.***Second reading***Heb 5:7-9:**He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.***Gospel Acclamation***Jn 12:25:**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;**And where I am, my servant will also be.**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!***Gospel***Jn 12:20-30:**If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.***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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**Volunteers for the Sacramental Program**

For some years now the Sacramental program was directed first of all by Patrice Riordan and later, when Patrice returned to teaching, by Fr. Bony.

We now need to find other people who could assist with the coordination and direction of the program. It would ideal to have a team so that it would not be a burden on any one person. We need at least three volunteers. Could you please give this important ministry some thoughtful consideration.

Another option would be to create a limited hour paid position for the weeks of the Program.

If anyone is interested please ring the Parish Office at 46611033.

