



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH WARWICK

To live the Gospel by celebrating together, sustaining a welcoming parish and serving Jesus Christ through the joys and sorrows of our wider community.



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St Marys Parish Warwick

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Office Hours Tue-Fri
8.30am-4pm
(for after hours messages, there is an after hours box right side of Office Door)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

14th and 15th March

Your Life Is Not About You

We continue our reflection on the five wonderfals. They are called “wonderful” not because they are easy, but because they are liberating. Life is hard. You are not that important. You are not in control. And this Sunday we reflect on the fourth wonderful: your life is not about you.

Ever since my first personal encounter with the power of the Holy Spirit back in high school, one of my favourite words in ministry has been anointing—the anointing of the Holy Spirit. From that time onwards, whenever I preach, give a retreat, celebrate Mass, or even prepare for a small gathering, I pray for one thing: “Lord, let your anointing fall upon me.” I may have good ideas or techniques for preaching, but they will not touch hearts or draw people closer to God unless there is an anointing upon my faculties as a priest and as a person. The anointing of God is never earned. It does not come because we are talented, intelligent, holy, or impressive. It comes purely by grace. This is exactly what we see in the story of David. In the first reading, the prophet Samuel goes to Jesse’s house looking for the future king. One by one Jesse’s impressive sons are presented, strong, capable, tall, everything that seems kingly. But God rejects them all.

Then David is brought in, the youngest, the shepherd boy, the one nobody even thought to present. And God says, “Rise and anoint him.” After Samuel anoints him, Scripture tells us: “The Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David.” That is anointing: God’s Spirit entering a human life, not because David was the strongest, but because God chose him. When the Spirit anoints us, something profound happens. God begins to touch every part of our life, our weaknesses, wounds, insecurities, and even our past. The Spirit does not erase our story; instead, the Spirit redeems it. Slowly we begin to sense something awakening within us: a mission. Not a mission we invented, but a mission already planted in us by God. This is what we see in the Gospel of the Fourth Sunday of Lent: the story of the man born blind. At the beginning of the story, people see him only through labels, sinner, cursed, punishment, problem. Even the disciples ask, “Who sinned, this man or his parents?” The world had already written his story.

But then he encounters Christ. After the encounter, he begins to see, not only physically, but spiritually. When people question him, he simply says: “I was blind, and now I see.” That is mission. When we encounter Christ and experience God’s anointing, we begin to see our life differently. We realise something simple but profound: my life is a gift. Not something I manufactured, but something given. And every gift carries a purpose. A gift is not meant to remain unopened; it is meant to be shared. When we begin to give ourselves, our time, love, service, and life, we discover something surprising. In giving the gift, we begin to understand how precious the gift really is. Many people only discover the value of their life when they begin to give it. And then something deeper happens. Through the gift, we begin to discover the Giver. As we experience the meaning and beauty that come from sharing life, we begin to glimpse the love of the One who gave it to us in the first place.

When Christ encounters us, regardless of our limitations or abilities, something fundamental begins to change within us. We begin to recognise our life itself as a gift. And a gift is not meant to be kept, but to be given. As we share this gift with others, an inner sense of coherence, purpose, and meaning begins to emerge within us. Gradually we perceive the beauty of the One who gave the gift. What begins as the sharing of life slowly becomes a deeper desire, a hunger to know the Giver and to grow in intimacy with Him.

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MASS TIMES

THIS WEEKEND

St Mary's

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8:30am

(live-streamed from St Mary's on YouTube or the website)

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Saturday 6pm

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat - 9am

Wed- 7am

Regular Mass Times could change if there are any special celebrations for the week, please see inside the Bulletin for any updates.

NEXT WEEKEND (21st & 22nd)

St Mary's

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8:30am

Killarney

Sunday 8am

Oaks: 1st Thursday 10.30am

Akooramak: 2nd Wednesday

10.45am

Reconciliation

Saturday Mornings 9:30am

after Mass

Feast Days

Stations of the Cross 5.30pm

Friday

CUPPA AND BIKKIES AFTER 8.30 MASS AT ASSISSI PLACE MEETING ROOMS. SECOND SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH ARE SHARED MORNING TEA.



We pray for those...

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 14 th & 15 th March		NEXT WEEKEND 21 st & 22 nd March	
	Ministries	<i>Vigil 6pm</i>	8:30am	<i>Vigil 6pm</i>
Bell Ringers	Vince Hemmings	Marty Harris	Vince Hemmings	Marty Harris
Welcomers	Justin & Marguerite Walsh	Dave Carr, Val Gray and Rei Infante	Prince Family	Barry Scanlan
Altar Servers	Rose Walsh & Charlotte Gabriel	Zuriel Obi, Erin and Marnie Roche	Polly Young & Charlotte Lawler	Erin Roche
Children's Liturgy				Jenny McCray & Sally Hagley
1st Reader	Peter Macartney	Mary Ramos	Bernice Furness	Emma Timmins
2nd Reader	Margaret Walsh	Michael Ryan	Tim Kajewski	Pat Sheil
Prayers of the Faithful	Dianne Dawes	Mary-Jane Cook	Mick Dwan	Margaret Lawton
Gifts	Marie Stewart	Prince Family	Mary Henningsen	Marg Trahair
Communion Ministers	Sharon Young Marguerite Walsh Mary Bourke	Johnathon Cruda John Telfer	Pauline Stewart Brian Collins Cheryl Collins	Maree Ryan Marty Harris Sue Harris
PowerPoint	Polly Young	Tommy Madsen	Rose Walsh	Gemma King
Musician	Kathleen	Centenary Choir	Michael, Rey & Val	Tom Hodgson
Money Counters	Group 6- Mark Brennan and Marty Harris		Group 1- David Hynes	
OTHER ROSTERS	Week Commencing 16th March		Week Commencing 23rd March	
Akooramak	Maree Ryan and Pat Sheil		Nea McGuinness and Mary Bourke	
Home Communion	Patti Hemmings and Len Doyle		Fr Franco	
Morning Tea	Centenary Luncheon		Lesley Grayson/ Maureen Greene	

If unable to perform your roster duty please arrange to swap with another person on the roster. The office does not need to be informed of the swap.

Recently Deceased: John McGahan, Helen Muller (nee Cuskelly), Bernie O'Donohoe, Clare Miiller, Majella Wilson (Twba), Steve Stevens (Nerang), Leslie Cockerell, Karen Hynes, Ron Krause, Michael Hughes, Mikey Keogh and Peter Kelly

Anniversaries: Madeleine King, Leo Barret, Concetto Lo Giudice, Daph Dempsey, Marge Kelly, Kevin Murphy McGahan, Chic Roche, Marty Ford, Jack and Mary Genevieve Ryan, Gerard and Frank Kelly, Thelma Marshall, Joe and Mary Ryan, Terence O'Mara and all relatives and friends.

SICK: Dianne Wade, Ross Tulley, Betty Tulley, Lachlan Tulley, Betty McConville, Kevin McConville (Capella), Peter Caridi, Ben Fischer, Margaret Jermanus, Pete Carruthers, Carmel Whitfield (WA), Ford & Bruggy families, Susie Stevens, Robert and Samira Cook, Cora Winter, Jessica Warren, Terry Parker, Elizabeth English (Toowoomba), Tanya Ketelaus, Bernard Roche, Debbie Cleary, Michael Kavanagh, Paul Ryan (BNE), Rylan Lean, John & Lyndell O'Mara, John McMahan, Maurice Ryan, Joanne Small, Mary & Douglas Hough, Michael Bunch (Bne), Marie Beard, Barry Donnelly, Angela Gannon and residents of Akooramak, The Oaks, Churches of Christ and patients at the Warwick Hospital.

PLAN GIVING

Please contact the office if you would like to set up a direct payment via Fat Zebra.

This new application is managed in our office to take your plan giving direct from your account or credit card. Alternately, you can set it up by scanning the QR Code.

Website: Go to the Website <https://www.catholicparish.app/donate?id=001OI0000034HjilAE> click the Donate page, then select Click here to donate box. Thank you for the continued financial support of our parish through your giving.



The Easter edition of the Word Among Us is now available in the office. Thank you

LAVENDER MORNING TEA

All are welcome to come along for a great morning tea to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation

THURSDAY 23rd April 2026 @ 9.30am
Warwick Showgrounds in Doug Feez Pavilion

\$5 admission
\$2 raffle tickets

To book a table/seat ring Ros on 0427 572 281
by 16th April



EASTER MASS TIMES

As we have lost Father Bony, Country Mass times for Easter are still to be confirmed and announced.

The mass times listed below have been confirmed. Thank you.

ST MARYS

Reconciliation: Tuesday 17th 10am and 6pm

Mass with anointing: Sat 28th 9am

Palm Sunday: Sat 6pm

Sun 8.30am

Holy Thursday: Thurs 2nd April 6.00pm

Good Friday: Fri 3rd April

~10am Stations of the cross

~ Liturgy 3pm

Holy Saturday: 4th April Vigil 6pm

Easter Sunday: April 5th 8.30am

KARARA

Palm Sunday: Sun 11am

GREYMARE

Easter Sunday April 5th 10am



Centenary Project

We have decided on a centenary project. The front eastern window needs restoration. The restoration has been designated as the Project.

We are calling for donations to assist us in funding this project. The previous restoration appeal was successful. We hope for a similar response for this project.

Please see pamphlet at the Church entrances.



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY ST MARY'S

Our Centenary is here. Happy 100th Birthday to St Mary of the Assumption.

Thank you so much to all our hardworking volunteers who have gone above and beyond to make sure our church is looking fantastic for this special day. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please Pray for our 2026 Reconciliation candidates.

They will partake in the sacrament of reconciliation on the 26th of March at 6pm.



NEW ROSTERS

Thank you to those in our parish who share their gifts in the Parish ministries. New rosters will be coming out in a few weeks time. Please contact sharon.young@twb.catholic.edu.au by Monday, 16th March if you have dates that you are unavailable for the months April-June. We would be very grateful if there were some people who would like to be added to our rosters, particularly for carrying in the offertory, operating the PowerPoint (this could be younger children under the guidance of a parent), altar servers and welcomers.

LENTEN GROUPS

Maria Ryan- Thursday after mass @ Assumption Place

Young Adults- Wednesday Night 6.30pm @ Assumption place

Marg Walsh- Tuesday 6.30pm @ 4 Little Warner St, Rosenthal Heights

Bernice Furness- Thursday 1.30pm @ Assumption Place

We still have a few copies left of this years lenten program,

Compassio. Copies are available in the office for \$12.

