



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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

2nd and 3rd of May

Do not let our hearts be troubled...

In 2019, my family entered a season that changed us completely. My father was suddenly diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. It came without warning. The doctor gently suggested that if his son was a priest, it would be good for him to come home. So, I came home. Grief had already taken up residence in the house. The normal rhythms, meals, conversations, small laughter, had reorganised themselves around one room. My father's bedroom. I was there as a son. But also, as a priest. Each day I celebrated Mass for him, anointed him, prayed with him, sang with him. There was something deeply sacred in those moments. And yet alongside that grace ran something I had never encountered before. Not the grief of loss. The grief before the loss.

Anticipatory grief is a strange and heavy experience, mourning someone who is still alive. You see what is coming. You feel it approaching. But you are living in the not yet. No closure. No release. Only waiting. One evening, after nursing him and settling him to bed, I went out onto the terrace. My sister had just asked the question we were all afraid to ask, are we going to lose him? When she left, I stood alone, looked up at the night sky, and said to God the only thing I had left: "I am only a child. I trust you."

No theology. No explanations. Just a son, exhausted and afraid, clasping the hand of God in the dark. And something shifted. Not the circumstances, they remained exactly as painful. But I found myself beginning to prepare my father for a good death rather than simply dreading it. I told him I would remember him at every Mass. I asked him, when he was with the Lord, to pray for my priestly ministry. I began, slowly and tenderly, to release him into hands I trusted more than my own. This is precisely the moment Jesus speaks into in this Sunday's Gospel. The atmosphere in John 14 is not calm. Judas has left the table. Jesus has spoken of his departure. The disciples are experiencing exactly what I experienced on that terrace, anticipatory grief. Their future is being taken from them.

And Jesus does not say: "Do not feel troubled." He says: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." That distinction is everything. He is not denying fear or grief. He is calling for something deeper, a decision about what ultimately holds your heart. And then he offers not a concept but himself: I am the Way, the Truth, the Life. You are not lost. You are not without meaning. Your future is secure, even when everything feels like ending.

Peace is not the absence of disturbance. It is the presence of anchoring. My grandfather understood this. Every morning in our living room, standing before the image of the Sacred Heart, he taught me to pray: "Jesus, broken open in love for me, keep me safe there." I thought I understood it as a child. It took standing on a terrace in the dark, with nothing left but trust, to finally understand what it means to actually live inside that prayer. Perhaps this week we may be carrying something heavy. The invitation is not to eliminate what troubles us. It is simply to return, like a child, like a son, to the one whose heart has room for everything we are carrying.

"Let not your heart be troubled." And as the song goes... No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I am clinging....

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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)

Yangan

Saturday 6pm

Inglewood

Sunday 9am

Greymare

Sunday 10am

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 (9th & 10th)

Killarney (Eccumenial)

Sunday 8.00am

Oaks: 1st Thursday 10.30am

Akooramak: 2nd Wednesday 10.45am

Reconciliation

Saturday Mornings 9:30am after Mass

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



MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 2 nd & 3 rd May		NEXT WEEKEND 9 th and 10 th May	
	Ministries	Vigil 6pm	8:30am	Vigil 6pm
Bell Ringers	Dave Carr	Shane Roche	Dave Carr	Shane Roche
Welcomers	Justin & Marguerite Walsh	Dave Carr	Family Mass (Sharon Young)	Barry Scanlan
Altar Servers	Charlie Nguyen & Albert Young	Erin Roche	Polly Young & Charlotte Lawler	Marnie Roche
Children's Liturgy		Anni McAllister		Jenny McCray Sally Hagley
1st Reader	Peter Macartney	John Telfer	Family Mass (Sharon Young)	Margaret Lawton
2nd Reader	Karren Flint	Emma Timmins	Family Mass (Sharon Young)	Marg Trahair
Prayers of the Faithful	Andrea Curoopen	Sally Hagley	Family Mass (Sharon Young)	Pat Sheil
Gifts	Mary Henningsen	Rei Infante	Family Mass (Sharon Young)	Des & Cheryl Cantwell
Communion Ministers	Dianne Dawes Mary Bourke Pauline Stewart	Maree Ryan Jonathan Cruda Mary Ruge	Brian Collins Cheryl Collins Bernice Furness	Emma Timmins Sue Harris Marty Harris
PowerPoint	Lachlan Kajewski	Gemma King	Polly Young	Filipino Community
Musician	Kathleen/Men's Choir	Michael, Rey & Val	Michael, Rey & Val	Fil-Harmonix/ Kathleen
Money Counters	Group 1- David Hynes		Group 2- John Walsh	
OTHER ROSTERS	Week Commencing 4 th May		Week Commencing 11 th May	
Akooramak	Nea McGuinness and Mary Bourke		Mick Gaffney and Carolyn Abood	
Home Communion	Dianne Dawes and Maree Ryan		Patti Hemmings and Len Doyle	
Morning Tea	Des and Cheryl Cantwell		St Vincent's Conf (M Lawton)	

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.

We pray for those...

Recently Deceased: Belen Bagaipo, Betty McConville, Janette Hegarty, Rina Olivotto, Mikey Keogh and Peter Kelly

Anniversaries: Madeline Cahill, James Joseph Ryan, Barbara Henningsen, Vince Dwan, Vince Roche, Elizabeth Ipil, Tom and Margeret Walsh, Lil Nolan, Darrell Carey, Noela Booth, Bill Browne, Maurice and Claire Leonard and all relatives and friends.

SICK: David Russell, Kathryn McConville, Brian Bourke, Dianne Wade, Ross Tulley, Betty Tulley, Lachlan Tulley, 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.



St. Mary of the Assumption, Warwick
**CENTENARY WINDOWS
 RESTORATION PROJECT**



How to Donate
 Direct deposit
 EFT: Warwick Credit Union
 BSB 817001, A/c: 100016770
 or use the QR code to donate

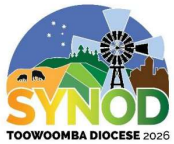


ATTENTION

There will be a morning tea for our deanery listening session on May the 9th. If you are able, please bring along something to share. Thank you

CONFIRMATION - PARENT INFO NIGHT

Thursday the 7th of May is the parent information night for confirmation. If your child is making their confirmation and you have not yet filled in the paperwork please pick up a form in the office.



**TOOWOOMBA SYNOD
 LISTENING SESSIONS**

The Synod Listening Sessions are an integral part of the Synod process. These sessions enable us to gather as a diocese, share our joys and sorrows, pray together, and discern where the Holy Spirit is encouraging us to take action for our future. This is an opportunity for each person in the diocese to contribute to our Synod, with the information gathered at these sessions being directly fed back to the Bishop for his discernment and deliberation for the Synod assembly which will be held 23-24 October 2026.

Registrations for these sessions are essential.

Listening Sessions:

Warwick: Saturday 9 May, 9.30am-11.30am at St Mary's Parish Warwick

Dalby: Monday 11 May, 7-9pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre

Roma: Tuesday 12 May, 7-9pm at the Justine King Centre, All Saints Parish

Charleville: Wednesday 13 May, 7-9pm at St Mary's School Hall

Toowoomba: - Saturday 16 May, 9.30-11.30am at Edmund Rice Cultural Centre, St Mary's College

- Tuesday 16 June, 6-8pm at Micah Centre,

Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office

Online: Tuesday 26 May, 10-11.30am via Teams



Register through the QR code or visit <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/toowoombasynodlisteningsessions>

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us this earth to care for and delight in.

Look with mercy on our need for rain for our parched land. We pray that life-giving rain will soon fall.

We pray for those suffering from the severity of this drought, people working on the land, and those in business that depend on farming and grazing for their livelihood.

*Father, help them to know Your love and care, and to bring their burdens to You. Guide all those who are seeking to provide help and bring healing in the midst of so much pain. We ask these things through Jesus Christ Our Lord
AMEN*

Young Adults is now every second week. Please find dates on flyer at church entrances

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN



At the back of the church there is a box with some religious books for our little Parish members to enjoy during Mass. Please help yourself and return to the box at the end of the Mass.

CHILDRENS LITURGY VOLUNTEER

We are seeking a volunteer for Children's Liturgy to be partnered with an existing volunteer. You will need to be Blue card eligible, we are happy to organise a volunteer BlueCard in the office. Please contact the office if you are interested.



Date Claimer: St Mary's Debutante Ball
Saturday the 20th June @ 7pm

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=001OI0000034HjiIAE> click the Donate page, then select Click here to donate box. Thank you for the continued financial support of our parish through your giving.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

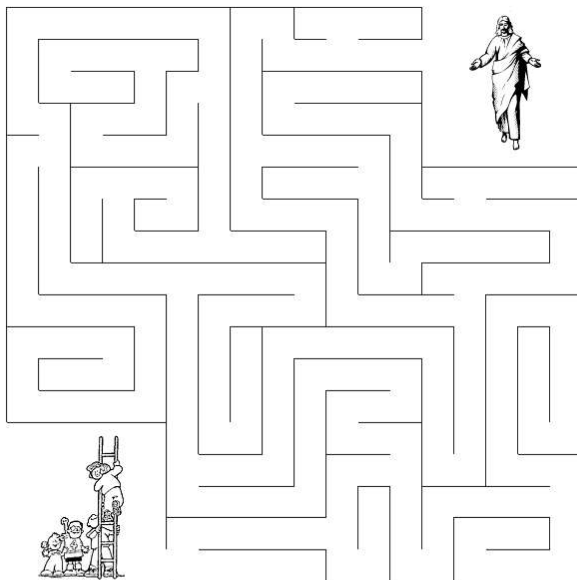
First Reading Acts 6:1-7
They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:6
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.
 Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:1-12
I am the way, the truth, and the life.



JUMPERS AND JAZZ

A meeting of **ALL** interested parishioners and coordinators will take place in the meeting room of Assumption Place on Saturday the 23rd of May at 5pm. This years theme is JAM. We welcome all to bring their ideas.

We will finish the meeting by 6pm for Mass.

Please contact the office via phone, email or in person to put your name down if you can help with any of the above activities.

We need your name even if you have helped in the past. The more involvement, the better. Jumpers and Jazz is from the Thursday the 16th of July until Sunday the 26th of July.



Saints of Italy Pilgrimage June 8 to 21, 2026.

Our Centenary Pilgrimage is going ahead! Due to some participants not being able to attend there are places available for anyone still wishing to join. The price will be \$10340 (twin share) + tips and spend money.

Submission Deadline

Bulletin submissions must be submitted prior to midday Thursday to make the Bulletin. Please submit articles to warwickparish@twb.catholic.org.au

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

<p>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.</p>	<p>FIL-HARMONIX Choir practice 1st Sunday & 2nd Saturday of each month.</p>	<p>PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month. PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month</p>	<p>Parish Groups Meeting AT ASSUMPTION PLACE Young Adults: meets on Wednesday 6.30pm (not during school holidays). Contact office for more information Meditation Group meets on Fridays at 9am. Contact Mary 4661 9907 Father's Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays from 4.00pm-5.0pm. Contact Kev Seaby— 4661 3133 LAY CARMELITES meet on 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10.00am. Contact Maria 0427 644 108</p>
<p>Passionist Family Groups If you are interested in joining our groups please contact Marguerite 0411 092 841</p>	<p>CHURCH CHOIR Choir practice 4th Saturday of each month at 9.45am in the Church.</p>	<p>Church Opening Times for Private Prayer Tuesday and Thursday 3.45pm - 4.45pm</p>	<p>Men Alive Group meets on Thursdays at 4.00pm-5.00pm. 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.</p>