



The United Church in Australia  
Warwick, Killarney & Freestone United  
Parish



Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024



**PRAYER**

Loving Father, we pray for ourselves and your Churches everywhere in this season of Lent. Open our ears to hear your call of love and grace. Open our eyes to see your Son, Jesus Christ, his forgiveness shining from the cruel Cross. It's easier to judge others than it is to judge ourselves but grant us the honesty to look at our own relationship with you and give us the will to truly live as followers of Christ.

As we prepare to hold our Annual General Meeting we pray for our Parish and community. Thank you for the way you provided for our mission last year and we lay our priorities for the coming year before you for your direction and blessing. Give us faith, courage and unity as we step out again into the unknown in your name. We hold our Minister Ansie to you for protection and blessing as she leads us always to true discipleship in your name. Amen.

Welcome to worship today as we begin our journey to the Cross and Resurrection through the next 40 days of Lent. Join us for a cuppa and a chat after worship, we are glad to have you here.

## Worship Services

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February

- 8:30am Killarney
- 9:30am Warwick
- 2:00pm Parish AGM (venue Killarney)
- 5:30pm Intergenerational Worship

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

- 8:30am Killarney
- 9:30am Warwick
- 5:30pm Intergenerational Worship

PROMISE  
REJOICE  
PREPARE  
WAITING



## Readings:

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February

#### Lent 1

Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

#### Lent 2

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38  
or Mark 9:2-9

## PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Today Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2pm

Killarney Uniting Church



**AGM Report Book out now.**

*Hard copies available in the foyer. Please read the reports, make notes and bring to the meeting where they will be endorsed.*



**An important time of review, information and planning as we hope and dream our future in our communities.**



**COME AND BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION**

*Please bring some afternoon to share after our Meeting as we fellowship with our Killarney congregation.*

**Let us know if you need transport.**

**Family Drug Support,  
Stepping Forward**

**Wednesday,  
21st February 2024  
4:00pm – 6:00pm  
Williams Hall  
37 Guy Street, Warwick.**

## LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Looking for :

- Assistance with the collection and or delivery of furniture items
- Retail experience
- Sorting of donations
- Cleaning premises

*Open Mon-Thurs 8:30-1pm*

*Contact Joanne Wallace 4661 8211*

## 2024 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

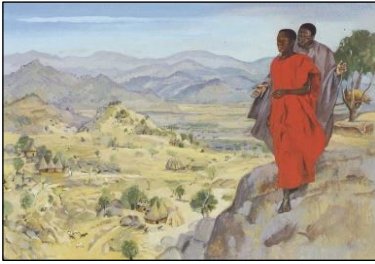
Friday 1st March 2024  
10.00 am.

Warwick Uniting Church  
Phone: 46611080  
for more information

**Prepared by the  
Christian women of  
Palestine.**



## Reflection on Mark 1:9-15...The Gift of Lent



On this first Sunday of Lent, we have begun once more those 40 days of sincere

reflection and repentance which take us on a special journey towards the joy and awe of Easter. Lent gives us that motivation to enter into a spiritual spring cleaning, a time to meditate deeply on who we are and where we are heading on our journey of faith.

Here at the beginning of Mark's Gospel we encounter a terse account of Jesus' baptism. Jesus stands in the Jordan....a dove descends... a voice proclaims and affirms who he is. Then, Mark reports, *Immediately God's Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness. He was there for 40 days while Satan tested him. And the wild beasts were all about him, but angels took care of him.*

What do we make of the fact that Jesus was immediately driven out there into the

wilderness just after God's affirmation? The Spirit didn't lead, didn't invite....it drove him into the wilderness. The Spirit compelled Jesus to go alone to where the wild beasts, the forces of evil, tested his every resolve and purpose. Unlike the other Gospels, Mark says only that Jesus was tempted in the wilderness and that he triumphed over those beasts of temptation. He was then ready for what lay ahead!

Like Jesus, we also are tempted...and temptation can send us into a wilderness experience of our own. Maybe, this story reminds us that our wilderness times are as much a part of God's plan for us as are our mountain top experiences.

Maybe they test of our faith and trust so we can be truly able to serve God effectively. Maybe Lent invites us to confront our temptations and to rely on the guidance of the Spirit to triumph over them, just as Jesus did.

So, welcome to the gift of Lent!  
Shalom, Jean



Queensland  
**Churches Together**

### ONLINE ZOOM WORK SHOP SERIES RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 7:00-8:30
2. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb
3. 6<sup>th</sup> March



More info:

<https://qct.org.au>

email:admin@qct.org.au

For Information  
**07 3369 6792**



# Market Day

Sat. 9th March  
Warwick Killarney Uniting Church  
corner Guy & Fitzroy St,  
9am-12pm

## Trash 'n Treasure

**Plants    Books    Home Baked**  
**Treat Yourself    Sausage Sizzle**

**Cafe**

Entertainment  
Warwick City Band  
Central School Choir  
Ellie Kelso Dancers

ARK Animal Rescue

## CARE CORNER

- Thank God for the blessings and provision of 2023 as we plan for 2024.
- Pray that we each seriously consider our own discipleship this Lent and the gifts we contribute to the outreach of our Church.
- Pray for healing and kindness to those recovering from surgery and pray for patience and care to those waiting for tests and procedures.
- Pray for our Presbytery leaders and Parish representatives as they prepare for the meeting in Allora next weekend.
- As we begin our journey through Lent, let us look for ways to help and support those who are struggling with life's challenges. Many of which are beyond their control.

**FREE Seniors Movie Event, screening "One Life",**

**on Friday, 15 March 2024 at 10am**

Churches of Christ Auditorium

**RSVPs are required by 12 March 2024 –  
phone 4660 1145 to book your seat  
or for further information.**

**Gwen Murphy** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
OFFICER SDRC

Flyer on Noticeboard.

**THIS WEEK: 18<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>**

*Hospitality: Group 3*

*Flowers: May Morris & Daphne Porter*

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

8:15am Courthouse Cuppa

10:45am Akooramak Service

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

6:30pm Marriage Course

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

9.30am Killarney mainly music

1:00pm Wesley Bowls

3:00pm Selah Home Group

3:00pm Killarney Music Ministry

4:00pm Family Drug Support

7:00pm Beta Home Group

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

9:15am Warwick mainly music

5:00pm Killarney Girls' Brigade

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**PRESBYTERY 23-25<sup>th</sup> at Allora**

9:30am Courtyard Coffee

10:00am KYB

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Flowers: Marg Adcock

## FLOWER ROSTER OPPORTUNITY

New Roster coming out, let me know if  
you would like to be part of it.



Contact Marg. 0427144812

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Uniting Church Warwick/Killarney Westpac BSB: 034 226 Acc:141717

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We bless you and thank you for

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