



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

Sunday 10th March 2024



PRAYER

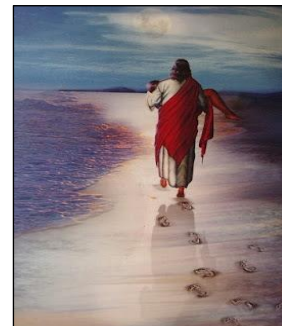
Lord, we thank you that you have brought us safely to this point in our lives. Thank you for the past, with gratitude for the people who cared for us from childhood and all who shaped us into the people we are, giving thanks especially for those who showed us the way of Christ helping plant our footsteps in His.

We thank you for the present, for our families and friends who support us and surround us with their love, for this community which sustains us and keeps us rooted in Your love. Help us to be supportive to our friends, families and neighbours and sensitive to their needs. We would ask your blessing on all who are at turning points in their lives, and we pray for the future, certain in the knowledge that you will continue to guide us and guard us throughout all things.

Support us through times of ill health or doubt or trouble. Fulfil your promise to be with us to the end of the age. We remember the troubled nations of the world, praying for an end to warfare and for negotiations for peace throughout the world.

In Jesus name we pray Amen

Welcome to worship as we continue the 4th week of our Lenten journey. May your journey be blessed today as we worship our God together, both old and young, both accepting and seeking answers, but all as travelers' together. Please stay for morning tea after Worship!



Worship Services

Sunday 10th March

- 8:30am Killarney Combined Catholic Church
- 9:30am Warwick
- 2:00pm Freestone Holy Communion
- 5:30pm Intergenerational Worship



Sunday 17th March

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

Readings:



Sunday 10th March

Lent 4

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3,17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

Sunday 17th March

Lent 5

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
or Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

SUNDAY LUNCH WARWICK UNITING CHURCH 24TH MARCH



\$5 for a Roast Meal
All welcome!

Proceeds to Pastoral Care

EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday 29th March :

- Killarney 8:30am
- Warwick: 9:30am
- Freestone: 7:00pm

Memorial Saturday 30th March: Warwick Uniting
9am-12md *A time of reflection*
Bring flowers to remember loved ones.

Easter Sunday 1st April

- Killarney 8:30am
- Warwick 9:30am

MEMORIAL SATURDAY

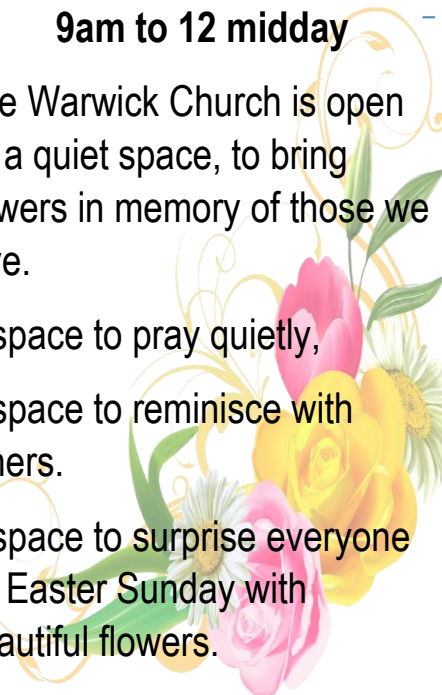
9am to 12 midday

The Warwick Church is open as a quiet space, to bring flowers in memory of those we love.

A space to pray quietly,

A space to reminisce with others.

A space to surprise everyone on Easter Sunday with beautiful flowers.



Beyond Giving Up Chocolate: Going Deeper in Lent



From the time we were children, our first question for Lent was often, "What are you giving up for Lent?" Giving something up for these 40 days is a custom that, when we were younger, helped us enter into the season with a sense of purpose and a greater awareness.

As adults, we might want to consider looking at Lent in a deeper way. We are probably much more settled into our behaviours and patterns of life and sometimes giving up something is where we begin -- and end -- our reflections on Lent. It can be tempting to say "I am giving up chocolate" or beer or even all sweets and all alcohol. But without more reflection, it can become simply a way I show God how strong I am. It is more about me than any conversation with God.

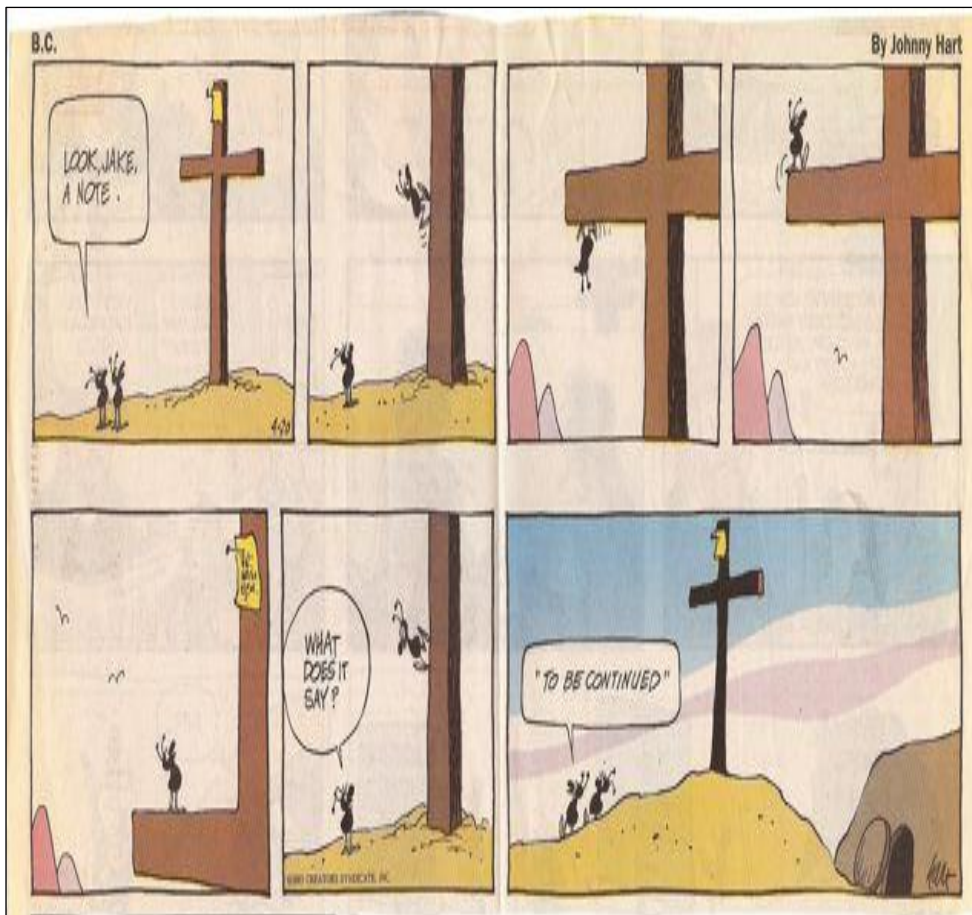
Lent isn't simply about us "giving up" something. The real grace is when we recognize that Lent is a season in which God wants to *give us* something. God wants to

help us transform our lives and make us more free as people -- not just freer with God, but in the way we live our lives and love our families.

It is much easier for us to simply choose something to give up -- then we can dismiss Lent! "I am giving up TV for Lent." "I am giving up movies... Snacks... Soda pop." We give it up and exercise our willpower for 40 days to prove to ourselves and to God that we can do it. And at the end of Lent, we can return to what we gave up.

But this year we might reflect and ask the deeper question: What is God inviting me to change this Lent? How do I know what God might be stirring in me? I begin by listening to the movements in my heart. Where am I feeling uncomfortable with the choices I am making? With the things I have done? With the habitual ways I respond? The Lord will be speaking to me in those small nagging moments of discomfort in my heart.

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MESSIAH Toowoomba Opera Players

2pm Saturday 23rd
March
Flyer on Noticeboard

Ars Cantorum Presents Eastertide Music The Crucifixion by Sir John Stainer

Friday 22nd March, 7pm
St James Church, Cnr
Russell & Mort Sts.

Toowoomba
Tickets \$25
More info on Noticeboard

