



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

Sunday 16th March 2025



*Welcome to worship on the second Sunday of Lent.
May God bless you today as you join either online or in the pew.
Please stay for a chat and a cuppa after the Service.*



In this Lenten season, as we journey with Jesus to the cross, we are reminded that this world resorts to violence every time to solve its conflicts.

It resorts to power and dominion over others.

The way of Christ calls us into community, into hope, into serving one another with kindness. It calls us to gather with Christ and others, to seek a different way instead of the violence of the world. It calls us to look to the ancestors of our faith and their trust in God when the world seemed against them.

The way of Christ reminds us that the regimes of this world rise and fall, but the reign of God's love, the beloved community of faith, endures forever.

Creator God, there are so many more stars than what we can see, and their light is shining; we just haven't seen it yet.

The stars in front of us will burn out and fade from memory, but their light is shining now, and we behold it and are amazed.

God, You have created what was, and You are creating what is new, and You create what will be. In all the worries and troubles of the now, may we remember with awe all that has been, and all that is to come, through You, the Great Connection, the Mystery, the Creator of the Universe. Amen.

Worship Services

Sunday 16th March

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

Sunday 23rd March

- 8:30am Killarney including Killarney Girl's Brigade service and Harvest Festival
- 9:30am Warwick HC

March Market Day

Thank you to all who were involved in our Market: stall leaders, cooks, (bottle washers), workers who set up and knocked down stalls, patrons who supported the stalls, stayed to enjoy the entertainment, chatted with visitors – and our Market Task Team who organised the event.

Happy Birthday to you this week:

Cliff Wilkie March 19th
Alison Baistow March 20th
Caroline Oehlman March 23rd



Postponed Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 20th March in Williams Hall at 7.00pm.
Open to all members of
Warwick/ Killarney/ Freestone Parish

This is the opportunity for Parish members who have comments or questions regarding the Budget or any of the reports presented in the Annual report Book to attend and bring these for discussion.

Attention all council members, please peruse all reports prior to this meeting.

Readings

Sunday 16th March

Lent 2

Genesis 15: 1 – 12, 17 –18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1

Luke 13: 31 – 35 or

Luke 9:28 - 36

Sunday 23rd March

Lent 3

Isaiah 55: 1 – 9

Psalm 63: 1 – 8

1 Corinthians 10: 1 – 13

Luke 13: 1 - 9

Nearly camouflaged-
a little girl always on
the go.



Reflection- Transforming Encounters

The scene of the Transfiguration occurs at a turning point in the Gospel. The Galilean ministry is drawing to a close, the first prediction of the Passion has been given, Jesus is about to set his face for Jerusalem where he will suffer an ignominious death, followed by his Resurrection glory. But here at this turning point, the reality of Jesus is revealed in the presence of his disciples. In this glory he is shown as the Son of the Father, the one in whom Jewish faith finds its culmination, the One to whom the disciples should listen, the One in whom they will find their glory.

This is true Christian hope: not a hope that things will turn out well...or not go too badly. But a hope that states that we are made for, destined for the glory of God and that our way to come to this is through listening to the person of Jesus, not only through his teaching but also in the deep relationship of prayer.

This hope is not just to be revealed at the end of our lives. It is to burn within our hearts now, transfiguring how we look at reality: how we are to understand the difficulties, challenges, sorrows and joys of life. When Peter wanted to stay in that mystic moment on the mountain, for whose sake was it? Was it to worship – thereby showing his love for God? Or was it for his own pleasure – thereby showing his love of self? Or maybe it was a mixture of both elements – thereby showing just how mixed up he was, like the rest of humanity?

This experience on the mountain is not a passing booster experience given to Jesus and his disciples to buck them up in the face of the coming trauma. No, it is a tearing open of reality. This is the truth in which we can anchor our lives. This is the hope that underpins all that happens. This is the hope: we are made to share the Glory of God with Jesus.

From 'Pray as You Can' by Sister Kym Harris osb Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton



How can you contribute to WillowTree 37?

- Donating fresh food to be used in meal preparation at the centre.
- Personal hygiene items
- Easy to prepare food ingredients.
- Keep an eye out for warm clothes and bedding to donate.
- If you can, set aside some funds to donate towards the operational expenses of the centre.

Care Corner

- ✦ Give thanks for those who have made a difference in our lives, physically, mentally and spiritually.
- ✦ Those encounters on which we can reflect and realise what a special impact was made maybe a light bulb moment or just in a quiet continuing effect.
- ✦ Pray for those who have been affected by the recent Cyclone Alfred and the ensuing weather events of wind and rain. Many of us have only experienced minor inconveniences for which we give thanks. However, others have property damage and a major loss of income and ongoing uncertainty.
- ✦ Pray for those with worrying medical diagnoses, and those undergoing surgery whether major or minor.
- ✦ Psalm 27: 'The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?'

Do you know of anyone who would be able to provide accommodation for a quiet male – ph. 0409 777 430

What's Happening this Week?

17th – 23rd March

Hospitality: Group – Group 3

Flowers: Daphne Porter & Rev May

Monday 17th March

Ansie's non-contact day

10:45 am Akooramak

Wednesday 19th March

9:30am Killarney mainly music

10am Study group in Wesley Room

1pm Wesley Bowls

3pm Selah Bible study

7pm Beta Study group

Thursday 20th March

9.30 am mainly music Warwick.

5: 00pm Killarney Girls' Brigade.

7.00pm Church Council Meeting.

Friday 21st March

9:30 – 11:30 am **Courtyard Coffee**

Flowers next week: Marg Wells

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