



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

Sunday 9th March 2025



*Welcome to worship on the first 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.*



Assurance vs Insurance

Jesus does not insure us from hardships

- But he assures us that he will carry us through
and be with us through them all.

What is assurance? It is the certainty of God's Word.

That is what gives us assurance in troubled times.

Jesus is not insurance - the song is not called blessed insurance

- Jesus is all about Assurance.

Insurance from God is what you want when you don't have Faith.

You want God to make certain promises to you about your future.

This assurance that God loves us and has offered us grace through Jesus Christ
and that if we receive that Grace by faith

and are then justified is what Christians call: Blessed Assurance

Blessed Assurance means that you have: Certainty of forgiveness:

From a garden to the belly of a whale to a lion's den to a fiery furnace.

Scripture is clear - God is always with His people.

Worship Services

Sunday 9th March

- 8:30am Killarney Combined Service
- 9:30am Warwick
- 2pm Freestone

Sunday 16th March

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

March Market Day

Due to the threat of cyclonic weather our Market Day on 8th March has been **POSTPONED** until Saturday 15th March – the next week.

Readings

Sunday 9th March

Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11
Psalm 91: 1 – 1, 9 – 16
Romans 10: 8b – 13
Luke 4: 1 - 13

Sunday 16th March

Genesis 15: 1 – 12, 17 – 18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1
Luke 13: 31 – 35 or
Luke 9:28-36

Parish Council Meeting

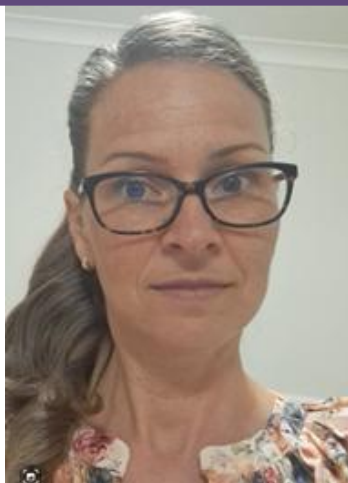
Open to all members of Warwick/ Killarney/ Freestone Parish
Thursday 13th March in Williams all at 7.00pm.

Due to the focus at our AGM 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.

Introducing our three new Parish Council members:



Cameron Mauch



Raelene Mauch



Graham Reid

Reflection at the Beginning of Lent....Luke 4:1-13

Lent is the time in our church year bordered on one side by the celebration of the birth of Jesus, God with us, affirmed by the glory of Jesus' Transfiguration, and then on the other side by the wonder of his death and resurrection. During Lent, we remember and reflect on the meaning of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and on how death was conquered through his resurrection. We marvel once more at the infinite depth of God's love for us.

We observe, we listen, and we open ourselves to the transforming power of God's spirit. We sometimes use these 6 weeks to give up something and use the money saved to help those in need. But it is also a journey, a time to ponder where we are in our faith, where we fail to follow the example of Christ and to walk with him on the road to Calvary, and into the joy of resurrection life.

We begin by following Jesus into the wilderness where he struggles with powerful temptations and triumphs over them. The word, temptation, comes from a Greek word meaning 'experiment.' So, it's a testing, a trial out of which good or evil may come. It creates an opportunity to exercise that little word which seems to have lost its way in our society, that very important little word, **No!**

That's what Jesus did in our reading for today. Jesus says a firm No to the tempter. Satan's offer of bread signifying material security, the Kingdoms offering power and the miracles, religion. Using God's word, he affirms the reign of God and triumphs. He shows us it is possible to face and defeat temptation in our lives. We may fail God, but he doesn't fail us. This Lent, may we come face to face with our God and rely only on him.....
Amen Jean



In 2021 the Qld Synod asked us to explore how we could be a blessing to our community.

I truly think this qualifies.

- Framework up in Killarney.

Slabs down in Warwick.

Care Corner

- "Heavenly Father, as we face Cyclone Alfred, we come before you with humble hearts, seeking your protection and guidance. Watch over our communities, families, and friends, shielding them from possible destructive winds, heavy rain, and flooding. Keep all those in vulnerable situations safe and guide the emergency responders as they work tirelessly to assist those in need.
- We trust in your loving care and pray for a swift recovery from this storm, leaving behind only relief and restoration. In Jesus' name, Amen."
- Stay safe, take care of one another, reach out if in need of help.
- Pray for Barry and Margaret Kelly as Barry receives medical assessments on Tuesday.
- Pray for our postponed Market Day

Happy birthday this week:

Jamie Loy 11th

Alison Payne 13th

Terry Smart 14th

Caitlin Mauch 15th



What's Happening this Week?

10th – 16th March

Hospitality: Group – Group 2

Monday 10th March

Ansie's non-contact day

10:45 am Akooramak

Wednesday 12th March

9:30am Killarney mainly music

10am Study group in Wesley Room

1pm Wesley Bowls

3pm Selah Bible study

7pm Beta Study group

Thursday 13th March

9.30 am mainly music Warwick.

5: 00pm Killarney Girls' Brigade.

7.00pm Church Council Meeting.

Friday 14th March

9:30 – 11:30 am **Courtyard Coffee**

Saturday 15th March

9:00am – 12 noon Market Day

Flowers next week:

Rev May and Daphne Porter

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