



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



Sunday 6th April 2025

*Welcome to worship on the fifth 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.*



On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we read in John's Gospel the story of Jesus sharing a meal with his good friends (Mary, Martha, and Lazarus) and his disciples. Mary filled with gratitude for her brother's return feels indebted and loves Jesus so much, she must express it in some crazy way. So, she takes some perfume that she had saved and the most valuable thing she owned.

This is an account of abundance, a bewildering, extravagant and crazy act of love. No ordinary gesture but a heartfelt, sacrificial, profound declaration of love and a deep act of gratitude. Abundance is meant to be shared. Every act of giving, whether big or small, mirrors the love and generosity of all that God gave up for us in the giving of his son Jesus. God's desire for us is we might know and experience his deep love for us, we might be transformed and renewed in him. As we take time out in prayer and reflection during this period of Lent, it is my prayer that you will experience and be transformed by the extravagant love of God.

May your life be renewed afresh by the Spirit and may our church experience and reflect God's unlimited love for all people. God's extravagant love might lead us to do the unexpected, so out of the ordinary, that our friends, and yes even our neighbourhoods and community, will think we've gone crazy... crazy with love! Moderator of Qld Synod Rev Bruce Moore

Worship Services



Sunday 6th April - Abundance

8:30 am Killarney HC
9.30am Warwick

Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday

8:30am Killarney Combined Service
Uniting Church
9:30am Warwick
2:00pm Freestone HC

Scripture

Sunday 6th April Lent 5

Isaiah 43: 16-21
Psalm 126
Phil 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Psalm 118: 1-2;19-29.
Phil 2:5-11
Luke 19: 28-40



Easter Services

Thursday 17th April

– No Tenebrae Service in 2025
See note re Service at St Marks.

Good Friday 18th April

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

Saturday 19th April MEMORIAL SATURDAY

Easter Sunday 20th April

8:30am – Killarney
9:30am – Warwick



Thursday 17th April

7:00pm St Marks Anglican Church
Maundy Thursday Service
and Vigil Garden of Gethsemane

Saturday 19th April 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.

Reflection for Lent 5....John 12:1-8...What Matters Most?

The Gospel reading for today is leading us ever onwards into the drama of Easter. Here Jesus enters the city of Bethany for the last time. Passing through on his way to the cross, he stops to enjoy a dinner party with his close friends, Mary, Martha and their brother Lazarus. During the dinner, Mary performs a rather controversial deed as she anoints the feet of Jesus with a very expensive jar of perfume, wiping them with her hair, filling the house with the exotic fragrance.

Judas points to the wastefulness, money that could be better used to help the poor and needy...but Jesus rebukes him and alludes to the fact that she was preparing him for burial. Had she poured it over his head, it might have been a declaration that he was the long-awaited Messiah but, to pour it over his feet was something done by the women as they prepared a loved one for burial. Mary knew exactly what she was doing with this extravagant gesture...it was an act of empathetic love and devotion, a giving of what mattered most.

What really matters in this life we are living? Is it the money we have, the status we have achieved, or the knowledge we gain? What matters most? Mary gave us a resounding answer to this question in her extravagant gesture. Mary's gift was both an extravagant act of love and a positive act of faith...a love that made a statement and left a legacy.

There is always something beautiful and fragrant about what we do out of love. No act performed out of a sense of duty or obligation can fill the air with that kind of fragrance. That's what Judas failed to understand. Mary was able to recognise Jesus' special role and relationship with God and she responded to this in actions of discipleship and service. So, may we!.....Shalom, Jean.

JOIN US FOR A MYSTERY MEAL ADVENTURE IN MAY!

Are you ready for an exciting experience this May?

Have you ever hosted a meal with surprise guests?

Or perhaps you've attended a meal where you didn't know who you'd meet?

THEN: Join our '**Mystery Meals in May**' Parish event!!

Here's how to get involved:

Host a meal: Whether it's a small gathering or larger event, open your home to surprise guests!

Join as a guest: Enjoy the thrill of mingling with new faces.

Participate in Both Roles: Enjoy the best of both worlds!

How to? Simply fill out the forms available in our churches and drop them in the colourful boxes. Get ready for a wonderful time of fun and connection!

Forms will be collected on Easter Sunday (April 20th)

after which all will be revealed in May!!

Care Corner

- ✦ Pray for Rev May and John, that she will soon be restored to good health.
- ✦ "Loving God, we lift up to you those in Western Queensland suffering from the devastating floods. We pray for their safety, their well-being, and for the strength to cope with the challenges they face. Grant them comfort and resilience as they navigate this difficult time. We pray for those who are working tirelessly to provide aid and support, that they may be blessed with compassion, courage, and the resources they need. May your love and peace surround those affected, and may we be guided to respond with kindness and generosity. Amen."
- ✦ Pray for ministry of Pastor Jenny Noble and Granite Belt Parish.

COURTYARD COFFEE

**Due To Public Holidays
Will be closed for two Fridays.
on Good Friday -18th April
and 25th April - Anzac Day.
Back weekly on May 2nd.**

Weekly Events

7th April – 13th April

Hospitality: Group 1

Flowers: Marg Adcock

Monday 7th April

Rev Ansie's non-contact day

Tuesday 8th April

10:00 am– 2:00pm WillowTree 37

Wednesday 9th April

1:00 pm Wesley Bowls

Groups in recess

Killarney mainly music

Study group in Wesley Room

Selah Bible study

Beta Study group

Thursday 10th April

10:00am – 2:00 pm WillowTree 37

7:00pm Church Council

Groups in recess

mainly music Warwick.

Killarney Girls' Brigade.

Friday 11th April

9:30 – 11:30 am

Courtyard Coffee

Flowers next week: Sue Campbell

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