

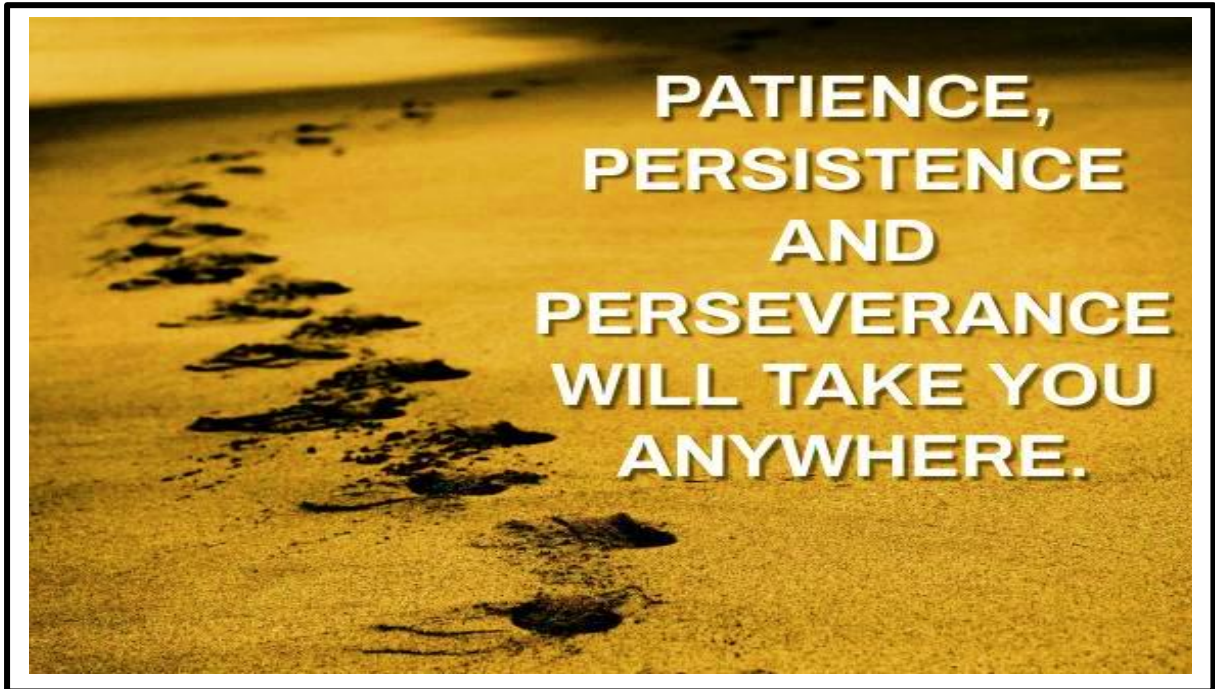


**The United Church in Australia
Warwick - Killarney
Uniting Parish**



Sunday 19th October 2025

*Welcome to worship as we continue to journey with the disciples.
May God bless us today as we join online or in the pew.
Please stay to share a chat and cuppa.*



Today's Gospel (Luke 18:1–8) encourages us to never stop praying.
We see it in this week's account of the persistent widow.

We hear it in Jesus' extraordinary teaching:
"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you."

God hears our prayers

When we see a tiny speck of evidence of God at work, do we acknowledge it? Do
we gasp with gratitude for all that God is doing?

Let us grasp that tiny ray of hope and trust in our all-powerful God!

Sometimes we will not receive the answer we pray for, despite what we think is
best, God might have a better answer in mind, even if it does not seem better to us.

Don't Give Up Praying!

The very act of asking persistently is accomplishing something spiritually important.
So, when the Lord seems slow to answer your prayer, never give up.

Worship Services

Sunday 19th October

- 8:30am Killarney Girls Brigade Service
- 9:30am Warwick

Sunday 26th October

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



Readings

Sunday 19th October

Jeremiah 31: 27-34
Ps 119 : 97-104
2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4:5
Luke 18: 1-8

Sunday 26th October

Joel 2: 23 – 32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6 – 8, 16 – 18
Luke 18: 9 - 14

Happy birthday to you this week:

Heather Affleck Oct 23rd
Anne Ware Oct 26th



A reminder that this Market Day, items sold in the hall will include crafts, books and Collectables only. Please don't bring any items for Trash & Treasure – no clothes – as there is insufficient room.



DROP OFF

Goods for sale on the Market Day may be delivered to the Williams Hall Tuesday to Friday mornings to be stored on the stage. Please don't leave in the foyer.



Please pray for the Killarney Girls' sleep over. This is a wonderful, varied program – led by dedicated women who provide a wide range of experiences for the girls in a safe, exciting and sometimes challenging environment. May they all have a good night's sleep.

Reflections Luke 18:1-8

In this passage Luke recounts this parable that Jesus tells. It has many layers to it, but it is also very easy to understand. There is a corrupt judge and a poor widow. All she wants is justice, and his calling as judge is to protect those who couldn't protect themselves: the vulnerable people, widows, orphans, and the aliens.

This judge is corrupt, not because he is under-handed, but because he has no conscience and was quite impervious to shame. In fact, it seems that the only way he will fulfill his duty is by the peskiness of the widow. She refuses to give him a moment's peace till he deals with her case.

The early Church mostly gained hope from the widow. They saw that their only hope was to be consistent in prayer, 'pray always and not lose heart' (18:1). They also pondered on the judge, as a great contrast to the person and character of God. If the judge eventually listened, how much more will God listen to the cries of his people? God can be relied on to vindicate the poor and oppressed. God will never turn a deaf ear to our prayers.

So, our lives are nothing like the early Church. Where do we find meaning for our lives and faith? Are we prepared to be persistent in our prayers, just like the poor widow? Will we put our trust in God who can be utterly depended on, so opposite to that corrupt judge?

Blessings, May



How can I help?

- Offer to help on a stall – see Sue Campbell
- Offer to contribute items for sale on Sweets, Home-baking, Produce, Collectables.
- Help pack sweets - Thurs 29th – see Mary Young
- Offer to help set up stalls – see Scott Young
- Invite someone to come with you.
- Just come and enjoy the morning.
- Take a poster to display.

Care Corner

- ✦ In need of prayer, contact our Prayer Net Co-Ordinator Dianne Cahill. All requests are confidential. 0427 000 887
- ✦ Give thanks for the leaders of Killarney Girls' Brigade faithfully helping the girls become followers of Jesus Christ, with enrichment through self-control, living by the motto "Seek, Serve and Follow Christ".
- ✦ Pray for the staff and volunteers of WillowTree37 as they provide nurture both physical and mental to all who come to them for assistance.
- ✦ Pray for those members struggling with the challenges of Covid. May their recovery be back to health soon. Keep us all in a safe environment.
- ✦ Pray for the members of the Presbytery of The Downs who will gather in Crows Nest from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th October., that their discussions and time together will provide insight and structure for the congregations in the months to come.
- ✦ Pray for the calming of anxieties and fears in the week ahead. Strength and courage to face challenges and help as a beacon of love and kindness to those around. Guide our steps and bless our heart with your grace. Amen

What's Happening this Week?

20th October – 26th October

Hospitality: Group 3

Flowers: Tom Bryant

Monday 20th October

Ansie's non-contact day

Tuesday 21st October

10am - 2pm WillowTree37

Wednesday 22nd October

10am - Wednesday in Wesley

1pm - Wesley Bowls

3pm – Selah - Oak Tree

6pm - Intergeren at Finch St

7pm – Beta Home group

Thursday 23rd October

9:15am – Warwick mainly music

10am – 2pm WillowTree37

5pm - Killarney Girls' Brigade

Friday 24th October

9:00am – 12:00 pm – Courtyard
Coffee

Flowers next week :

Alison Baistow

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