



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



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

*Welcome to worship on this third Sunday of Advent.  
May God bless us today as we join online or in the pew.  
Please stay to share a chat and cuppa afterwards.*



More than any other week during the Advent season, Advent 3 represents a shift in attitude, which moves from hope, repentance, and fear of the coming Judge to rejoicing at the coming of salvation and the kingdom of God as Jesus makes all things new.

These Advent rhythms represent shifts that we often experience in our Christian lives.

Some days we feel like the injustices in this world are more than we can handle, some days we anguish over our sin, and others we long for the day when God will finally defeat the last great enemy, death. The third Sunday of Advent helps us move out of these moods and into rejoicing, because God has come to save us and to be with us, and he will come again.

*Father God, today we shout for joy and sing praises for the birth of our Messiah, Jesus Christ. Because of your grace and love for us, you sent your son to earth to gift us our eternal salvation. We repent of our sins and offer thanksgiving for all you have done for us. We await the return of your Son and our rejoicing in heaven. Amen.*

## Worship Services

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

- 8:30 am Killarney Combined Anglican
- 9:30 am Warwick
- 2:00 pm Freestone HC

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

- 8:30 am Killarney
- 9:30 am Warwick
- 7:00 pm Carol Service

## Readings:

**Shine the Light of Joy**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Isaiah 35: 1 – 10

Psalms 146: 5 – 10 or

Luke 1: 46b – 55

James 5: 7 – 10

Matthew 11: 2 – 11

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Isaiah 7: 10 – 16

Psalms 80: 1 – 7, 17-19

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18 – 25

## Christmas Services

**21<sup>st</sup> December:** Carol Service Killarney  
5.30pm sausage sizzle before 7pm Carols

**24<sup>th</sup> December:** Freestone - 7pm

**25<sup>th</sup> December:** Killarney - 8:30am

**25<sup>th</sup> December:** Warwick - 8:30am



## Birthday Greetings

David Fox	December 15
Janet Reid	December 15
Sue Campbell	December 16
Paul Ryan	December 16
Emily Coy	December 17
James Christensen	December 17
Thelma Zabun	December 18

## OFFICE CLOSURE

The Church Office will be closed from midday on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 until Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**Contact Ph 4661 1080  
in case of emergency**

Final Notices for 2025 on  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

## Reflections from Matthew 11: 2 -11

This week in Advent we meet John the Baptist once again. He is no longer in the wilderness preaching and baptising people but has been put in prison. It's only later that we learn that he has denounced Herod's marriage to his sister-in-law. John is hearing of the ministry of Jesus and becomes very troubled. He sends disciples to ask, "Are you the One who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus has the opportunity to explain who he is in his reply, based on the Prophet Isaiah (35: 5-6, 29: 18 -19). "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them..." (Matt 11: 4).

This is the week of Hope for the world. Christians are invited to embrace Hope. In this way we are different to those who despair over life, and who believe nothing can change. We are different also to those who believe they can bring renewal of the world and life by their own efforts.

Our life is directed to the reality of God, the God who renews all things, and our God who promises to hold us close, now and forever. In the coming of Jesus, God ushers in a New Age, an age when we are invited into the sharing of the mission and ministry of Jesus our Lord. God's Hope be with you all. Rev May

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*Jingle Jangle Bells at mainly music last week.*

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6<sup>th</sup> COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025  
5-7 pm nightly 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> December  
St Marks Anglican Church Grafton St Warwick  
Celebrating the joy of Christmas with the artistry of local clubs, groups and community organisations.  
Gold Coin Entry, People's Choice, Music.

## CARE CORNER - pray.

- ❖ For an assured and lasting peace among nations. May wars end. May hope be in the lives of all people who rebuild from the tragedies of conflict, gun violence and aggressive war.
- ❖ For people who live with ongoing body pain and diminishment. May we find a home in Christ's consolation and peace and pain eased in our search for Christ in Advent.
- ❖ For people hidden in the darkness of grief and loss. May Christ ease pain of fragile hearts. May fear be eased by the light of Christ's coming in Advent.
- ❖ For those who are homeless. May the lives of God's needy find care and shelter, food and clothing in the hot summer months.
- ❖ In need of prayer, contact our Prayer Net Co-Ordinator Dianne Cahill. All requests are confidential. 0427 000 887

## What's Happening this Week?

15<sup>th</sup> December – 21<sup>st</sup> December

*Hospitality: Group 2*

*Flowers: Marg Adcock*

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

*Rev Ansie's non-contact day*

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

10am - 2pm WillowTree 37

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

1pm - Wesley Bowls

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

10am – 2pm WillowTree 37

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

9:00am – 12:00 pm – Courtyard  
Coffee

– last Courtyard Coffee for 2025

*Study groups and mainly music are  
in recess till Feb 2026*

**Flowers: 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Sue Campbell**

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