



**The Uniting Church in Australia  
Warwick - Killarney  
Uniting Parish  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**



*Welcome to worship on the first Sunday of Lent.*

*May God bless us today as we join online or in the pew.*

*Please stay to share a chat and cuppa afterwards.*



Remember – we are dust  
– and to dust we shall  
return.

Ash Wednesday

The things we will let go  
– preparing us for  
repentance and prayer  
through our Lenten  
journey – 2026.

As Jesus goes into the desert all eyes are on him to see how he will behave. Moses was tested and tempted in the wilderness, as Jesus will be tempted and tested. Will Jesus like Israel disappoint and let God down?

Will he betray his calling and follow a path which was different? The answer was that Jesus showed faithfulness and he refused to be tempted away from God.

There are three temptations which Jesus faces and we know them all well.

1. To change the natural order of things, look after himself, create things for himself, a little greed never hurt anybody who is going to miss a few stones?
2. We all know the allure of power. The ages of civilisation have been characterised by human desire to own other people and their land. It is still happening now.
3. To cease to be mortal and defy death. How completely the opposite of offering his life on the cross for others. This would challenge God to protect his life.

It is interesting that in the Lord's prayer Jesus specifically prays to reject all three when he prays :- Give us this day just daily bread; May God's kingdom come; May your name be hallowed. This is not just about Jesus being tempted, this is about contrasting the old way of doing religion, which had failed, and the new way which Jesus was bringing about. Jesus conquers temptation and he is faithful to God.

## Worship Services

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

8:30am Killarney

9:30am Warwick HC

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

8:30am Killarney

9:30am Warwick

World Day Of Prayer Services

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – 10:00am

Killarney Uniting Church

Warwick Seventh Day Adventist Church

## Readings

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Genesis 2: 15 – 17

Psalm 32

Romans 5: 12 – 19

Matthew 4: 1 – 11

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Genesis 12: 1 – 4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4: 1 – 5, 13 – 17

John 3: 1 - 17

## Uniting Church Market Day



**Sat 7 March 2026**  
**9am-12pm**

**Food Stalls**

**Plants & Books**

**Trash & Treasure**

**Courtyard Coffee**

**Local Entertainment**

**+ ARK**

Corner of Guy & Fitzroy Street

*Birthday wishes to you  
this week:*

*Kerry Doolan - 23 Feb*  
*Kathy Ballistie - 25 Feb*

Presbytery is being held in Oakey this weekend with Rev Ansie, David and Dianne Cahill representing our parish. Pray for Rev Russell Reynoldson, newly appointed Presbytery Minister.

Please help deliver Market Day posters around town and record where they're posted.

### Prayer of the day

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **Reflection** Lent 1 Matthew 4:1-11

We have certainly moved around Matthew's gospel, and we go back this week to the temptation of Jesus, right after he was baptised by John in the Jordan River. This is most appropriate as we enter the season of Lent.

Lent is planned so we have the opportunity to prepare ourselves for Easter, the terrible death and the life-giving resurrection of Jesus our Redeeming Lord. Jesus was tempted, just as we are! He was tempted by food, or ever-pressing needs, he was tempted by incredible wealth, and he was tempted to seize power. In all these things, he remains faithful to his loving heavenly Father and trusts Him for all his needs. In all ways Jesus emerges from the encounter with Satan, as a Son who is completely genuine, tried and found trustworthy.

Lent is not a time of 'bad news' that comes before the 'good news' of Easter. Instead, Lent is a time of grace, when the people who follow Jesus Christ can reflect on our mortality and sin, as well as the mighty power of God to save in through the obedience of Jesus our Lord. Just as Jesus was faithful to His calling, my prayer for each of us is that we will be faithful in our vocation to live as a beloved child of God.

In the Genesis passage, Adam and Eve were tempted and gave in to the tempting of Satan. This passage stands as a contrast to the faithfulness of Jesus. Prayer: Loving Father, forgive us for all those times we fail to be your people. Restore us to love of you and love and care of each other. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Blessings, May



**FREE 90-MINUTE WORKSHOP**

## **Change starts here:**

**A short introduction to primary prevention**

### Preventing violence against women

This *Change the story* presentation provides a brief, high-level overview of *Change the story*: A shared framework for the primary prevention of violence against women in Australia, covering:



**Training details:**

5 March      10am - 11:30am

                  6pm – 7:30pm

Redbacks Clubhouse - Jackie Howe Drive.

More details on flyer in hall entrance.



Shrove Tuesday –  
'shrive' - to be absolved  
of one's sins.

## Care Corner

In need of prayer, contact our Prayer Net Co-Ordinator Dianne Cahill. 0427 000 887  
All requests are confidential.

- ❖ Pray for all volunteers who willingly and generously give of their time and talents in service to The Lighthouse, Willowtree37, Courtyard Coffee, ensuring our buildings and grounds are welcoming.
- ❖ Give thanks for the quiet gardeners tending to God's Garden; preparing, planting, weeding, watering this special haven for use by the community.
- ❖ Pray for Rev Ansie and the many responsibilities required to care for each of us effectively and safely in her congregations and the wider church.
- ❖ May our Lenten observance lead us to a deeper awareness of the world in which we live. That we may be better prepared for the important issues - avoiding the temptations to conform if we find it incompatible with our faith in Jesus.
- ❖ May our vision always look outward as we walk in faith on our Lenten journey.

## What's happening this week?

*Hospitality next week: Group 1*

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

**Rev Ansie's non-contact day**

9am – 2pm - WillowTree37  
Akooramak Service

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February

9:00 am– 2:00pm WillowTree 37

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

10:00 am Wednesday in Wesley

1:00 pm Wesley Bowls

3:00pm Selah Bible Study

6: 30pm Intergen Finch St.

7:00 pm Beta Study group

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February

9:15am mainly music Warwick

9:00am – 2:00 pm WillowTree 37

5:00pm Killarney Girls' Brigade.

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

9:00am – 11:30 am

**Courtyard Coffee**



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