



**Time The Uniting Church in Australia
Warwick - Killarney
Uniting Parish
Sunday 23rd August 2026**



*Welcome to worship on Pentecost 13.
May God bless us today as we join online or in the pew.
Please stay to share a chat and cuppa afterwards.*



A Tribute to Barry Kelly – recipient of Order of Australia Medal.

"You are the body of Christ,"

Paul needed a positive to express the kind of unity that is Christ's hope for the Church. What made Paul think of this body metaphor, not only here in Romans but also prominent in 1 Corinthians. Maybe it was his awareness of how fragile the body was in his first-century context. Maybe he was grateful that he had made it this far.

We are all members of one body, and God cares for each of us and desires for us to care for one another. God yearns for us to be grateful for others' gifts, to feel their pain and to participate in their healing.

Our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ are a journey from seeing ourselves as independent bodies to seeing ourselves as members of the body of Christ.

It is a process of living into our identity: not self-contained bodies, but as members of Christ's body. We grow into that identity as we grow in empathy for other members of Christ's body. When another member of the body suffers, we feel it too and offer encouragement and support. When all members of a group relate to one another in this way, the result is a healthy body!

"For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another" (Rom. 12:4-5).

Worship services

Sunday 23rd August

8:30am Killarney

9:30am Warwick HC

Sunday 30th August

10:00am Killarney

Ecumenical R & R

9:30am Warwick - Renewal



Lest we forget

Readings

Sunday 23rd August

Exodus 1: 8 – 2:10

Psalm 124

Romans 12: 1 – 8

Matthew 16: 13 – 20

Sunday 30th August

Exodus 3: 1 – 15

Jeremiah 15: 15 – 21

Psalm 105: 1 – 6, 23 – 26

Romans 12: 9 – 21

Matthew 16: 21 - 28



How time flies! Rev Ansie has been with us for over 10 years and is now eligible for long service leave. She will be away for all of Sept, Oct and November.

We have 2 visiting preachers with us during that time – Rev Russell Reynoldson - our Presbytery minister – and Rev Ian Smallbone – both from Thursdays to Sundays.

We would all appreciate that Rev Ansie has worked tirelessly in and for our parish – preaching and leading us in our faith journey, helping establish WillowTree37 and overseeing the entire Affordable Housing project from start to finish.

We wish her a refreshing time away so that she is renewed in her vitality and can keep that contagious smile for many years to come.



Lawrie Clayton - 25 Aug

Neville Heard - 25 Aug

Heather Watt - 29 Aug

Andrew Wixted - 29 Aug

Can you help provide for morning tea next Sunday – 5th Sunday of the month?

Prayer for today.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you – the rock of our life. Be a strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen

Reflection on Matthew 16:13-20....Jesus, Messiah

Who is Jesus? And what is the church? That's the crux of today's Gospel reading for this week! Who is Jesus? I guess this is the only question that means anything as far as Christians are concerned for Christianity is all about Jesus. It's about following him, about being in a relationship with him as the Messiah, Son of God, our hope in life and in death. Who is Jesus? That's the question asked in this reading. What is our answer?

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his followers this important question. He begins by asking them what other people are saying about him, and they answer that some say he is John the Baptist, others that he is Elijah, or one of the prophets. But then he turns the question back on them Who do you say that I am? And Peter, that impetuous disciple, gets it so right with a most sincere and true confession of faith as he states, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!"

Jesus praises Peter for his belief and then goes on to say that on Peter, the Rock, he would build his church. From his confession of faith, Peter is given his vocation. He's moved from belief into action, to living the enactment of this knowledge by his actions. On people like Peter, Christ would build his church!

So, what is this church? From today's reading, we gather that the church is that group of people who are able to say aloud, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Like Peter, we may often misunderstand, we may utter words about Jesus but not fully understand their implications...but Jesus keeps working on us as our faith continues to mature until our commitment becomes total.

Who is he? None other than the Messiah, the Son of the Living God who loves us intimately and eternally. Shalom Jean.

Coming events: Brochures in hall entrance.

- 29th August - Congregation Renewal Workshop 9am – 3pm \$10
- 29th August – Service of Closure – Killarney Anglican Church 10:30am
- 12th September - Romancing the Stone – Guitar and vocals in Williams Hall - \$20
- 10th Oct – Our Market day
- 16th – 18th Oct - A Living Hope – Mt Tambourine Women's Convention
mb# 0423 319 514 for more information
- 23 – 26 Oct – Queensland Synod– Sunshine Coast (P & S Campbell attending)

Care Corner

**For prayer, contact Dianne Cahill
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All requests are confidential.

- Lord our God, help us to respect each person as someone for whom Christ has given his life. Let your Son come alive in our midst, that we may build up one another in faith and courage, trust and hope, for he is our Lord for ever.
- Through Jesus, God has entrusted the Church to fallible human hands. May the Spirit of the Lord guide the leaders and members of our Parish and may the Lord Jesus be always with you.
- Dear Lord, as we share in Holy Communion, we thank you for your great love and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Bless both bread and cup. Strengthen our faith, cleanse our hearts, unite with peace and grace.
- God has blessed each and every one of us. **We want to serve God.** Each talent, each skill can be used for peace and justice. **Help us be part of a ministry for hope and peace.** Praise God for the diversity present here. **Enable us, O God, to discern what you would have us do. AMEN.**

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What's happening this week!

Hospitality this week: Group 4

Flowers this week: Marg Adcock

Monday 24th August

Rev Ansie's non-contact day

9:00am – 2:00pm WillowTree37

10:45 am Akooramak

Tuesday 25th August

9:00 am – 2:00pm WillowTree37

Wednesday 26th August

10:00am - Wednesday in Wesley

11:00 am - Alpha - Killarney

1:00 pm - Wesley Bowls

3:00pm – Selah

6:30pm – Interger Home Group in recess

7:00pm – Beta Home Group

Thursday 27th August

9:00 am – 2:00 pm WillowTree37

9:15am – mainly music – Wck

5:00pm - Killarney Girls' Brigade

5:00 pm - Worship Team Practice Wck

6:00pm – Worship team meeting

Friday 28th August

9:00am – 11:30am Courtyard Coffee

9:00am – 2:00 pm WillowTree37

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