

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 17
27th September 2020

Hello everyone!

As I sit here and ponder what to write in Rev. James' absence, I am soaking in the stillness that school holidays and the end of remote learning brings. Looking out my window and admiring the birds in my neighbour's tree, musing how I would love to enjoy gardening. I'm always grateful for school holidays, and even with life being a little different right now this down time is still perfect for reflection and planning. The small joys found in birds playing outside your window, that may get missed in the busy-ness of day to day family life. I hope that in this coming week you all find the time to appreciate the birds in your (or your neighbour's) trees.

God of beauty, We thank you for our world, especially for birds. They go about their business and don't seem to realise how beautiful they are. Jesus asked us to consider the birds of the air. He said that they don't sow or reap, But that not even a king looked as majestic. Jesus' message was not to worry too much. To accept each day. To deal with its challenges honestly. To give thanks for the gift of life in all its forms. To get on with life whatever this day presents. May we all take his advice! Amen. - Michael McGirr

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mummy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

There will be NO Coffee ZOOM for the next two weeks!

KEYS PLEASE!

Parish Council is setting up a key register and we need to know who has keys for: the Vestry; the Parish Centre Front Entrance; the Kitchen Entrance; the Store Room.

If you have any of these keys, would you please ring:

Sandra Taylor 0408 991 235 or Jill Martin 0429 197 847 Thank you for your co-operation.

I DARE YOU TO ASK REV THAT!

Rev James is asking parishioners and members of the public to submit questions for a video series with the above title. No taboos! No age limit. Any topic. Religious/ Spiritual questions encouraged. Submit your question: with your name and best contact – **by 30th September**.

E: warrackanglican@gmail.com or M: 0438 233 630 or Aust Post.

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Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond: +Garry; Fr Michael; for all experiencing ill health; for school holidays – with no-where to go!; all our parish's endeavours; for the Milne Family

Community: Front-line health care workers; for those feeling trapped and disempowered by COVID restrictions; for Rev's Revolution & our supporters!

Years Mind: Graeme Funke, John Griffiths, Glen Woodward, John Payne

Pentecost 17 youTube from Rev:

Forgive. Forgive. Forgive.
<https://youtu.be/VUH1vufPgWY>

Bishop Garry's youTube message:

What then will we have?
<https://youtu.be/mqcaeX7OAMM>



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Sunday Morning ZOOM Church - 10.30am

Once again we will brave the wonders of the world wide web and weave and duck our way through what we now call ZOOM Church. Join us!

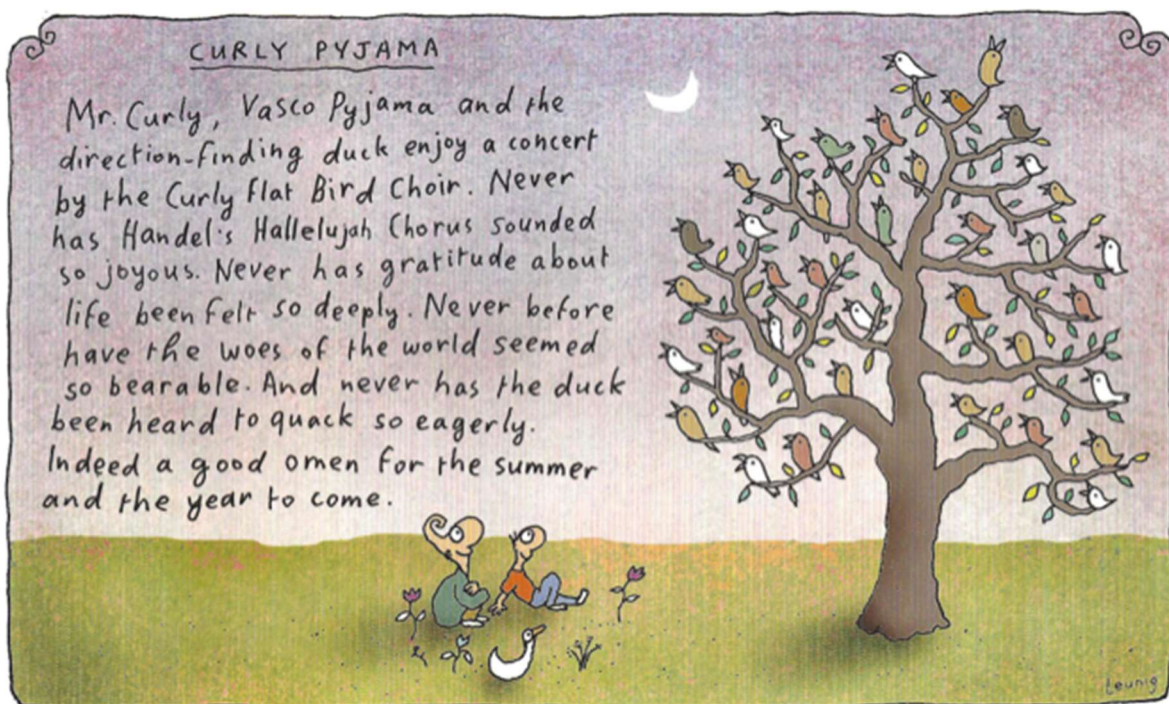
Link for Sunday mornings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87347014597?pwd=KzBjMmo4dTdXU2hHSEpNNUw4alRDQT09>

Meeting ID: 873 4701 4597

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[Even though Rev will be taking some Annual Leave over the next two weeks – ZOOM Church will continue for Sunday 27th September & 4th October. Join in as always for something slightly different. Encourage the newest member of the 'ministry team'.]



A Simple Service – for Pentecost 17

Hymn: Among Us And Before Us Lord

Among us and before us, Lord, you stand
with arms outstretched and bread and
wine at hand.

Confronting those unworthy of a crumb,
you ask that to your table we should come.

Who dare say No, when such is your
resolve

our worst to witness, suffer and absolve,
our best to raise in lives by God forgiven,
our souls to fill on earth with food from
heaven?

Who dare say No, when such is your intent
to love the selves we famish and resent,
to cradle our uncertainties and fear,
to kindle hope as you in faith draw near?

Who dare say No, when such is your
request; that each around your table
should be guest,
that here the ancient word should live as
new, ‘Take, eat and drink – all this meant
for you.’?

No more we hesitate and wonder why;
no more we stand indifferent, scared or
shy. Your invitation leads us to say Yes,
to meet you where you nourish, heal and
bless.

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Reflection:

a) *What made you think differently about
the world this week?*

b) *What virtue or characteristic is God
calling us to this week?*

Prayer of Preparation:

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings:

Videos: +Garry and/or Rev

Reflection:

What words or phrases give evidence to;
Loving nature of God; Tricky nature of God;
Extravagant nature of God; Creative nature
of God; Challenging nature of God?

Prayer:

Praise. Petition. Intercession. Thanksgiving.
(*or follow your own discipline.*)

The Lord’s Prayer.

Collect for the Day.

Blessing:

“The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon
you, And give you peace;
this day and always” Amen.

[Numbers 6:24-26]

Song: Seek Ye First

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things
will be added unto you.**

Allelu, alleluia.

***Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu alleluia.***

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TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 17

First Reading :

Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, travelling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarrelled with Moses and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses replied, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?' But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?' Then Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord answered Moses, 'Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.' So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the Lord saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

Response: *Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

1. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my saviour. **(R)**
2. Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.

The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. **(R)**

3. Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Philippians 2

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of

God the Father. Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose. Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, ‘children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.’ Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labour in vain. But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me. I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon. But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you

see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honour people like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me. This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 21:23-32

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. ‘By what authority are you doing these things?’ they asked. ‘And who gave you this authority?’ Jesus replied, ‘I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John’s baptism – where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?’ They discussed it among themselves and said, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will ask, “Then why didn’t you believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin” – we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We don’t know.’ Then he said, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ‘What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, “Son, go and work today in the vineyard.” “I will not,” he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. ‘Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, “I will, sir,” but he did not go. ‘Which of the two did what his father wanted?’ ‘The first,’ they answered. Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I

tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him. This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Sustainable Development Goals – (for your information)

The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.

Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities

Reducing inequalities and ensuring no one is left behind are integral to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Inequality within and among countries is a persistent cause for concern. Despite some positive signs toward reducing inequality in some dimensions, such as reducing relative income inequality in some countries and preferential trade status benefiting lower-income countries, inequality still persists.

COVID-19 has deepened existing inequalities, hitting the poorest and most vulnerable communities the hardest. It has put a spotlight on economic inequalities and fragile social safety nets that leave vulnerable communities to bear the brunt of the crisis. At the same time, social, political and economic inequalities have amplified the impacts of the pandemic. On the economic front, the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly increased global unemployment and dramatically slashed workers' incomes.

COVID-19 also puts at risk the limited progress that has been made on gender equality and women's rights over the past decades. Across every sphere, from health to the economy, security to social protection, the impacts of COVID-19 are exacerbated for women and girls simply by virtue of their sex. Inequalities are also deepening for vulnerable populations in countries with weaker health systems and those facing existing humanitarian crises. Refugees and migrants, as well as indigenous peoples, older persons, people with disabilities and children are particularly at

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REDUCE INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES

BEFORE COVID-19

INCOME INEQUALITY WAS FALLING IN SOME COUNTRIES



GINI INDEX FELL IN 38 OUT OF 84 COUNTRIES (2010-2017)



THE GINI INDEX MEASURES INCOME INEQUALITY AND RANGES FROM 0 TO 100, WHERE 0 INDICATES THAT INCOME IS SHARED EQUALLY AMONG ALL PEOPLE, AND

GLOBAL RECESSION COULD SQUEEZE DEVELOPMENT AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES



RESOURCE FLOWS FOR DEVELOPMENT



COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS

THE MOST VULNERABLE GROUPS ARE BEING HIT HARDEST BY THE PANDEMIC



OF COUNTRIES