



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Easter 6
22 May 2022

Hello Everyone!

This Sunday: 9.30am - Christ Church - Holy Communion
8.30-12.00pm - Coffee Van
5.00pm - Cafe Church - Parish Centre



Richard Rohr writes:

"The root of violence is *the illusion of separation*—from God, from Being itself, and from being one with everyone and everything. When we don't know we are connected, we will invariably resort to some form of violence to get the dignity and power we lack. Contemplation of the gospel message gradually trains us not to make so much of differences, but to return to who we are—our True Selves in God—which is always beyond any nationality, religion, skin colour, gender, sexuality, or any other possible labels. In fact, we finally can see that those are always and only commercial labels, covering the rich product underneath.

When we can become little enough, naked enough, and honest enough, then we will ironically find that we are more than enough. At this place of poverty and freedom, we have nothing to prove and nothing to protect. Here we can connect with everything and everyone. Everything belongs. This cuts violence at its very roots, before there is even a basis for fear or greed—the things that usually cause us to be angry, suspicious, and violent.

To end the cycle of violence, our actions must flow from our authentic identity as Love. When we begin by connecting with our inner experience of communion rather than separation, our actions can become pure, clear, and firm. This kind of action, rooted in one's True Self, comes from a deeper knowing of what is real, good, true, and beautiful, beyond labels and dualistic judgments of right or wrong. From this place, our energy is positive and has the most potential to create change for the good. This stance is precisely what we mean by "being in prayer." We must pray "unceasingly" to maintain this posture. It is a lifelong process.

We wait in prayer, but we don't wait for absolutely perfect motivation or we will never act. Radical union with God and neighbour should be our starting place, not private perfection."

Every blessing, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For all the people of Ukraine;
- For the people of Middle East;
- For the people of Syria, Yemen, Liberia;
- For people seeking asylum;
- For people detained in Australia – awaiting a new start and a welcoming place to call home;
- For genuine peace – in our hearts, in our homes, around the world;
- For all who are hungry for food, thirsty for water, seeking shelter;
- For all experiencing loneliness and isolation;
- For all Electoral Candidates & families;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For those in hospital; those receiving home care and assistance;
- For all grieving loved ones;
- For our neighbours – front, back and sides – for community harmony;

Years Mind: Olive Gregson, Taz Clarke, Elma McKenzie

Wood Raffle

Next Wood Raffle

6&7 June.

If you can help out - please contact Sandra Taylor immediately.

Mission!

Start small!! Start here! Start now!

Easter Services

Easter 6 – 22 May

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm – Cafe Church

8.30-12.30 – Coffee Van

Friday – 27 May

Church Treasure Auction

6.00pm for 6.30pm - Parish Centre

POSTPONED

Ascension – 29 May

10.30am Warracknabeal

One Service only

PENTECOST – 05 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Parish Treasure Auction

Our Auction planned for the end of May had to be postponed for a number of reasons. The Auction Team are putting in some serious hours in getting everything ready for a fantastic event. Please stay tuned, and spread the word etc that it will be SOON!

Parish Council meets - Tuesday 24th May

Items will include AGM Budget considerations, Project Regenerate initiatives and vision and mission objectives.

All welcome!

7.00pm refreshments: 7.30pm meeting

Does anyone have any photos of past Parish priests in action?

Please contact Sandra:

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TODAY'S READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading:

Acts 11:1-8

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. 'If you consider me a believer in the Lord,' she said, 'come and stay at my house.' And she persuaded us.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Response: *O God, let all the nations praise you!*

1. May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation. **(R)**

2. May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide. **(R)**

3. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him! **(R)**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 21. 22:1-5

A reading from the Revelation to John

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendour into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honour of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its

fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 14:23-29

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. 'All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. 'You heard me say, "I am going away and I am coming back to you." If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Propers

Sentence: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,' says the Lord. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Collect: Great and loving God, your will for us in your Son Jesus is the peace which the world cannot give your abiding gift, the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear, and keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

Cafe Church - this Sunday 22 May@5.00pm

Cafe Church is an informal and fun way to gather for fellowship, simple worship and engaging conversation. Get to know your parish neighbour.

Bring a friend.

Explore in a gentle way how God has an impact on our lives, as we seek to follow Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is an opportunity to be nourished with food and friendship.

Bring a plate. Suitable for the **WHOLE** family!

COFFEE VAN – this Sunday 22 May

8.30-12.00pm at the Warracknabeal Visitor Centre: Come and have a brew – catch up with friends. Support our Project Regenerate Coffee Van and our amazing young people who volunteer their time to be the 'Anglican Church on the Street'.

Thanks to Prue & the Team!