



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

## Lent 3

### 08 March 2026

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal



Hello everyone! Hope you've had a good week.

*"On a certain day, three men were working in one place. Another man came by, and asked the first man, "What are you doing here?" This man looked up and said, "Can't you see, I'm cutting stone. Are you blind?" This man moved to the next man and asked, "What are you doing here?" "Something to fill my belly. I come here and do whatever they ask me to do." He went to the next man, the third man, and asked, "What are you doing here?" That man stood up in great joy and said, "I'm building a beautiful temple here!"*

*All of them were doing the same thing, but their experience of what they were doing is world's apart."*

Which 'man' are you this week?

The quality of our lives are determined by the way we see - or experience - the things that we are doing - whether the ordinary daily tasks of making a home, making a difference, or making life better.

No matter how simple or complex the activity - this Lent - let's make the quality of our life more fulfilling, more meaningful, more inspiring - if not for ourselves, maybe for another.

The attitude with which we 'draw water from the well' can actually influence the taste of the water itself.

*Peace, Rev James*

Extracts of Letters of  
**Reverend Frederick  
Arthur Booth** –  
First Anglican Priest in  
Warracknabeal.

January 1891

*Page 17/18: Practise for Sunday school children who are taking part in a Service of Song in aid of the Sunday School Library Fund. Headed for Rosebery – 32 miles away with one of the bank clerks for the first service on Sunday – only got as far as Beulah 23 miles en route where we shared a small room.*

*Conducted a service in Beulah – not so well attended as the Wesleyan service held in new church at the same time... 'the object I believe of cutting us out of the place.'*

*"A nice little township is being formed in Beulah, such a number of people are living there in tents waiting for houses to be built for them."*

*Service at the church at Lah on the way home.*



## **Prayer in the Parish**

### **In the Parish & Beyond:**

- +Garry;
- For all who have worshipped with us over the last 140 yrs;
- For faithfulness and perseverance; for courage and hope; for love that dispels fear and hatred;
- For our respective Lenten journey's;
- For those facing the consequence of war and violence;
- For the Middle East;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and seeking shelter around the globe;
- For the Leaders of all Nations; for those of leadership and influence to act for the common good; for United Nations;
- For our farmers and their families;
- For all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For our neighbours;
- For our 140 year weekend: 21<sup>st</sup> March High Tea and Liturgical Celebration on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March;
- For all known to us in hospital and our Residential Care facilities;
- For all those we love, near and far away;

**Years Mind:** Pearl ROBERTSON (1979), Donald McKENZIE (2018), Allan CLARKE (1997), Beryl HOOPER (2013), Wayne TAYLOR (1975), Judith MARSHMAN (2018)

*“Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.”*

## **Services - 2026**

### **Friday – 06 March 2026**

2.00pm World Day of Prayer –  
Lutheran Church, Scott Street

### **Lent 3 – 08 March 2026**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### **Tuesday – 10 March 2026**

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

### **Lent 4 – 15 March 2026**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### **Tuesday – 17 March 2026**

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

### **140year High Tea – Saturday 21 March**

3.00 for 3.30pm in Parish Centre

### **Sunday 22 March – Lent 5**

**10.30am 140year Liturgical Celebration  
& BBQ Lunch (No 5.00pm)**

### **Tuesday – 24 March 2026**

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

### **Palm/Passion – 29 March 2026**

9.30am Warracknabeal  
5.00pm Café Church

### **Tuesday – 31 March 2026**

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

### **Maundy Thursday – 02 April**

6.00pm Christian Seder Meal  
7.30pm Washing of the Feet Liturgy

### **Good Friday – 03 April**

9.30am Reflections at the Foot of the Cross

### **Easter Sunday – 05 April**

6.00am Lighting of the New Fire  
9.30am Easter Celebration

# TODAY'S READINGS

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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**

Psalms:

95:1-2, 6-9

**Response: *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.***

1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. **(R)**

2. Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the

people he shepherds, the flock he guides. **(R)**

3. Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Romans 5:1-11

### ***A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans***

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. This is the word of the Lord

### **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again

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**Gospel:**

**John 4:5-42**

***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John***

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.' 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?' Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.' He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.' 'I have no husband,' she replied. Jesus said to her, 'You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and

the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.' 'Sir,' the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.' 'Woman,' Jesus replied, 'believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.' The woman said, 'I know that Messiah' (called Christ) 'is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.' Then Jesus declared, 'I, the one speaking to you – I am he.' Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, 'What do you want?' or 'Why are you talking with her?' Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 'Come, see a man who told me everything I've ever done. Could this be the Messiah?' They came out of the town and made their way towards him. Meanwhile his disciples urged him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you know nothing about.' Then his disciples said to each other, 'Could someone have brought him food?' 'My food,' said Jesus, 'is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don't you have a saying, "It's still four months until harvest"? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying "One sows and another reaps" is

true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labour.' Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I've ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, 'We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **The Propers**

**Sentence:** God proves his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**Collect:** Lord God, our Redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***WE have 96 people booked into our High Tea celebration on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March.***

***Fantastic response for all those involved.***

***Don't forget, we also have a celebration on Sunday morning 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 10.30am followed by a BBQ & salad lunch.***

***Hope you can join us!***



**We eat chocolate for comfort, celebration, and indulgence. Cocoa is the key ingredient in chocolate. What is really going on with the sourcing of cocoa? We surveyed the world's biggest chocolate companies to find out!**

### **GOOD EGGS**

**Each year we invite chocolate companies, traders, processors, manufacturers, and retailers to participate with us in reporting on progress in seven social and environmental areas essential to a sustainable sector. It allows the sector to explore what 'good' sustainability looks like. Questions are specifically designed for companies to track their own progress. The Chocolate Scorecard is presented to enable consumers to make choices for better chocolate.**

**View the CHOCOLATE Scorecard**

**2026: [Chocolate Scorecard](#)**

**Together we can Be Slavery Free  
Fuzz Kitto & Carolyn Kitto  
National Directors**

# The Thirst Quencher

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."  
John 4:10 (NIV)

Based on John 4:5-13



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WOMAN	TIRED	ETERNAL	JESUS	GIFT
SPRING	WELL	JOURNEY	SAMARITAN	DRINK