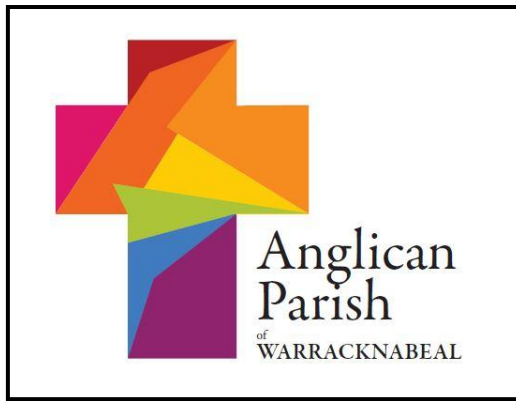




Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Pentecost 18
27 September 2026

***Hello Everybody!** I hope that you've had a good week!*



"Action buffering.....please wait."

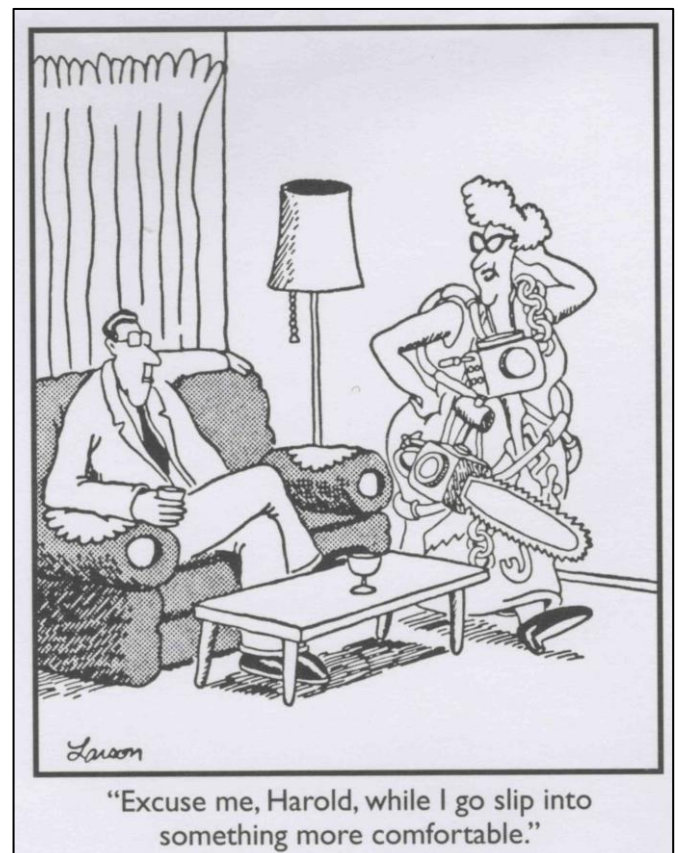
This week, the Gospel is pointing towards true faith. It is easy to say the right things, but true faith is shown through action.

You may have heard the saying, "actions speak louder than words."

Words alone do not reveal what a person really believes; their choices and actions do. A faithful person listens, responds, and follows through, even when it is difficult. True belief changes how someone lives, treats others, and makes decisions each day. It means obeying God not just in thought or speech, but in behaviour. When actions match words, faith becomes real and visible.

This kind of faith shows honesty, commitment, and trust, and it encourages others to do the same.

May your week be blessed,
Rev. Fiona



Laying Up of Pastoral Staff - Saturday 03 Oct

At Cathedral on Saturday 03 Oct -
11.00am. If anyone has the time
and energy to attend. Gifts by
personal choice - details in dNews.



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- For the people of Nepal;
- For seasonal weather;
- For Synod preparations;
- +Garry; for the 'Board of Electors' Committee as they prepare the process of electing our new Bishop (the prayer for a bishop will reappear next week);
- For all who serve in our parish in a variety of ways – seen and unseen;
- 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 all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For our neighbours;
- For those in our Aged Care Facilities;
- For our farmers and their families;
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- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Allan CASTLE (1991), Barbara TEMPLAR (1998), Francis WHYKES (1987), Alice FIMMEL (1993), Michael CULLIFORD (2003), John (Jack) SEATER (2009), Joyce TARRANT (2009), Glenn (Baggy) ROBERTS (2009), Lena SMITH (1987), Graeme FUNCKE (2018)

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

Services - 2026

Pentecost 18 – 27 September

9.30am Warracknabeal – Morning Prayer

No Coffee Morning – 28 September

Pentecost 19 – 04 October

9.30am Warracknabeal - HC

Pentecost 20 – 11 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00 House Church Areegra

Pentecost 21 – 18 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 22 – 25 October

9.30am / 5.00pm Café Church Warracknabeal

Nepal Disaster Appeal

Choose your own favourite charity or
Emergency Action Alliance

The Emergency Action Alliance is a coalition of 15 leading Australian aid charities that run joint, centralised appeals to deliver fast, effective humanitarian assistance.

A Prayer for a Bishop

+Garry retires on 03 Oct 2026

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese of Ballarat, a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

TODAY'S READINGS

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from the Book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 78:1-4,11-16

Response: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

1. Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. **(R)**

2. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD and his might and the wonders that he has done. **(R)**
3. They forgot what he had done and the miracles that he had shown them. In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan. **(R)**
4. He divided the sea and let them pass through it and made the waters stand like a heap. In the daytime he led them with a cloud and all night long with a fiery light. **(R)**
5. He split rocks open in the wilderness and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers. **(R)**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

A reading from the letter to the Romans

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him

even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 21:23-32

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

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'

He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERS

Sentence: Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.

Collect: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace that, running in the way of your commandments, we may obtain your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*"Faith is proved not by
what we say, but by
what we do."*

Anon.