

# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

**Pentecost 8**  
**26<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

Hello everyone!

I hope that I find you and your loved ones well.

This is our eighteenth week without 'church' (I'm not counting!) as we knew it. Does this mean that the 'Kingdom of God' has not had a chance to break into our lives? Does this mean that we have not been able to dwell in the Real Presence of Jesus - who gave his life for us? What does this mean for our own spiritual walk with God? Where do you and God go together - if it is not to 'church' on Sunday?

I came across an article the other day with some challenging thoughts. This is how it begins;

*"What is this thing that has happened to us? It's a virus yes. In and of itself it holds no moral brief. But it is definitely more than a virus. It has made the mighty kneel and brought the world to a halt like nothing else could.*

*"Our minds are still racing back and forth longing for a return to normality, trying to stitch our future to our past and refusing to acknowledge the rupture but the rupture exists.*

*"And in the midst of this terrible despair it offers us a chance to rethink the doomsday machine we have built for ourselves.*

*"Nothing could be worse than a return to normality.*

*"Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next. We can choose to walk through it dragging the carcasses of our prejudice and hatred, our avarice, our data banks and dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us. Or we can walk through lightly with little luggage ready to imagine another world and ready to fight for it."*

[Arundhati Roy]

With every blessing, Rev James

## Coffee at PEPPERCORN Café – change of day!

Coffee at the Peppercorn Cafe will resume every week at  
9.00-10.00am ON TUESDAYS.

This is to ensure that it doesn't clash with other ministry initiatives. Come and have a chat. Stay safe and stay connected.



### Prayer in the Parish

**In the Parish & Beyond:** +Garry; our Parish Council; Project REGENERATE; Thanks for Raffle sellers and community generosity.

**Community:** Front-line health care workers; local government representatives; those celebrating birthdays; those dealing with difficulties and difference; all Principals.

**Years Mind:** Joan Mack, Lola Hand, Ken Schulz, Max Lang, Catherine Clarke, Gladys Rowney, Inez Witney, Audrey Taylor

### Parish Council meets – Tuesday

28<sup>th</sup> July in the Parish Centre.

7.00pm refreshments.

7.30pm meeting.

Please pray for us as we do for you – in these trying and interesting times.

### Pentecost 8 youTube from Rev:

'Joy. Freedom. Gratitude.'

<https://youtu.be/exoi1zx5p6o>

### Bishop Garry's youTube message:

*Jacob's Journey*

<https://youtu.be/05-A-5gWv8M>

### THE PROPERS

**Sentence:** Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Collect:** O God, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## Rev's REVOLUTION – as part of Project REGENERATE

5000kms - 365 days - \$25,000 target - to build the Boys' Shed.

Wheels start rolling - 01 August 2020

youTube Trailer #1: <https://youtu.be/O7UKfbS5rVA>

youTube Trailer #2: <https://youtu.be/pPivqS4blTM>

Contact Rev James - for more information.

Donor details next weekend.

# Project REGENERATE.

## Renew PEOPLE. Revive PROJECTS. Restore PLACE.

### Rev's Revolution

01 August 2020 - 01 August 2021

#### Aim:

- a) Rev James to ride a total of **5000kms** in one calendar year.
- b) To raise **\$25,000** (or more) to build a purpose built Boys' Shed on parish grounds.



#### Rationale and Objectives:

1. Part of parish 5 year vision - '**Project REGENERATE.**'
2. Long-term sustainability of Boys' Shed in Rectory garage is limited.
3. COVID-19 has stalled our fundraising efforts for Project REGENERATE to date. However, 'exercise' has not been restricted by Govt Health directives. So, Rev's Revolution 'gets the wheels rolling' (so to speak).
4. It will probably cost \$50,000 to \$60,000 to build an appropriate shed. The \$25,000 we hope to raise with this campaign will hopefully be matched by other grant sources and with God's Grace. \$5 per kilometre sounds reasonable don't you think?
5. Preferably all funds raised from non-parishioners.  
(PS: there will be ample opportunity for parishioners to donate to Project REGENERATE – as we seek the other \$225,000 needed for our 5/6 projects.)
6. Our role as parishioners – is to invite, cajole, harass, encourage, instigate, nurture, implore, agitate, stir up, tend, attract, engage etc – all our family, friends, neighbours and interest group friends to get on board, get involved, offer some of their hard-earned cash to help this cause.
7. Shows diocese and other philanthropic bodies that we are serious about raising BIG money for our dreams and development of site and mission in our parish.
8. Have to start from somewhere - and we need more than a few cake stalls.
9. This 'event' has potential to reach a wide audience in region. Provide an 'event' for raising church profile and community involvement in parish.
10. Rev will get a little fitter.
11. Marketing opportunities are varied with a number of ideas on the table currently. One in particular is as follows - as a 'badge of honour' (metaphoric) reward for donors:

Wood Cross	\$50 or more
Bronze Cross	\$100 or more
Silver Cross	\$500 or more
Gold Cross	\$1000 or more
Rainbow Cross	\$5000 or more
Straight to heaven	\$10,000

I hope you feel excited as we do!

*Rev James & the Parish Council.*

# A Simple Service – for Pentecost 8

## Hymn: 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.*

**Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and you shall find,  
knock and it shall  
be opened unto you.**

**Allelu, alleluia.**

*Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, allelu alleluia.*

**We shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds  
from the mouth of the Lord.**

**Allelu, alleluia.**

*Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, allelu alleluia.*

(Karen Lafferty)

## Reflection:

- a) *What was your favourite moment this week?*
- b) *What would you like to ask God for 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:

- a) What was the phrase that ‘jumped out’ at you this morning?
- b) What word or image would best describe who God is for you from the readings and your reflections?

## Prayer:

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

The Lord’s Prayer.

Collect for the Day.

## Blessing:

The peace of the earth be with you,  
The peace of the heavens too;  
The peace of the rivers be with you,  
The peace of the oceans too.  
Deep peace – flowing in you.  
God’s peace growing in you. Amen.

## Song: Praise to the Lord (v1,2,5)

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King  
of creation;**

**O my soul, praise him, for he is your  
health and salvation.**

**Come all who hear,  
brothers and sisters draw near,  
praise him with glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord who in all things is  
wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting,  
sustaining:**

**have you not seen  
all that is needed has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is  
within me adore him!**

**All that has life and breath, come now  
with praises before him.**

**Let the Amen**

**sound from his people again:**

**gladly for ever adore him.**

Joachim Neander

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# TODAY'S READINGS

## PENTECOST 8

**First Reading :** Genesis 29:15-28

### ***A reading from the Book of Genesis***

Laban said to him, 'Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be.' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder one was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, 'I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me.' So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her.' So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant. When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?' Laban replied, 'It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the elder one. Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work.' And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm:** 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

### **Response: *Lord, I love your commands.***

1. I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words.  
The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces. **(R)**
2. Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants.  
Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight. **(R)**
3. For I love your command more than gold, however fine.  
For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate. **(R)**
4. Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them.  
The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple. **(R)**

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:26-39

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

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say

in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: ‘For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

**Matthew 13:44-58**

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

‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.

When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. ‘Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ‘Have you understood all these things?’ Jesus asked. ‘Yes,’ they replied. He said to them, ‘Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.’ When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. Coming to his home town, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. ‘Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?’ they asked. ‘Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?’ And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is not without honour except in his own town and in his own home.’ And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

# Jacob & Rachel

And then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.  
Genesis 29:28b (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Genesis 29:15-28



## A Love Story

L F V E Y K I P N D C N R J Q  
P O F P B M L A R X J O Z O D  
I I V O K E B E S T M L U X I  
W R C E H A T A J Q Y D P R D  
I A W C L H W O R K F E S K Q  
J F A B G C I U A D G R A K M  
D R Y U E G L I F T H B Q R V  
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E F B C W W M T C H I M V F O  
I I J I P R G E I B K L E N S  
V G S N N M H J P F U V N S C  
E Y X F M K V T Y O U N G E R  
D I R B I B I N V H W L R J Y  
I D Q E M K V A D W E T T D Q

WIFE	LABAN	LOVE	RACHEL	BEAUTIFUL
JACOB	LEAH	NAME	SEVEN	DAUGHTER
YOUNGER	WORK	DECEIVED	OLDER	YEARS

### **The Sustainable Development Goals – (for your information)**

The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice. The 17 Goals are all interconnected, and in order to leave no one behind, it is important that we achieve them all by 2030.

#### **Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere**

(Please see over)

## Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Globally, the number of people living in extreme poverty declined from 36 per cent in 1990 to 10 per cent in 2015. But the pace of change is decelerating and the COVID-19 crisis risks reversing decades of progress in the fight against poverty. New research published by the UNU World Institute for Development Economics Research warns that the economic fallout from the global pandemic could increase global poverty by as much as half a billion people, or 8% of the total human population. This would be the first time that poverty has increased globally in thirty years, since 1990.

More than 700 million people, or 10 per cent of the world population, still live in extreme poverty today, struggling to fulfil the most basic needs like health, education, and access to water and sanitation, to name a few. The majority of people living on less than \$1.90 a day live in sub-Saharan Africa. Worldwide, the poverty rate in rural areas is 17.2 per cent—more than three times higher than in urban areas.

For those who work, having a job does not guarantee a decent living. In fact, 8 per cent of employed workers and their families worldwide lived in extreme poverty in 2018. One out of five children live in extreme poverty. Ensuring social protection for all children and other vulnerable groups is critical to reduce poverty.

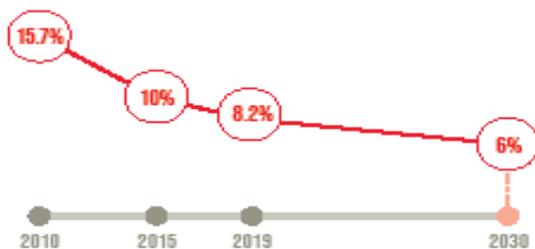
1<sup>st</sup> priority



## END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE

BEFORE COVID-19

THE WORLD  
WAS OFF TRACK TO  
END POVERTY BY 2030



**YOUNG WORKERS ARE**  
TWICE AS LIKELY TO BE  
LIVING IN EXTREME POVERTY  
AS ADULT WORKERS (2019)

COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS



COVID-19 CAUSES  
THE FIRST INCREASE  
IN GLOBAL POVERTY IN DECADES



**+71 MILLION PEOPLE ARE PUSHED  
INTO EXTREME POVERTY IN 2020**



**4 BILLION PEOPLE**  
DID NOT BENEFIT  
FROM ANY FORM OF  
SOCIAL PROTECTION IN 2016

**NATURAL DISASTERS  
EXACERBATE POVERTY**



**\$23.6 BILLION**  
DIRECT ECONOMIC LOSSES  
(FROM 63 COUNTRIES IN 2018)

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

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