



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

**Easter 5**  
**03 May 2026**

***Happy Easter Everybody!***

*I hope that you've had a good week; purposeful and fulfilling -  
in the wake of resurrection morning. Rev James*



**"Love one another, as I have loved you."**

*(Jesus of Nazareth)*



## **Prayer in the Parish**

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

- +Garry; for Fiona & family;
- For the Episcopal Discernment Committee (*I'm actually not sure what they are called*) as they prepare the process of electing a new Bishop;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and seeking shelter around the globe;
- For the people of the Middle East;
- For the people of Costa Rica;
- 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 those we know whom are unwell;
- For all back at school, Principals, Staff, Education Support, Wellbeing;
- For our farmers and their families;
- For all who support our parish life;
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- For all those we love, near and far away;

**Years Mind:** Nola ROSS (2001), Douglas COATES (2003), William (Bill) COATES (2006), Abbie BYRON (2000), James MULLER (1988), Dulcet LANG (2007), William (bill) HARMER (2008), William SHALDERS (1972), Kevin JONASSON (2021)

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

## **Services - 2026**

### **Easter 5 – 03 May**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal  
11.00am Areegra

### **Easter 6 – 10 May**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### **Easter 7 – 17 May**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### **Pentecost – 24 May**

9.30am Warracknabeal  
5.00pm Café Church

### **Trinity – 31 May**

10.30am Warracknabeal

*Lunch at the Creekside- 12.00pm*

### **Annual Mission Day - Beulah**

“We would like to invite you to our Annual Mission Day to be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at the Keith Warren Fellowship Centre - 2.00pm.

There will be a guest speaker, some light entertainment, afternoon tea and a cake and produce stall.

A collection plate will go toward the work of the missions.

A warm welcome is extended to all.

Bev Callander -  
Secretary Beulah UCAF”

More details

Contact: Bev 5390 2387

# TODAY'S READINGS

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**First Reading:**

**Acts 7:55-60**

### ***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles***

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he fell on his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he fell asleep.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm:**

**31:1-5, 17-18**

**Response:**

***Father, I put my life in your hands.***

**1.** To you, Lord, have I come for shelter: let me never be put to shame.

O deliver me in your righteousness: incline your ear to me and be swift to save me. **(R)**

**2.** Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me: for you are my high rock and my stronghold. Lead me and guide me for your name's sake: bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me, for you are my strength. **(R)**

**3.** Into your hands I commit my spirit: you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth. All my days are in your hand: O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.

Make your face to shine upon your servant: and save me for your mercy's sake. **(R)**

**Second Reading:**

**1 Peter 2:11-25**

***A reading from the first letter of Peter***

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor. Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he

entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 'He himself bore our sins' in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; 'by his wounds you have been healed.' For 'you were like sheep going astray,' but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord

**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 14:1-14**

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

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.' Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Don't you believe that I am in

the Father, and that the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

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**Sentence:** 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.'

**Collect:** Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**