



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Lent 1
21 February 2021

Hello Everyone - Greetings!

The Presence and Absence of God - Alessandro Pronzato writes:

On Entering the Desert

The desert is an arid, scorching, frightening place where everything portends death. But at the same time it is also a place of rest, gentleness and life.

In the desert you find friendliness and hostility, anguish and joy, sorrow and exultation, trial and triumph. The desert is the land of malediction and the land of benediction. The desert can be hard and merciless. You might die of thirst there. You might come upon an oasis where there is life and vegetation. The desert can be tomb and cradle, wasteland and garden, death and resurrection, hell and heaven.

Thus in the desert you will find that God is simultaneously present and absent. The desert does not delude and least of all does the desert delude those who accept it in its two-sided reality of life and death, presence and absence. Nor will they be deceived by God who calls them to the desert.

God never abandons us.

["The Desert" © 1997 John Moses. Canterbury Press: UK]

"You seek the Lord?

Seek, but only within yourself.

God is not far from anyone.

The Lord is near all those who truly call on God.

Find a place in your heart, and speak there with the Lord.

It is the Lord's reception room.

Everyone who meets the Lord meets God there;

for God has fixed no other place for meeting souls."

Theophan the Recluse

Parish Council meeting this Tuesday

23rd February - Parish Centre

7.00pm refreshments; 7.30pm meeting.

Please pray for us, as we pray for you.



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- for people in Myanmar, floods in Mozambique, Tigray region in Northern Ethiopia;
- SHINE – this Sunday 21st;
- Boys' Shed starting Monday (Primary)
- Project REGENERATE – for understanding and implementation of our projects and vision.
- Parish Council (meets Tuesday)
- Tony & Julie Tamblin

Community:

- All those affected by unemployment, irregular work;
- All experiencing financial pressures;
- for all those feeling discombobulated;
- all affected by Natural disasters and disease;
- All affected by COVID.

Years Mind: Micah O'Loughlin, Brian Middleton, Bob Butler, Julie Rasmussen

World Day of Prayer – Vanuatu

Friday 5th March – 2.00pm

at Lutheran Church.

Contact Bev Schultz 5398 1950

Women & Men welcome!

Service Times Feb/March

Lent 1 – 21 February

9.30am Church, Warracknabeal

5.00pm Parish Centre

6.00-8.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Lent 2 – 28 February

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

8.30-12.30 – Coffee Van

Lent 3 – 07 March

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am Areegra

6.00-8.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Lent 4 – 14 March

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

8.30-12.30 – Coffee Van

Lent 5 – 21 March

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

6.00-8.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Palm Sunday 28 March

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

8.30-12.30 – Coffee Van

Walk of the Cross

30 March - 01 April

Easter Bonfire – Sat 03 April

From 5.00pm at Areegra



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Rev's Revolution 3,000kms

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TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

First Reading:

Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from the book of Genesis

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: 'I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you – the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you – every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.' And God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.' So God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

25:4-9

Response: *Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*

1. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my saviour. **(R)**

2. Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. **(R)**
3. Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way. **(R)**

Second Reading:

1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits – to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolises baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience towards God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

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

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that proceeds out
of the mouth of God

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

Gospel:

Mark 1:9-15

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

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.' At once the

Bishop Garry's YouTube message

Transfiguration

<https://youtu.be/4pCGmimM9jE>

Rev's YouTube message - Lent 1

'dadirri' and the 'desert'

<https://youtu.be/qsVphWLtxhQ>

Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Sentence: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

Collect: God of the new and eternal covenant, as the forty days of the great flood swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life: grant to us, who are washed clean and born again in the saving flood of baptism, the wellspring of your grace, that your gift of new life may flourish once again; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Coffee Van Project request!

The Coffee Van project is looking for funds to purchase aprons for each of the team to comply with COVIDSafe requirements.

Would you be willing to 'sponsor' an apron - approx \$25, made by the lovely Woodbine Craftworks?

Please contact: Prue 0428990512 or Serj 0438341577