

# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

**Trinity Sunday**  
**07<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Hello everyone! I hope that I find you well and in good spirits.

When did you last see a grown man cry - in person?

Seriously - I want you to go back and identify what happened for that man in front of you to break down in tears.

Our white middle class 'sensibilities' and our over-compensating urge to not make people feel 'uncomfortable' around us ... probably means you haven't seen a grown man cry this week! This is quite unfortunate. *(By the way, why do we apologize when we get emotional? I thought the human being was supposed to get emotional over various things ... matters of consequence and importance, and injustice?)*

I'll give you two reasons why I have cried this week.

First, the way some/certain human beings treat other human beings because of the colour of their skin - is atrocious! Full-stop! We are all part of the ONE HUMAN RACE - so this means that everyone is of EQUAL value. Full-stop! The Christian and Religious and Spiritual aspect at the deepest part of our human being must - and I mean must acknowledge this - or the Kingdom of Heaven is far, far from us.

The circumstances of the news feeds we get from the USA at the moment - highlight that there is an institutional and cultural need for change. But we do not have to look too far over the fence. The inequality of Indigenous men, women and children within Australia and our own backyard is atrocious!

We are very, very slow to acknowledge and work for institutional and cultural change ourselves - because of fear and prejudice and a prevailing attitude toward a certain people and the colour of their skin. How long are we going to deny and repress and not recognise that a complete culture existed before pain bearing and incarcerated convicts and similarly incarcerated *(it could be argued)* wardens started wreaking havoc in our 'great south land'? Yeh, yeh - I know it's complicated, political etc - we can all make our excuses...

It makes me weep.

Secondly, some of you may be aware that "The VOICE" has begun a new season on the telly. I am a fan!

Despite all the shining lights and the ads and the 'rubbish' and razzamatazz that goes with this show - I am always deeply moved by the REAL life stories of participants. The 'coaches/mentors' are always on the lookout for those contestants who present their vulnerability - raw talent, the emotion of a song, the people they sing for and about, the real-life stuff that no-one would make up because you can't make it up!

"We have to believe you!" say the coaches - time and time again.

It makes me weep.

I weep because I am filled with joy. I weep because I am in awe and wonder of how music crosses all boundaries and all cultures. I weep because I understand that when you stand before people and offer yourself - with no pretence, with no barriers to the real you - as vulnerable and as imperfect and as difficult and as exciting and as all this is ... people have to believe what they're hearing. Full-stop.

Jesus - asks us to do this.

As a faithful people who seek to follow Jesus - this IS our fundamental calling. To be people willing to be vulnerable before another person. To be people willing to confront injustice - big or small - whether in our back garden or globally. To be people who value every human life on the planet - to respect it and honour it, and empower that person before you to behave the best they possibly can. To be people who bring light to darkness, life to death, and love to hatred and violence. To be Resurrection people - where weakness, not strength is testament to the power of God's Holy Spirit!

*"Life is short.*

*Break the rules.*

*Forgive quickly.*

*Kiss slowly. Love truly.*

*Laugh uncontrollably.*

*And never regret anything that makes you smile."*

*[Mark Twain]*

In our own hearts, homes and lives this week - let us nurture healing and a 'return to wholeness'. Let us live fully. Let us embrace: God the Creator, Jesus the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit - the Giver of Life, and enable each to dwell deeply within our human being. And weep freely - should you feel comfortable to do so.

*With every blessing, Rev James*

## Easter Season Quiz VII:

1. Whose grave was used to bury Jesus after the crucifixion?
2. How many soldiers guarded Jesus' grave?
3. Who was the first person to see Jesus after the Resurrection?
4. How many oranges does Rev use in this weekend's youTube video?

### 5. What am I?

- I am the strangest substance known to science.
- I am also one of the most familiar.
- I can be found simultaneously as liquid, solid and gas.
- When I get below -4 degrees Celsius, I expand and become lighter.
- I take ten times more energy to heat than iron. *[Answers next week]*

### Last week's answers - Quiz VI:

- 1) William Tyndale ( c. 1494-1536).
- 2) 90 and 118CE Councils of Jamnia give final affirmation to the Old Testament canon (39 books); 397CE Council of Carthage establishes orthodox New Testament canon (27 books).
- 3) In Acts 11:30 and Acts 15:22, we see a collegiate system of government in Jerusalem chaired by James the Just, according to tradition the first bishop of the city.
- 4) Joseph called Barsabas (whose surname was Justus) and Matthias.
- 5) Blind Bartimaeus (Son of Timaeus): Mark 10:46-52.



### **Prayer in the Parish**

**In the Parish & Beyond:** +Garry and our Diocesan family; our friends, family and loved ones far away; all those celebrating milestones and achievements; our neighbour.

**Community:** Front-line health care workers; return to school for many students; those who are moving somewhere new; those who are passionate about Justice for ALL.

**Years Mind:** Gwenneth Jackson, Victor Menzel, Lindsay Hewitt, Laurel Schulz, Gladys Gove, Stanley Bibby, Neville Marshman

### YouTube messages from Rev:

“Happy Birthday!”

<https://youtu.be/ANMAJdA18yA>

“An Orange, Vicar?”

<https://youtu.be/umnX6f6wK00>

### Bishop Garry's youTube message:

#10 Pentecost – *Life-Giver*

<https://youtu.be/rIOOf7UUwiw>

During the COVID-19 restrictions -  
Rev will be in Christ Church every  
Sunday for prayer and praise at 9.30am.  
This weekend – Areegra at 11.00am.  
Please join him in solidarity at home if  
you are able – covering the parish in  
prayer and thought.

# *A Simple Service – Trinity Sunday*

## Hymn: Firmly I Believe & Truly

**Firmly I believe and truly  
God is Three and God is One;  
and I next acknowledge duly  
manhood taken by the Son.**

**And I trust and hope most fully  
in that manhood crucified;  
and each thought and deed unruly  
do to death, as he has done.**

**Simply to his grace and wholly  
light and life and strength belong,  
and I love supremely, solely,  
him the holy, him the strong.**

**And I hold in veneration,  
for the love of him alone,  
holy church as his creation,  
and her teachings as his own.**

**Adoration ay be given,  
with and through the angelic host,  
to the God of earth and heaven,  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

*John Henry Newman [ CCL 610638]*

## Opening Prayer:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the fellowship of the  
Holy Spirit, be with you and those you  
love this day.

O Lord, open our lips;  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your  
praise.**

Blessed be God, Source of all being,  
Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit;  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## Reflection:

- a) *Where and when did God appear to you this week?*
- b) *How did that feel?*

c) *What would you like to give thanks to God for this week?*

*In a moment of silence – offer these thoughts to God through the Holy Spirit.*

## 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: *(I suggest one or two – the others can become the basis for your devotions throughout the week)*

Videos: +Garry and/or Rev

## Reflection:

- a) With which aspect of God do I resonate most?
- b) How does God reveal that aspect to you?

## Prayer:

Praise. Petition. Intercession. Thanksgiving.  
*(or follow your own discipline.)*  
The Lord's Prayer.  
Collect for the Day.

## Blessing:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, you heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Thomas Ken [ CCL 610638]*

# TODAY'S READINGS

## TRINITY SUNDAY

First Reading:

Exodus 34:1-8

### ***A reading from the book of Exodus***

The Lord said to Moses, 'Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. Be ready in the morning, and then come up on Mount Sinai. Present yourself to me there on top of the mountain. No one is to come with you or be seen anywhere on the mountain; not even the flocks and herds may graze in front of the mountain.' So Moses chiselled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the Lord had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord . And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, 'The Lord , the Lord , the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.' Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshipped.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm:

Song of Three Young

### ***Response: Glory and praise for ever!***

1. Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;  
And blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages. **(R)**
2. Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,  
praiseworthy and glorious above all forever. **(R)**
3. Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever. **(R)**
4. Blessed are you who look into the depths from your throne upon the cherubim,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever. **(R)**

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

### ***A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians***

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All God's people here send their greetings.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

**Alleluia!**

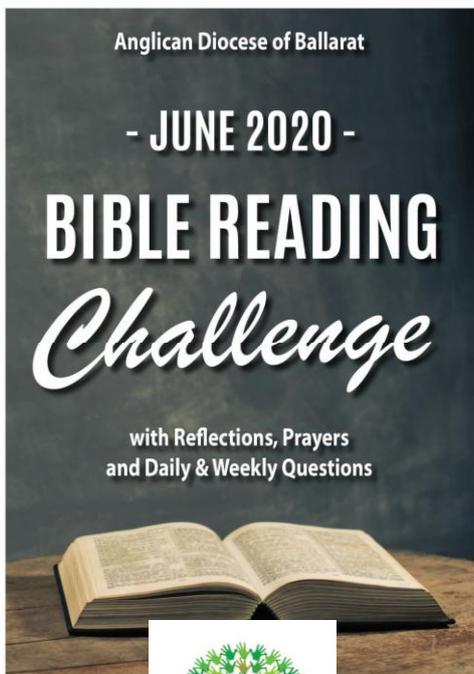
**Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

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

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



**THE PROPERS**

**Sentence:** Proclaim the Name: 'The Lord, the Lord, a God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

**Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The now annual **Bible Reading Challenge** for June through the Diocesan Ministry Development Committee has begun! If you need a booklet (*distributed last week*) for a neighbour or friend - let Rev know and he'll get it to you.

**It is not too late to join a study group during June on Tuesday nights at 8.00pm at Rectory. (2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>)**

Please let Rev know that you are coming. All you need is an open heart.

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# Parish Council & COVID-19 Update - June 2020

## COVIDSafe Warden - Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Sarah-Jayne Holland, our Safe Church Officer, was appointed **COVIDSafe Warden** by Rev James during the week - to comply with Diocesan and Anglican Insurance Guidelines to ensure that our faith community is following the relevant protocols to keep us safe!

Rev James and Sarah-Jayne will be developing a **COVIDSafe Plan** which will be endorsed by Parish Council in our June meeting and implemented when we re-open our church buildings.

For further information - please contact **Rev** or **Sarah-Jayne 0438 341 577**

## Re-opening of our Church Buildings

With Rev James, Parish Council members are of 'one mind' that:

- a) We do not want to 'turn anyone away' from any church service under current COVID-19 restrictions;
- b) Nor do we want to establish a roster system for max 20 people to attend church services;
- c) We want to open the church 'once' so that we can maintain consistency to ensure COVIDSafe Plans are implemented smoothly and across ALL parish activities.

**Therefore - we are planning to re-open the church on 19<sup>th</sup> July for a 10.30am Parish Holy Communion Service**

**- with hopefully some fellowship to follow (to be confirmed).**

*(more details in following weeks)*

## Parish Giving Envelopes

It was decided at the Parish Council meeting last week to try and save approx \$450 of parish spending by making our own 'Giving Envelopes' for the first six months of the Financial year - July to Dec 2020. Volunteers have purchased and stamped enough 'packets' for those parishioners wanting to use this traditional form of giving to the parish.

Please contact SANDRA TAYLOR - 0408 991 235 - if you would like to acquire a set of envelopes for this six month period. They can be delivered to your door!

It was considered that we have encouraged parish giving through 'Direct Debit' sufficiently within the parish for people to make their own choices.

Thank you everyone for your generosity and support over the last few months!

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# And It Was Very Good

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Genesis 1:1-2:4a (NIV).



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