Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Christ the King

22 November 2026

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



I hope that you can join us on the weekend for the 'Feast of Christ the King'! If not in person at our 10.30am service and pot-luck lunch – in spirit - with many other churches around the Diocese including our Cathedral.

Bring a plate to share and whatever 'happy juice' will help you to enjoy some fellowship together.

As foreshadowed, I will be exploring Simon Sinek's: "Why. What. How."
WHY? Why do we exist? Why are we here? God has called us to participate in God's mission — to worship Christ, make disciples, love our neighbour and bear witness to the gospel. That is our *why*.
WHAT? What has God actually given us? What has God already put into our hands? Who are the people God has placed around us? What are our strengths? Hospitality. Prayer. Pastoral Care. Community relations.
HOW? How will we use those gifts for God's purposes? What do we 'stop'? What do we 'start'? What do we continue?

The invitation is to meet the future with faith rather than fear. Last week's 'master' entrusted the servants with something valuable. He left them with responsibility. We don't have to become somebody else's church. We don't have to pretend that we are twenty years younger. We don't have to have five talents when God has given us two. We simply have to be faithful with what God has placed in our hands. Jesus doesn't ask us to be somebody else. He asks us to have the courage to invest what we have — for the sake of Christ, for the sake of our community, and for the sake of the kingdom of God. *Blessings, Rev James*



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Scott as Administrator; for the 'Board of Electors' Committee as they prepare the process of electing our new Bishop;
- For all in the Cathedral;
- For all in our Deanery;
- For all the people of GAZA & West Bank, East Jerusalem; Anglican Church in Jerusalem; Al-Alhi Hospital;
- For all State politicians; for sound policy and safety for all candidates;
- For seasonable weather;
- 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 those of leadership and influence to act for the common good;
- 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: Barbara FOOT (1996), Hazel LIERSCH/WERNER (2005), Hazel MDONALD (2013), Loraine CROSER (2012), Richie WHYTE (1975), Douglas CASLEY (1993), Basil (Bill) HAND (2004), Evelyn CREERFUL (2014), Michael VERBER (2016), Beverley KAAL (2016), Agnes HILTON (1997), Donald MERRITT (2008)

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

Services - 2026

Christ the King – 22 November
10.30am and Parish Pot-luck Lunch
Warracknabeal

Monday 23rd November – Rev Fiona
At Café Peppercorn – 9.00-10.30am

Advent 1 – 29 November
9.30am Warracknabeal
6.30pm Prelude to Christmas at The Uniting Church, Warracknabeal

Advent 2 – 06 December
9.30am Warracknabeal
11.00am Areegra Home Church
5.00pm-7.00pm Rectory Sundowner

Advent 3 – 13 December
9.30am Warracknabeal
from ~5.00pm WAG Christmas Festival

Advent 4 – 20 December
9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Christmas Eve – 24 December
8.00pm Refreshments
10.00pm Celebrations and Carols

Christmas Day – 25 December
9.30am Celebration & HC

Christmas 1 – 27 December
9.30am Warracknabeal

A Prayer for a Bishop

+Scott is now Administrator
(+Garry retired 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
Christ the King

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

'"For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and make them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord . I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice. '"Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says to them: see, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm: 100

Response: ***We are his people: the sheep of his flock***

1. O shout to the Lord in triumph, all the earth: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his face with songs of joy. **(R)**

2. Know that the Lord he is God: it is he who has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **(R)**

3. Come into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: give thanks to him, and bless his holy name. **(R)**

4. For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is for ever: his faithfulness throughout all generations. **(R)**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the

present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **alleluia**!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in , I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." 'Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?" 'The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink , I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me." 'They also will answer, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?" 'He will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me." 'Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.'

This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERS

Sentence: O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.

Collect: God of power and love, who raised your Son Jesus from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation: free the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, and to live in his love. Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.



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