



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

## Lent 1

### 22 February 2026

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm Café Church - Warracknabeal



Hello everyone! Hope you've had a good week.

Joan Chittister once wrote: *"Darkness, I have discovered, is the way we come to see. It creates the depressions that, once faced, teach us to trust. It gives us the sensitivity it takes to understand the depth of the pain in others. It seeds in us the humility it takes to live gently with the rest of the universe. It opens us to new possibilities within ourselves. Darkness is a very spiritual thing."*

LENT is the season to confront the darkness in our own lives with God's precious light. Lent is the season to confront any fears within that stop us from loving fully. Lent is a time for generosity - especially when we feel as though we have little or none to give.

Lent - it is a very spiritual thing.

*"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]

.Lent is a season to implore God's presence in your life and the lives of those you love. *"Take courage, and do not be afraid."* Peace, Rev James

Extracts of Letters of  
**Reverend Frederick  
Arthur Booth** –  
First Anglican Priest in  
Warracknabeal.

February 1890

*Page 9:* Ponies escaped from paddock at Sheep Hills. Young lady parishioner died suddenly from Bright's disease.

Parrot also escaped. Found and returned – great joy as parrot recognised him.

Met Dr Tweed at the Ballarat station - A doctor appeared and said he was taking him to the Kew Asylum where he would recover better than if at Ararat. (nothing in hid demeanour that 'would lead me to think he was out of his mind.')

*Page 13:* Ponies at the Commercial Bank gone. Nuts taken off the buggy. Suspected the produce merchant. Nowhere to rent. 'A great number of people are living in tents waiting for houses. Will have to go to one of hotels.'



## Prayer in the Parish

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

- +Garry; West Wimmera Deanery;
- For our respective Lenten journey's;
- For the 'discernment conference' this weekend for all ordination candidates (esp Fiona) and panel members;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and seeking shelter around the globe;
- For the Leaders of all Nations; for those of leadership and influence to act for the common good; for United Nations;
- For our farmers and their families;
- For all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For the wellbeing for all in our region;
- For our neighbours;
- For Project REGENERATE; for our 140yr celebrations in 2026;
- For The Shed Project;
- For Lions Market Day at CC – February 21st; all stall holders;
- For all known to us in hospital and our Residential Care facilities;
- For all those we love, near and far away;

**Years Mind:** Archibald TODD (1987), Leslie SEIPOLT (2005), Sasha OVERALL (2003), Mary MERCER (1999), Evelyne McGEE (2018), Betty HUNTER (2024), Micah O'LOUGHLIN (2003), Walter DELAHOY (1996), Evelyn NICHOLSON, Alfred HOLLAND, Ruby LEWIS (1989)

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

## *Services - 2026*

### Market Day at Christ Church – 21 February

#### Lent 1 – 22 February 2026

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

#### Tuesday – 24 February 2026

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

7.15pm for 7.30pm Parish Council

#### Lent 2 – 01 March 2026

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

***RSVP – High Tea Tickets***

#### Tuesday – 03 March 2026

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

#### Lent 3 – 08 March 2026

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

#### Tuesday – 10 March 2026

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

#### Lent 4 – 15 February 2026

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

#### Tuesday – 17 March 2026

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

#### 140year High Tea – Saturday 21 March

3.00 for 3.30pm in Parish Centre

(Tickets are ESSENTIAL)

#### Sunday 22 March – Lent 5

**10.30am 140year Liturgical Celebration  
& BBQ Lunch (No 5.00pm)**

#### Tuesday – 24 March 2026

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

#### Palm/Passion – 29 March 2026

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

*Thank you to everyone who helped at the working bee at Parish Centre on Wednesday. The place is looking GREAT for our hosting of the Market Day on Saturday.  
Most appreciated!*

# TODAY'S READINGS

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading:** Genesis 2:15 – 3:1-7

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

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.'<sup>3</sup> Now the snake was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, "You must not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the snake, 'We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, "You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die."' 'You will not certainly die,' the snake said to the woman. 'For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm:** 32:1-2, 5, 11

**Response: *I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.***

1. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
Blessed is the man to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. **(R)**

2. I acknowledge my sin to thee, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"; then thou didst forgive the guilt of my sin **(R)**
3. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! **(R)**

**Second Reading:** Romans 5:12-21

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

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned – To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: the judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one

man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**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

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**Gospel:**

**Matthew 4:1-11**

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

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.'

Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

### **The Propers**

**Sentence:** We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Collect:** O Lord, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey your godly will in righteousness and true holiness; to your honour and glory, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.  
**Amen.**

## **ONE MORE WEEK TO RSVP**

The Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal  
invite you to join us for

### *High Tea*

at Anglican Parish Centre,  
Warracknabeal to celebrate 140 years  
of Prayer, Praise and Proclamation in  
the Wimmera.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March: 3.00 for 3.30pm  
\$15.00 per person

RSVP 01 March, 2026

**To book tickets (essential):**

<https://www.trybooking.com/DIJPI>

