



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

**Lent 4**  
**27 March 2022**

**Hello Everyone!**

**This Sunday:** Christ Church - Holy Communion - 9.30am  
Café Church (Taizé) - 5.00pm in Parish Centre



## Ukraine Refugee Appeal

Parish Council on Tuesday night has committed to a target of \$5,000 - as a donation to humanitarian aid efforts in the wake of war, violence, displacement in Ukraine: seeking to assist church organizations that are welcoming refugees in Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. We would like to ensure that every cent goes to those who really need it, and various members of PC are exploring a number of options/ agencies where we can direct our funds.

This Appeal is part of our 'Mission Giving Obligations' as a faith community, and although disrupted by COVID - would normally contribute to an International, a National and a local mission initiative. If you would like to make a contribution to this Appeal - please ensure that your giving envelope or direct debit reflect clearly - Ukraine Refugee Appeal.

Many parishioners may have already contributed to this cause personally, and this Appeal is not intended to create financial pressure or feelings of guilt etc. Neither will it replace people's generosity towards Christian Emergency Food Centre - I hope - which has been BRILLIANT over the last few months; nor normal Parish giving etc etc. We are most grateful for your generosity.

**COFFEE Van will be at ANZAC Park this Sunday - 9.00am-2.00pm** - working in collaboration with the Scout Try-out Day as our commitment to various local community organizations as part of our vision and outreach through Project REGENERATE! Come and have a chat, abseil a wall, connect with others!

**Morning Tea after church** will return to the Parish Centre this weekend. While we would love parishioners to support our Coffee Van and our young people, we also recognise that this does not suit all people. So come and join us for a cuppa and fellowship - entry through the front doors!

*Every blessing, Rev James*



## Prayer in the Parish

### In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For the work and influence of Anglicare, for Kate Schnerring;
- For all the people of Ukraine;
- For all the people of Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia;
- For humanitarian aid in countries of conflict and war; for the UN;
- For those seeking asylum; for those in refugee camps; for those in detention;
- For all our Project Regenerate aims, objectives and outcomes;
- For those serving on Parish Council;
- For Coffee Van this weekend in ANZAC Park; Scouts try-out Day;
- For all frontline workers; for all nurses; for all assisting in Aged Care and Home visiting/services;
- For our those facing flood, fire and other natural disasters;
- For all who work in our Servos;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For the Community Garden;
- For those in hospital; for those feeling lonely; for those grieving;

**Years Mind:** Honor Whyte, Eric Croser, Ernest Hooper, Ivan Walsgott, Catherine Smith, John Fyfield, Raymond Mann

*'He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you but  
to do justice, and to love kindness, and to  
walk humbly with your God?'*

*[Micah 6:8]*

## Service Times March/April

### Lent 4 – 27 March 2022

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church – Parish Centre

**9.00-2.00pm Coffee Van- in  
ANZAC Park this week.**

NO Wednesday – 30 March

### Lent 5 – 03 April 2022

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am Areegra

6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

### Wednesday - 06 April 2022

5.30pm Evening Prayer – Rectory

6.00pm Meal and Lenten Exploration

### HORSHAM Emergency Food Centre

**Many thanks for the generous donations of  
goods that will help those less fortunate!**

**Much appreciated!**

**“Lord, when was it that we saw you  
hungry, and gave you food...” (Matt 25:37)**

### **The Propers**

**Sentence:** While he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

**Collect:** God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts: receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you, and seat them at your bountiful table, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# TODAY'S READINGS

## LENT 4

First Reading:

Joshua 5:2-12

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

At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again.' So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath Haaraloth. Now this is why he did so: all those who came out of Egypt – all the men of military age – died in the wilderness on the way after leaving Egypt. All the people that came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness during the journey from Egypt had not. The Israelites had moved about in the wilderness for forty years until all the men who were of military age when they left Egypt had died, since they had not obeyed the Lord. For the Lord had sworn to them that they would not see the land that he had solemnly promised their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. So he raised up their sons in their place, and these were the ones Joshua circumcised. They were still uncircumcised because they had not been circumcised on the way. And after the whole nation had been circumcised, they remained where they were in camp until they were healed. Then the Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' So the place has been called Gilgal to this day. On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm:

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**Response: *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

1. I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad. **(R)**
2. Glorify the LORD with me,  
let us together extol his name.  
I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears. **(R)**
3. Look to him that you may be radiant  
with joy,  
and your faces may not blush with  
shame.  
When the poor one called out, the  
LORD heard, and from all his distress  
he saved him. **(R)**

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to

be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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

I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

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

**Gospel:**

**Luke 15:11-32**

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

Jesus continued: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the estate." So he divided his property between them. 'Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 'When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants." So he got up and went to his father. 'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms round him and

kissed him. 'The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." 'But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate. 'Meanwhile, the elder son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. "Your brother has come," he replied, "and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound." 'The elder brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, "Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!" "My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*"Prayer is an adventure ...*

*Love and friendship do not grow if we are not prepared to sacrifice a great deal for their sake, and in the same way we must be ready to put aside many things in order to give God the first place."*

*Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh*