



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 8
18 July 2021

Hello Everyone! I hope that I find you well.

The world it seems - from my lounge chair perspective - needs a complete 'reformation.' If COVID wasn't enough to deal with in every single community around the globe - the tragedy of war is displacing many hundreds of thousands of people in the Middle East, North Africa and South America; civil wars and corruption combined with natural disaster is leaving many people with malnutrition and the food shortages in a number of key places in the world have reached staggering figures once again; political instability remains a constant for many hard-working and loyal citizens of several corners of the globe - who are not and will not be considered value members of their respective societies and cultures as they take the blows from police batons. There seems a genuine disconnection to all that is good and wholesome and safe - especially for children, woman and the most vulnerable.

And, just when religious faiths have an opportunity to show the world that God is LIGHT, and LIFE and LOVE expressed in their respective Scriptures - we hear of executions in the name of this same God; exploitation in the name of this same God; evictions in the name of this same God. It does not make sense at all to me.

Fundamentalism and Idealism is not the same as religion - or at the very least healthy spiritual expression. To massacre another citizen of your own country in cold blood as the Taliban are doing in Afghanistan for example, is nothing short of IDEOLOGY gone completely rouge. That is not religion! The God I follow does not tolerate such brutality in 'God's Name' - especially when food and shelter and healing and care and vaccines - essentially the basics of life are needed more.

But let's not point the finger too quickly I remind myself - lest I be judged with the same hand. How are we going to follow in Jesus' footsteps this week? Jesus offers a real-life example in how we are to treat our fellow human companions - whether they be friends or family or enemies.

Every blessing, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; Archdeacons & their families;
Rural Deans and their families;
- For the people of Pakistan, South Africa, Fiji, Iraq, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Cuba, Ethiopia, ...
- Fr Charles Helms; Margaret Thompson; Margaret Dart; Peter & Dianne;
- Project Regenerate; Renew People; Revive Projects; Restore Place.
- AGM preparations and our Parish Council nominations for 2022; for good stewardship of all our resources.

Community:

- For return to school & all educators;
- For those at home – recovering from surgery, or COVID restricted;
- For all those feeling lonely; isolated; tired; frustrated;
- All COVID consequences;

Years Mind: Peter Boyle, Robert Oulton, Stephen Lewis, Clarence Edmonds, Terry Schulz, Edward Fish, Keith Johnston

Service Times July/August

Pentecost 8 – 18 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
2.00pm Dunmunkle Lodge, Minyip
6.00pm SHINE

Pentecost 9 – 25 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 10 - 01 August

10.30am *One Service only*
11.30am AGM meeting

6.00pm SHINE

Pentecost 11 – 08 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van



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Rev's YouTube message

Pentecost 8

'Thinking aloud'

<https://youtu.be/-YSwNustqFs>

**A pastor giving a children's sermon on vestments asked:
"Why do you think I wear this collar?"**

**One kid answered:
"Because it kills ticks and fleas up to 30 days?"**

**Check out the Parish website for
all the information you need:**

Service times

Pew sheets

Events and Activities

Rev's YouTube messages ... and much more.

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TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 8

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

A reading from the first book of Samuel

After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, he said to Nathan the prophet, 'Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.' Nathan replied to the king, 'Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you.' But that night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying: 'Go and tell my servant David, "This is what the Lord says: are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'" 'Now then, tell my servant David, "This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people shall not oppress them any more, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. "The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: when your days are over and you rest with your

ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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Response: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul. **(R)**
2. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff that give me courage. **(R)**
3. You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. **(R)**
4. Only goodness and kindness follow
me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the
LORD for years to come. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Ephesians 2:11-22

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called 'uncircumcised' by those who call themselves 'the circumcision' (which is

done in the body by human hands) – remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

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

The apostles gathered round Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.' So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognised them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognised Jesus. They ran throughout that whole region and carried those who were ill on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went – into villages, towns or countryside – they placed those who were ill in the market-places. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Sentence: As he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Collect: O God, you alone can order our unruly wills and affections: teach us to love what you command, and to desire what you promise, that, among the changes and chances of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.