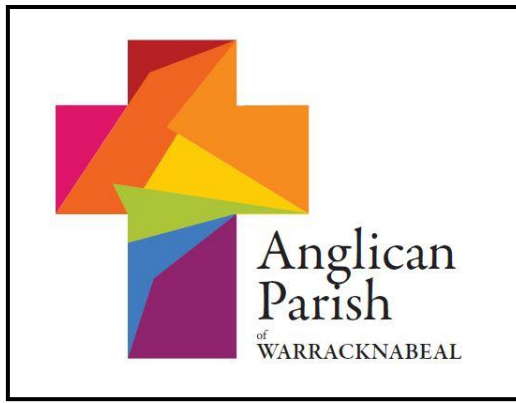




Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

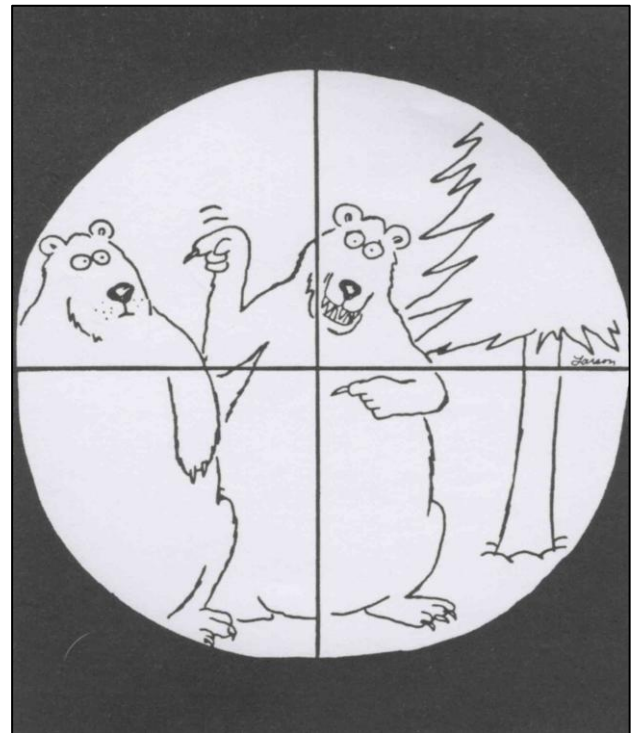
Pentecost 19

04 October 2026

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



Perth and the south-west part of Western Australia is such a beautiful part of Australia. I feel so blessed to live in such a wonderfully diverse country where we can visit beautiful beaches, solitary deserts, forests of ancient trees and bustling cities. While it seems like it can take forever to get somewhere, our Son often reminds us that it's not always the destination that's important. The journey to get to your destination can be just as important and enjoyable - that is if it's not full of dodging potholes, rough edges of the road or squinting at bright lights on a highway.



Life can seem like you're travelling along a bumpy, pothole-filled road or that you are continually dodging rough edges. At times it can seem like you are squinting at bright lights, wondering why on earth others haven't turned down their high beams. Even on these difficult stretches on the road of life, there is beauty to be found along the way. There are moments of kindness, signs of hope, and reasons to keep going. When the road feels hard, we are reminded that every journey has its purpose, and that the destination is not the only thing worth noticing. Sometimes the road itself shapes us, teaches us, and helps us grow.

Focus on the journey as much as the destination.

May your week be blessed,
Rev. Fiona



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; for the 'Board of Electors' Committee as they prepare the process of electing our new Bishop (the prayer for a bishop will reappear next week);
- For our Parish AGM;
- 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 the Leaders of all Nations;
- For those of leadership and influence to act for the common good;
- For all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- 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: Nancy SCHORRACK (2001), John GRIFFITHS (2002), Glen WOODWARD (2002), Stanley FISH (1990), John PAYNE (2014), Clarence ROBINS (1990), Shirley GRIFFITHS (1997), Henrieta FISH (1990), Mollie CASPER (1992), Mary HOLLAND (1978), Olive DAFT (1987), Jane GREGSON (1992), Marion ARNOLD (2004), David HOOPER (2014)

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

Services - 2026

Pentecost 19 – 04 October

9.30am Warracknabeal – HC

Monday 05th October – Rev Fiona

At Café Peppercorn – 9.00-10.30am

Pentecost 20 – 11 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00 House Church Areegra

Pentecost 21 – 18 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 22 – 25 October

9.30am / 5.00pm Café Church Warracknabeal

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Sentence: Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, let us press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders, and, by your doing, he has been made the chief cornerstone: grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us, we may become living stones built up into your dwelling place, a temple holy and acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for a Bishop

+Garry retires 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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20

A reading from the Book of Exodus

And God spoke all these words: 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 'You shall have no other gods before me. 'You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 'You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. 'Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, 'Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. 'You shall not murder. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.' When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, 'Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not let God speak to us or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 19:1-8, 14

Response: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

1. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. **(R)**

2. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat. **(R)**

3. The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; **(R)**

4. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. **(R)**

Second Reading: Philippians 3

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh – though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ

Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus. All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained. Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

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

‘Listen to another parable: there was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall round it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. ‘The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them in the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said. ‘But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.” So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ‘Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,’ they replied, ‘and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures : “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone ; the Lord has done this , and it is marvellous in our eyes”? ‘Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ