



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 13

18 August 2024

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal



Let the desert and the wasteland rejoice,
Let the wilderness blossom with flowers of spring!
Let them exult and sing for joy...
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened
And the ears of the deaf be unstopped;
Then shall the lame leap like a stag
And the dumb sing for joy!
For waters shall break out in the wilderness
And streams shall flow in the desert;
The burning sand shall become a lake
And the thirsty land bubble with water.
The lairs of jackals shall become rich meadows,
Fields of grass with reeds and rushes.
And there shall be in it a highway
Which shall be called the Holy Way.
[Isaiah 35: 1-21]

"For forty years I had not thought much about God, religion or the meaning of life. I just got on with it as best I could, puzzled, challenged, excited, defeated, battling on. As an almost accidental visitor to a Mass in the Catholic church, I stumbled on a new reality: as Jesus Christ was, so am I; grapes crushed to become wine,; wheat ground to become bread.

In changing my form as I do constantly, and as I will in death, I am not annihilated. I am transmuted. I live anew."
[Caroline Jones: Rivers in the Desert]

I hope that you have a cracking week in all your endeavours.

Every blessing, Rev James

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry, and rehab routine and recovery;
- For the parish of Stawell and all who praise in her;
- For seasonal weather;
- For all are in a 'state' of transition – mind, place, work or other interest;
- For our Parish Counsellors; for our next meeting of Parish Council – 27 August;
- For the leaders of all Nations, those with influence to act for the Common Good;
- For the Appointment of Vic Central Building Surveying – to complete the Boys' Shed; for Onley's Holdings Builders; for all Boys' Shed participants;
- For the people of Papua New Guinea;
- For the people of Ukraine and Palestine;
- For those who hunger for food; For those who thirst for water; For those seeking shelter from violence, exploitation, and injustice of any kind;
- For our neighbour/s;
- For all experiencing loneliness, alienation, depression or other ailments;
- For Peace in our hearts and homes;
- For our small acts of kindness and Christian witness in word and deed;
- For all in our Aged Care Facilities; all known to us in hospital; for those known to us who are unwell;
- For all Year 12 students;

Years Mind: Charlie Harberger, Mick Moysey, Elsie Johnson, Thelma Dunkley, Janice May

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

Service Times August & Sept

Pentecost 13 – 18 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 14 – 25 August

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church – Parish Centre

Pentecost 15 – 01 September

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

Pentecost 16 – 08 September

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 17 – 15 September

9.30am Warracknabeal

Pentecost 18 – 22 September

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

Pentecost 19 – 29 September

10.30am Warracknabeal

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A HUGE Thank you to everyone who has supported the Pain Revolution Outreach Tour 2024!

Rev James reached his \$3000 target.

With four weeks to go, the wheels are turning well and the legs are holding up okay. There seems to be a really interesting bunch of people on the ride.

Rev will be at Market Day on Sat. Come and say hello!

If you would still like to donate to providing training for Local Pain Educators in rural Australia – click on James Wood at link:

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TODAY'S READINGS

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

A reading from the first book of Kings

Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. He had reigned for forty years over Israel – seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established. Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places. The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, 'Ask for whatever you want me to give you.' Solomon answered, 'You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. 'Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?' The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, 'Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give

you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for – both wealth and honour – so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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Response: *Happy are those who take delight in the commands of the Lord.*

1. O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart: in the company of the upright and among the congregation. **(R)**
2. The works of the Lord are great: and studied by all who take delight in them. His deeds are majestic and glorious: and his righteousness stands for ever. **(R)**
3. His marvellous acts have won him a name to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and merciful. He gives food to those that fear him: he remembers his covenant for ever. **(R)**
4. He showed his people the power of his acts: in giving them the heritage of the heathen. The works of his hands are faithful and just: and all his commandments are sure; They stand firm for ever and ever: they are done in faithfulness and in truth. **(R)**
5. He sent redemption to his people, he ordained his covenant for ever: holy is his name and worthy to be feared. **(R)**

6. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and of good understanding are those that keep his commandments: his praise shall endure for ever.

Happy are those who take delight in the commands of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:11-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible – and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said: ‘Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’ Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 6:51-58

A reading from the gospel according to John

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.’ Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.’

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPER

Sentence: Jesus said, ‘Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.’

Collect: Everliving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, gave himself as living bread for the life of the world: give us such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**