



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 17
15 September 2024

Sunday Services: 9.30am Warracknabeal



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

Thank you to Fiona and David, who will be leading worship in our liturgy this week. Your skills and faithfulness are most appreciated.

As I write this I am moments away from embarking on the Pain Revolution Outreach Tour. I have to say that I'm ready. I am also excited about how the week will unfold and all the interactions that will accompany us through a very picturesque part of the country.

Just so you know what is going on - the following is the planned itinerary:

- Friday 13th - Mt Gambier arrive.
- Saturday 14th - Mt Gambier loop - 47kms (350vm)
- Sunday 15th - Mt Gambier to Beachport - 108kms (340vm) - via Millicent
- Monday 16th - Beachport to Coonawarra - 116kms (482vm) - via Penola
- Tuesday 17th - Coonawarra to Hamilton - 143kms (1071vm) - via Casterton
- Wednesday 18th - Hamilton to Ararat - 115kms (814vm) - via Dunkeld & Moyston
- Thursday 19th - Ararat to Halls Gap - 70kms (815vm) - via Moyston & Pomonal
- Friday 20th - Halls Gap Mt William Loop - 78kms (1700vm)
- Saturday 21st - Halls Gap to Horsham - 96kms (825vm) - via Zumsteins & Mockinya.

Personally, I have found the preparation for this bike ride since February very, very interesting. Attempting something of this nature for the first time, the slow and steady building of stamina in body and mind has been revealing, and it is quite amazing how the body can be pushed without breaking. I'm not exactly the professional athlete - so I'm not kidding myself. However, learning to listen to my body in a new and more attentive way has been a wholesome discipline. This has included 'breaking' a little along the way, and finding effective ways to recover, and return to discipline. Above all - one of my main aims has been to enjoy my bicycle. THIS I've achieved! And, I'm feeling strong too.

I have also been humbled by the generosity of all who have made a contribution to ensuring the possibility of Local Pain Educators established in rural Australia, and in time within our own region. I am pleased to say that at the time of writing I have raised over \$5,000.00 - THANK YOU from the bottom of my pedals! You will all be part of my journey next week as I pray and ride and talk about how we are implementing and sustaining programs and activities that help relieve and heal pain. *Blessings, Rev James*

Project REGENERATE. Renew PEOPLE. Revive PROJECTS. Restore PLACE

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry, and rehab routine and recovery;
- The Pain Revolution Outreach Tour; Professor Lorimer Moseley (Founder and CEO); the bike mechanics; education and support staff, and all those riding;
- For the leaders of all Nations, those with influence to act for the Common Good;
- For the people of Papua New Guinea; Bangladesh; Yemen; West Africa; Taiwan; Ukraine, and Palestine;
- For our local farmers; for soaking rain; for the welfare of stock;
- 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 all who are grieving;
- For Peace in our world; for peace in our hearts; for peace in our homes;
- For all health professionals in our region; for all in our aged care facilities; for all undergoing surgery; for all who are in pain – in body, mind or spirit;
- For all known to us in hospital; for those known to us who are unwell;
- For our hobbies and special interests;
- For our Boys Shed Project, and a smooth transition to completion;
- For gratitude for those we love near and far away;
- For our pets;

Years Mind: For all we love who have gone before us in faith, hope and love;

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

Service Times Sept/Oct

Pentecost 17 – 15 September

9.30am Warracknabeal
One Service Only

Pentecost 18 – 22 September

9.30am Warracknabeal
5.00pm Café Church

Pentecost 19 – 29 September

10.30am Warracknabeal

Pentecost 20 – 06 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00am St Mark’s Areegra

Tuesday 08 October

5.00pm Healing Eucharist

Pentecost 21 – 13 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Synod – 18-19 October

Pentecost 22 – 20 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 23 – 27 October

9.30am Warracknabeal
5.00pm Café Church

*‘The key to living a
healthy life
is to eat half,
walk double,
laugh triple and
love without measure.’
Tibetan Proverb*

TODAY'S READINGS

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square; on top of the wall she cries out, at the city gate she makes her speech: 'How long will you who are simple love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge? Repent at my rebuke! Then I will pour out my thoughts to you, I will make known to you my teachings. But since you refuse to listen when I call and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand, since you disregard all my advice and do not accept my rebuke, I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you; I will mock when calamity overtakes you – when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you. 'Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me, since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the Lord. Since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke, they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes. For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 19

Response: *Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life:*

1. The law of the LORD is perfect; it revives the soul.
The decrees of the LORD are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple. **(R)**
2. The precepts of the LORD are right; they gladden the heart.
The command of the LORD is clear; it gives light to the eyes. **(R)**
3. The fear of the LORD is pure, abiding forever.
The judgments of the LORD are true; they are, all of them, just. **(R)**
4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O LORD,
my rock and my redeemer! **(R)**

Second Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-17

A reading from the book of James

But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder. You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was

credited to him as righteousness,' and he was called God's friend. You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone. In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! May I never boast except in the cross of your Lord through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 8:27-38

A reading from the gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, 'Who do people say I am?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah.' Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me,

Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.' Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERS

Sentence: Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it.

Collect: God of mercy, help us to forgive as you have forgiven us, to trust you, even when hope is failing, and to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.