



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Easter 4
21 April 2024

Sunday Services: 10.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal



Hello Everyone! I hope the last couple of weeks have gone well for you.

A very warm welcome to the families and friends of

Maeve Louise Miller & James David Bilton

as we celebrate their baptism at our 10.30am service.

Through the 'waters of baptism' - Maeve and James will ceremonially die, and more importantly, RISE with Jesus Christ - encouraged by their parent's and God-parents proclamation of faith. Essentially, they are stating on behalf of their children that they want God to be part of their lives - and we will be witnesses!

In our modern world - this is no small act of trust.

Through baptism - water becomes 'thicker than blood' as Maeve and James join the Church Universal, and become rightful members of God's Kingdom on earth.

We as a faith community are witnesses and therefore are charged with the responsibility for their spiritual welfare - both in thought, word and deed. And not just by our own example and earthly pilgrimage of faith, but by our accompaniment and encouragement to help Maeve, Isabel, Dale and Molly, Tarlee and Nathan; and, James, Cleo, David and Posie, Patrick and Maddie - in their own journey and growth in God's trust through the Holy Spirit's guidance and sustaining Grace.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

The world is in a bucket load of trouble. Let us pray for PEACE. Let us also pray that bold leadership will act for the common good. When is enough war enough? It seems that several generations who know nothing other than the 'will of the sword' will be hard to convince that harmony is more powerful than force; that vulnerability is not weak but rather smart in the face of pain and territorial homelands. It's gonna take ALL the energy we can muster. *Blessings, Rev James.*

Project REGENERATE. Renew PEOPLE. Revive PROJECTS. Restore PLACE

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; for Registry Office and Acting Registrar Nicole;
- For Sherry Barber (Suzy Callaghan's sister) – battling cancer;
- For our Baptism families;
- For Light in the face of darkness; for Hope in the face of despair; for Love in the face of hatred and discord;
- For those displaced by war and ethnic prejudice;
- For those seeking refuge far from home;
- For a STOP to war around the globe; and for all brokering peace;
- For the people of Haiti; the Sudan; Dubai; South America;
- For the people of Ukraine and Palestine;
- For those who hunger for food; for those who thirst for water; for those who seek peace from war, violence & exploitation;
- For the Christian Emergency Food Centre in Horsham; for Bev and all the volunteers; for people's generosity to this important ministry in the region;
- For the Boys' Shed Project;
- For those we love – near and far away;
- For our neighbour/s;
- For those known to us who are unwell;
- For ourselves – for open hearts to welcome the wonder of the Resurrection;
- For seasonal weather and safe sowing season in our region;
- For Peace in our hearts and homes;

Years Mind: June Robinson, Isabel Milner, Gladys Martin, Nola Ross, Douglas Coates, Bill Coates

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

Service Times April/May

Easter 4 – 21 April

10.30am Baptism and HC
5.00pm Warracknabeal

Easter 5 – 28 April

9.30am Warracknabeal
5.00pm Café Church

Easter 6 – 05 May

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Tuesday – 07 May

5.00pm - Eucharist

Easter 7 – 12 May

9.30am & 5.00pm
11.00am St Mark's Areegra

Pentecost – 19 May

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Trinity – 26 May

9.30am Warracknabeal
5.00pm Café Church

In the foyer of the church are several notices of events that are occurring in the Diocese over the next few weeks. They include:

Concert at the Abbey

3.00pm - 21st April 2024
Benedictine Abbey, Camperdown

Don Huntley Memorial PIANO

RECITAL

3.00pm - Saturday 27th April
Wendouree Arts Centre

"Harvest Picnic" - Great Western

12-3.00pm - Sun 28th April
\$10.00 per person.

St Paul's Bakery Hill - 170th

5.00pm - 5th May

TODAY'S READINGS

EASTER 4

First Reading:

Acts 4:5-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: 'By what power or what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: 'Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

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. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. **(R)**
2. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. **(R)**

3. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **(R)**
4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. **(R)**

Second Reading:

1 John 3:16-24

A reading from the first letter of John

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: if our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: we know it by the Spirit he gave us.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 10:11-18

A reading from the gospel according to John

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERS

Sentence: 'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'I know my own and my own know me.'

Collect: Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



*Baptism is the initial
step of a faithful heart.*

Max Lucado

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20