



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 19
08 October 2023

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal



A heartfelt "THANK YOU" for all who contributed to the ongoing ministry, worship and pastoral care during my leave. So I don't leave anyone out - I'm not going to name you individually: all involved in talking to Bishop's, Locums, Shire representatives; whoever cut the lawns at church and Rectory; refreshments left at Rectory back door; Sacristan duties, morning tea, cleaning, shed building (*while it lasted*), neighbourly visiting, home communion and anything else I have forgotten.

I am really glad to be back at home in Warrack and delighted to be resuming my endeavours within the region. Thank you.

I hope that you've had a very good week!

There is something very reassuring about our daily rhythm - whatever that looks like. In fact, it is probably one of the most important aspects of 'surviving' whatever life has to throw at us - pleasant or otherwise.

I tend to take so much of 'dailyness' for granted - and yet I have been reminded lately that all 'the ancients' held the view that without the 'daily discipline' of pray, work, play, rest - in whatever order one could manage - we were easy targets for distraction, apathy and inefficiency ... that compromised all the good things in our life. Even while away - no matter where I was; I recognised that I needed to establish a rhythm which allowed a man to cope with new places, new language, new map, new money - and all that comes with the privilege of travel.

I hope that as we begin a new 'daylight savings' rhythm, you are able to adjust and find your daily source of nourishment and courage for all that life has to offer. May it be infused with love and peace.

Every blessing, Rev!



When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace.

Jimi Hendrix

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

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

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament^[a] proclaims his

handiwork. ² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. **(R)**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. ⁶ 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)**

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; **(R)**

⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. **(R)**

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression. **(R)**

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. **(R)**

***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!**

Gospel:

Matthew 21:33-46

***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!

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; The Registry; Synod prep;
- For the people of Ukraine;
- For those experiencing tragedy & grief;
 - those known to us in hospital;
 - our friends and families – near and far away;
 - our Boy’s Shed building project
 - Those working in education and students as they commence term 4

Years Mind: Charles Mapstone, Las Garsed, George Lockwood

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

THE PROPER

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.**

Services – October

Pentecost 19 – 8 October

9.30am Eucharist – Warracknabeal
5.00pm - Warracknabeal

Pentecost 20 – 15 October

9.30am Eucharist – Warracknabeal
5.00pm – Warracknabeal

Pentecost 21 – 22 October

9.30am Eucharist – Warracknabeal
5.00pm Café Church - Warracknabeal

Pentecost 22 – 29 October

10.30am Eucharist – Warracknabeal
12.00pm Mission Lunch

NEXT MISSION LUNCH
SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER AT
12.00PM FOLLOWING THE
10.30AM SERVICE.
DONATIONS OF SALADS
PLEASE.