



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

**Lent 2**  
**01 March 2026**

**Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal**  
**11.00am St Mark's Areegra**



Hello everyone! Hope you've had a good week.

*"For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring." [Isaiah 44:3]*

The ABM Lenten Appeal this year - "GIVE WATER. GIVE LIFE." Clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene are basic human rights. They should be available to everyone, everywhere - but they aren't.

The facts are shocking:

- Around the world 1 in 3 people do not have access to safe drinking water.
- 1.5 billion people don't have their own toilet.
- In 80% of water deprived households, women and girls carry the burden of water collection.

We can help change the opportunities and wellbeing of those in Kenya, Vanuatu and Myanmar through ABM's Appeal. To donate: [www.abmission.org/Lent2026](http://www.abmission.org/Lent2026)

I continue to give thanks for the generosity of all who donate food and goods in our laundry baskets to The Christian Emergency Food Centre. This is a significant way to build a stronger community for those really doing it tough. I know that Bev and the team of volunteers are most grateful.

*Peace, Rev James*

Extracts of Letters of  
**Reverend Frederick  
Arthur Booth** –  
First Anglican Priest in  
Warracknabeal.

February 1890

*Page 14:* Two vacancies at the Cathedral in Melbourne – now filled. Arthur sorry he did not apply. Few curacies in Ballarat Diocese – Bishop promised Arthur one.

January 1891

*Page 15:* Opening of the Bangerang Church. Temporary altar made by Arthur. Bishop and Arthur will stay at Bangerang for the night as less distance to Donald the next day (confirmation).

'A good number of good houses in the town now and a good number of nice people are coming to live here.'

Plans of Parsonage finished – run past Mary. Gentleman music teacher now the organist. Opening of St Paul's Cathedral.



## Prayer in the Parish

### **In the Parish & Beyond:**

- +Garry; West Wimmera Deanery;
- For all who have worshipped with us over the last 140 yrs;
- For faithfulness and perseverance; for courage and hope; for love that dispels fear and hatred;
- For our respective Lenten journey's;
- 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 United Nations;
- For our farmers and their families;
- For all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For our neighbours;
- For The Shed Project;
- For our 140 year weekend: 21<sup>st</sup> March High Tea and Liturgical Celebration on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March;
- For all known to us in hospital and our Residential Care facilities;
- For all those we love, near and far away;

**Years Mind:** Joyce WITNEY (2019), Brian MIDDLETON (2001), John BUTLER (2002), Julie RASMUSSEN (2011), Edward OSMOND (1996), Ivan LEHMANN (1998), Percival COATES (1989), Raymond HANN (2010), Sydney RUTHERFORD (1988), Jean WESTERLAND (2006), David TAYLOR (1971)

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

## **Services - 2026**

### **Lent 2 – 01 March 2026**

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

**RSVP – High Tea Tickets**

### **Tuesday – 03 March 2026**

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

### **Friday – 06 March 2026**

2.00pm World Day of Prayer - Lutheran

### **Lent 3 – 08 March 2026**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### **Tuesday – 10 March 2026**

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

### **Lent 4 – 15 March 2026**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### **Tuesday – 17 March 2026**

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

### **140year High Tea – Saturday 21 March**

3.00 for 3.30pm in Parish Centre

### **Sunday 22 March – Lent 5**

**10.30am 140year Liturgical Celebration  
& BBQ Lunch (No 5.00pm)**

### **Tuesday – 24 March 2026**

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

### **Palm/Passion – 29 March 2026**

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

### **Tuesday – 31 March 2026**

5.00pm Eucharist & pot luck supper

### **Maundy Thursday – 02 April**

6.00pm Christian Seder Meal

7.30pm Washing of the Feet Liturgy

### **Good Friday – 03 April**

9.30am Reflections at the Foot of the Cross

### **Easter Sunday – 05 April**

6.00am Lighting of the New Fire

9.30am Easter Celebration

# TODAY'S READINGS

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading:** Genesis 2:15 – 3:1-7

### ***A reading from the book of Genesis***

The Lord had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. 'I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm:** 121:1-8

### ***Response: Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.***

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From whence does my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth. **(R)**
2. He will not let your foot be moved,  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
Behold, he who keeps Israel will  
neither slumber nor sleep. **(R)**
3. The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade on your right  
hand. The  
sun shall not smite you by day,  
nor the moon by night. **(R)**
4. The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep your going out and  
your coming in from this time forth and  
evermore. **(R)**

**Second Reading:** Romans 4:1-5, 4:13-17

### ***A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans***

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about – but not before God. What does Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.' Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

***World Day of Prayer - 06<sup>th</sup> March - Lutheran Church 2.00pm - Country focus Nigeria***

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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**Gospel: John 3:1-17**

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

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.' Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.' 'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!' Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again." The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.' 'How can this be?' Nicodemus asked. 'You are Israel's teacher,' said Jesus, 'and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of

heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.' For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Propers**

**Sentence:** God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

**Collect:** Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THIS IS THE LAST DAY**  
**TO BOOK FOR OUR**  
*High Tea*

at Anglican Parish Centre,  
Warracknabeal Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March:  
3.00 for 3.30pm – \$15.00 per person

**To book tickets (essential):**  
<https://www.trybooking.com/DIJPI>



**Or contact Rev James**