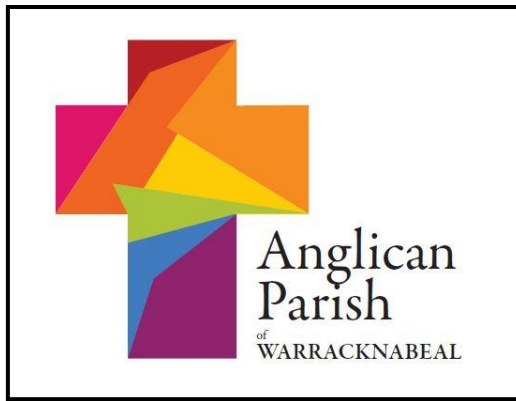




Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Pentecost 16
13 September 2026

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



There's an old saying that apparently comes from a medieval Latin proverb - 'Dum felis dormit, mus gaudet et exsultant'. The literal translation from Latin to English is 'When the cat sleeps, the mouse leaves its hole, rejoicing', also known to us as "while the cat's away, the mice will play."

While the cat (Rev. James) is away for the next 4 Sundays, I'm pretty sure the mice (myself and the parishioners) won't be getting up to any mischief or shenanigans. Hopefully the ship will continue to sail on smooth waters and if it doesn't, well....we will work it out in due course. Feel free to contact me if needed by email or on 0400 332 529.

THE PROPERS

Sentence: If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Collect: O God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Gospel reading this week centres on forgiveness - forgiveness without limit, grounded in the mercy God shows us. It also teaches that people who have been forgiven much should forgive others from the heart. We are blessed beyond measure that we have a God who calls us each by name and loves us as we are. We are blessed beyond measure that we have a God who sacrificed his only begotten Son so that we may be forgiven.

May your week bring you moments that bring you joy and happiness. May you find it in your heart to forgive yourself or others for moments that cause dis-ease or distress.

May your week be blessed, Rev. Fiona



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- For the people of Nepal;
- +Garry; for the 'Board of Electors' Committee as they prepare the process of electing our new Bishop (the prayer for a bishop will reappear next week);
- For our newly elected Parish Councillors, Synod Reps & Safe Church Officer;
- For all who serve in our parish in a variety of ways – seen and unseen;
- 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 all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For our neighbours;
- For those in our Aged Care Facilities;
- For our farmers and their families;
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- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Margaret WOOD (2002), Charles WALKER (1978), Doris MAHNS (1985), Daisy RAUERT (1995), Bertha (Bessie) CASTLE (1991), Revd Conway CRIGAN (1986), Nola Mollison (2021), Roma ROSS (1978), Jean BLACKMAN (1989)

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

Services - 2026

Pentecost 16 – 13 September

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal – HC

Monday 14th September – Rev Fiona

At Café Peppercorn – 9.00-10.30am

Pentecost 17 – 20 September

9.30am Warracknabeal - HC

Pentecost 18 – 27 September

9.30am Warracknabeal – Morning Prayer

Pentecost 19 – 04 October

9.30am Warracknabeal - HC

Pentecost 20 – 11 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

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Pentecost 21 – 18 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 22 – 25 October

9.30am / 5.00pm Café Church Warracknabeal

Nepal Disaster Appeal

Choose your own favourite charity or
[Emergency Action Alliance](#)

The Emergency Action Alliance is a coalition of 15 leading Australian aid charities that run joint, centralised appeals to deliver fast, effective humanitarian assistance during major overseas crises.

A Prayer for a Bishop

+Garry retires on 03 Oct 2026

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese of Ballarat, a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

TODAY'S READINGS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading:

Exodus 14:19-31

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Then the angel of God, who had been travelling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other; so neither went near the other all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, 'Let's get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.' Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing towards it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen – the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the

shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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Response: *The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.*

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. **(R)**
2. He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. Redeems your life from destruction, he crowns you with kindness and compassion. **(R)**
3. He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes. **(R)**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Romans 14:1-14

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall.

And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "Every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God." So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling-block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia**

Gospel:

Matthew 18:21-35

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

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. 'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. 'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go. 'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded. 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back." 'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. 'Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. 'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ