

# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

## Transfiguration 19 February 2023

**Sunday Services: 10.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal**



***"Christianity did not come in order to develop the heroic virtues in the individual but rather to remove selfishness. It is not a matter of improving yourself up to a certain maximum.***

***Why, this can so easily be nothing but selfishness and pride."***

*Søren Kierkegaard*



A very sincere WELCOME to Isabel, Dale and Posie - and Cleo, David and Molly - your God parents, family and friends who have joined us this week for the Baptism service. What an exciting time to rejoice and give thanks to God for the wonder of new life, the celebration of family and the wonderful mystery of water.

Through Baptism - we are invited into the Easter mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection - literally to 'die and rise again' with Jesus through this ancient ritual. God promises Light, Life and Love for all those who choose a relationship with God - and celebrate that in the Christian faith and in this faith community - God stoops to earth to be beside us, and promise never to leave us as we journey through this earthly pilgrimage with each other and those around us. WELCOME!

This week - we also "gird our loins" - for the Lenten pilgrimage to Jerusalem and our wonderful Pascal Feast at Easter. Some traditions suggest that this is a time to deny yourself or 'give up' something special in order to draw closer to God's embrace and love for us. As you will be aware - I think people get distracted by what they 'give up' to the point where they haven't actually 'given it up' but rather held onto it even tighter! God doesn't really get a look in.

I would encourage each of us instead - to take on something extra, however small that will add significance and meaning to your Lenten journey and bring something 'extra' to the world in which we live. AND draw us closer to God. Courage! Rev.



## Prayer in the Parish

### In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; the people in Parish of West Wimmera & Fr Chris Talbot;
- For Molly & Posie & their families and friends;
- For Nola Browell;
- For Fr Nagi Habib;
- For Belinda – undergoing surgery & for a swift recovery;
- For water and all it's blessings; for those experiencing flood trauma & damage;
- For the people of Ukraine;
- For the people of Auckland; Chile; Türkiye; Syria; South Sudan; Democratic Republic of Congo;
- For those experiencing grief;
- For those dealing with misfortune & disappointment;
- For School Captains, House & Sport Captains – and their leadership and example with peers;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For those we love – near and far away;
- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries and milestones;

**Years Mind:** Alice Marshall, Bob Taylor, Leslie Seipolt, Sasha Overall

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

## Services – Feb/March

### Transfiguration – 19 February

10.30am – *Baptism Service*

5.00pm Warracknabeal

### Ash Wednesday – 22 February

5.30pm Warracknabeal

Followed by simple Rectory meal

### Lent 1 – 26 February

10.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

12.00pm Parish Luncheon

### Lent 2 – 05 March

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am Areegra

### Lent 3 – 12 March

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### Lent 4 – 19 March

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Retreat in Daily Life begins

### ASH Wednesday - 22 Feb

5.30pm service & Imposition of Ashes - followed by a simple meal in the Rectory.

RSVP - for catering purposes to Rev James please.

### Parish Luncheon next Sun!

26<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Centre at 12.00pm following our 10.30am morning service. \$25 per person.

Donation of Salads will be welcome. Book now to avoid disappointment.

# TODAY'S READINGS

## TRANSFIGURATION

First Reading :

Exodus 24:12-18

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

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.' Then Moses set out with Joshua his assistant, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. He said to the elders, 'Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.' When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm:

**Response: *Happy are all who take refuge in the Lord***

1. Why are the nations in tumult: and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?

The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers conspire together: against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, 'Let us break their bonds asunder: let us throw off their chains from us.' (R)

2. He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn: the Lord will hold them in derision. Then will he speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury:

'I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.' (R)

3. I will announce the Lord's decree, that which he has spoken: 'You are my son, this day have I begotten you. 'Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance: the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession. 'You may break them with a rod of iron: and shatter them in pieces like a potter's vessel.' (R)

4. Now therefore be wise, O kings: be advised, you that are judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with awe, and govern yourselves in fear and trembling: lest he be angry, and you perish in your course. For his wrath is quickly kindled: Blessed are those that turn to him for refuge. (R)

Second Reading:

2 Peter 1:16-21

### ***A reading from the second book of Peter***

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eye-witnesses of his majesty. He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things.

For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

The word of God is living and infective; discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart. **Alleluia**

**Gospel:**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

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

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. 'Get up,' he said. 'Don't be afraid.' When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, 'Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

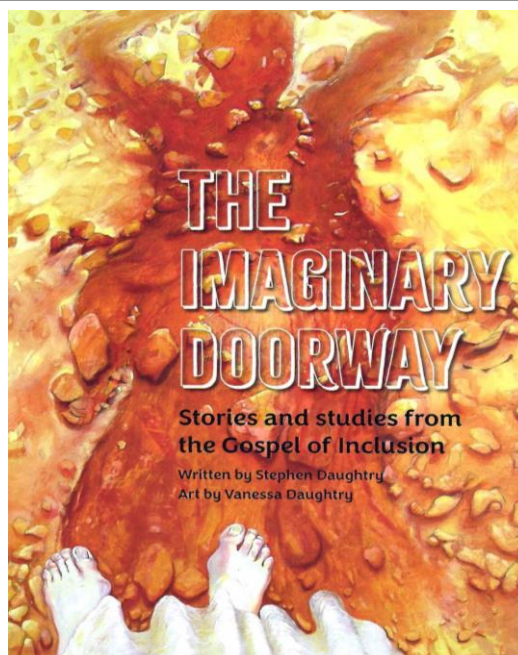
This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## The Propers

**Sentence:** Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!'

**Collect:** O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children: make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



Rev James has 9 Lenten study booklets from ABM – “The Imaginary Doorway”. If you would like a copy – get in touch! (You don't need to attend study to get booklet)

**Lenten study dates:**

**In Rectory – all ages welcome**

Thurs 02 March: 6.00-8.00pm (meal)

Weds 08 March: 4.00-6.00pm

Thurs 16 March: 6.00-8.00pm (meal)

Weds 22 March: 4.00-6.00pm

Tues 28 March: 5.00-7.00pm