



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 21
22 October 2023

Sunday Services: 9.30am HC & 5.00pm Café Church - Warracknabeal



I hope that you've had a good week!

For me, the wheels of rhythm and responsibility are turning quite smoothly at the moment. I am grateful for the 'ground' on which we stand, move and have our being - not littered with debris or rockets or burnt-out cars ... bodies are not strewn along our streets, and there is no wailing in the neighbourhood from inconsolable grief. No sirens. No danger. No earthquakes. No warriors from the neighbouring village about to descend in the middle of the night to rape, pillage and maim our women, children and men.

I dramatize a little, but essentially - what would Jesus do if he was living in Warracknabeal? I wonder if he would philosophize about the 'nature of our human being', water the garden, buy one less steak to make the budget go further ... if you were Jesus for a day - what would you do or how would you respond to the 'state of the world' and her people?

I wonder what he would have to say about the result of our recent Referendum? I wonder how he would help guide us to 'Close the Gap' within our Nation - for those much less advantaged than myself and maybe you also? I wonder what he would have to say about hospitality for those seeking refuge in our country? I wonder what he would say on the floor of Synod if we gave him his allotted time to speak on a motion - I think it's approx. 5 mins - with a right to reply (3 mins)?

I feel almost embarrassed about my 'state of wellbeing' when the world is imploding and exploding and seems to de-value the preciousness of human life and existence - mostly for an ideal. Maybe even a cause in some isolated cases.

How can you and I - as humble and privileged as we may be - be beacons of hope, light and life within our local community that witnesses to God's truth and courage in the face of so much pain? A worthy mission? *Every blessing, Rev.*

Men are cruel, but Man is kind.

Rabindranath Tagore

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; Synod – respectful debate, safe travel, good leadership, gentle humour;
- For the people of Australia & Torres Strait; for our Pacific neighbours;
- For the people of Ukraine;
- For the people of the Middle East;
- For those experiencing injustice, hunger, exploitation, oppression, displacement;
- For those experiencing tragedy & grief;
- For those known to us in hospital;
- Our friends and families – near and far;
- For the Emergency Food Centre;
- For Neighbourhood House;
- For genuine world peace.

Years Mind: Alfred Millard, Kelvin Radford, Ivy Hall, Sally Chapman

Services – Oct/Nov

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

All Saints – 05 November

9.30am & 5.00pm – Warracknabeal
11.00am – Areegra

Pentecost 24 – 12 November

9.30am Eucharist – Warracknabeal
5.00pm – Warracknabeal

Pentecost 25 – 19 November

9.30am & 5.00pm – Warracknabeal

Christ the King – 26 November

9.30am Eucharist – Warracknabeal
5.00pm Café Church - Warracknabeal

The Apostle's ACTION Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore;

This week I will give thanks for someone I love or something I own ...

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

As a follower of Jesus I will bring an attitude of In all I do, so that I can be a better human being.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Guided by the Spirit I will seek to behave with this week to make the world a better place. So be it. (Amen)

TODAY'S READINGS

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading : Exodus 33:12-23

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses said to the Lord , 'You have been telling me, "Lead these people," but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, "I know you by name and you have found favour with me." If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people.' The Lord replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' Then Moses said to him, 'If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?' And the Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.' Then Moses said, 'Now show me your glory.' And the Lord said, 'I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord , in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But,' he said, 'you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.' Then the Lord said, 'There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 106.1-6, 20-24

Response: *Give the Lord glory and honour.*

1. Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **(R)**
2. For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens. **(R)**
3. Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts. **(R)**
4. Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity. **(R)**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message

in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia – your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 22:15-33

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

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the poll-tax to Caesar or not?' But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, 'You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.' They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, 'Whose image is this? And whose inscription?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. Then he said to them, 'So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.' When they heard this,

they were amazed. So they left him and went away. That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. 'Teacher,' they said, 'Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. Finally, the woman died. Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?' Jesus replied, 'You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. But about the resurrection of the dead – have you not read what God said to you, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.' When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching. This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

THE PROPERS

Sentence: Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:

grant that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in proclaiming the cross to be the way that leads to life eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**