



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

**Pentecost 5**  
**02 July 2023**

**Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal**  
**11.00am Areegra**



**Hello Everyone!** I hope that I find you well and in good spirits.

The greatest bike race on the planet is about to begin in France with the prologue in the Basque country of Spain. It would be fair to say that passion for 'Le Tour' compares to religion for some. I wouldn't say I could go that far, however, for many years while I was travelling and during my theological studies in the Nation's Capital - I didn't have a TV. However, for three weeks in July, I would always borrow one to watch the tour and enjoy the sights and combat of battle.

Netflix has a new 8-part series following last year's Tour. If you have the time or inclination - it gives you a 'backroom' insight into the mechanics and dynamics of this amazing event.

The Tour cannot be won - **ALONE!**

The 'eventual' winner has a team of riders around them - who sacrifice energy, the podium, their own health sometimes to ensure that the vision of the 'team' is fulfilled. Glory - is only experienced by the **WHOLE** team. This is not to negate the fact that there is some serious individual effort required by many young men and women (*for the second year*) who have trained and put their bodies on the line to conquer the Tour and its challenges. It is simply brutal. Honest.

Our beloved church - you and I - cannot really enjoy God's blessings and trials **ALONE**. That's the lovely truth about the Gospel, Jesus' actions on earth and the Holy Spirit's promptings to grow and reach-out and bring healing and transformation to a world in so much pain. Our efforts can often seem insignificant and un-glorified. But still we embrace a new day and whatever circumstances we are facing with courage and hopefully a degree of humility - that leads to purpose and meaning and helps us to understand why we walk the earth as we do - in faith, hope and love.

*Every blessing, Rev!*

## Services – July

### Pentecost 5 – 02 July

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

### Pentecost 6 – 09 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### Pentecost 7 – 16 July

10.30am Warracknabeal  
**12.00pm AGM – Sandwich & Soup**

### Pentecost 8 – 23 July

10.30am Warracknabeal  
**12.00pm Mission Lunch**  
5.00pm Café Church

### Pentecost 9 – 30 July

10.30am Warracknabeal



### Parish Annual General Meeting

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 12.00pm  
(following the 10.30am service)  
Soup & Sandwich Lunch

**Soup - will be provided.**

**Please bring sandwiches to share.**

Tea & Coffee also available.

PC Nomination Forms available at back  
of Church.

**We also need to elect three Synod  
Reps for the next three year Synod  
cycle. Please use the same form.**

Talk to Rev or Sarah-Jayne for more  
info!



### **Prayer in the Parish**

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

- +Garry;
- For those who hunger for food;
- For those who thirst for clean water;
- For those who seek peace amidst war & violence and abuse;
- For United Nations, NATO, World Health Organization;
- For the people of Ukraine;
- For the people in the Middle East;
- For those experiencing tragedy & grief;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For those we know who are unwell – in mind, body or heart;
- For our friends and families – near and far away;
- For those who are fighting depression, anxiety, isolation and alienation;
- For those travelling; for those on school holidays;
- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and milestones;
- For our neighbour;
- Thanks for rain and sunshine;

**Years Mind:** Ellis Emmett, Cyril McCross,  
Rex Schulz, Phyllis Lynch

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

# TODAY'S READINGS

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading : Genesis 22:1-14

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

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."<sup>2</sup> He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."<sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.<sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.<sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you."<sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together.<sup>7</sup> Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"<sup>8</sup> Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.<sup>9</sup> When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.<sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill<sup>[a]</sup> his son.<sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."<sup>12</sup> He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

<sup>13</sup> And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.<sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide,"<sup>[b]</sup> as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: 13

**Response: *I will sing to the LORD because he has dealt bountifully with me.***

<sup>1</sup> How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? **(R)**

<sup>2</sup> How long must I bear pain<sup>[a]</sup> in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? **(R)**

<sup>3</sup> Consider and answer me, LORD my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, <sup>4</sup> and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken. **(R)**

<sup>5</sup> But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the LORD because he has dealt bountifully with me. **(R)**

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

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

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires.<sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments<sup>[a]</sup> of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments<sup>[b]</sup> of righteousness.

<sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.<sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations.<sup>[c]</sup> For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### Next MISSION Lunch

23<sup>rd</sup> July at 12.00pm following the  
10.30am service.

Book a table. Bring a friend.

More details next week!

Contact Sandra: 0408 991 235

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; No one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia**

### Gospel:

Matthew 10:40-42

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

<sup>40</sup> "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!**

### THE PROPERS

**Sentence:** The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Collect:** O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our hearts to the needs of your children, and in all things make us obedient to your will, so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift, eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**