

The Anglican Church of Warracknabeal will reopen on 19th July at 10.30am A simple parish lunch will follow this service in the parish centre. If you are able to reply (for catering purposes) this would be great - however - there will be enough for ALL!
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Rev's REVOLUTION – as part of Project REGENERATE

5000kms - 365 days - \$25,000 target - to build the Boys' Shed.
Wheels start rolling - 01 August 2020



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond: +Garry; our Diocesan brothers and sisters; those working with the homeless and disadvantaged; those experiencing financial hardship; Project Regenerate

Community: Front-line health care workers; those living in hard lockdown; those feeling confused & anxious; those facing difficulty & distress; teachers and students

Years Mind: Alwyn Manzel, Campbell Jones, Betty Johnson, Dorothy Livingston

Indigenous lives matter!

In Australia and around the world.

Pentecost 6 YouTube from Rev:

"Parable of the Sower"
<https://youtu.be/3yURDrTvMgg>

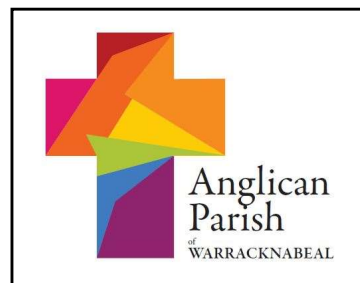
Bishop Garry's YouTube message:

"Proverbs"
<https://youtu.be/LwSCYjnCD38>

PARISH AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal will take place on **Sunday 23rd August at 11.00am following the Sunday service.**

Please start preparing your reports for distribution and claim the date in your diary. Let's create a fun atmosphere as we conduct our parish business and look ahead to promote Project REGENERATE and associated mission and ministry objectives.



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 6
12th July 2020

Hello everyone!

"Serj, I reckon you can handle the editorial while I'm away." What was Rev thinking? What do I have to say that you want to hear? Rev goes on holidays; a second wave of COVID-19 restrictions hits Melbourne; the ability to resume services on July 19, now seems uncertain...but we remain hopeful.

It is too easy to point fingers and blame a handful of people for doing the wrong thing, making wrong/uninformed choices and contributing to the current situation...instead let's reflect on how lucky we are here in the Wimmera. Let's always be grateful for our wide open spaces and not having to worry about physical distancing on crowded streets; for good medical advice in a language we understand and the advantage of resources that don't limit how often we need to leave our homes. There may be many things that the Pandemic has altered in our lives but there is still so much to be grateful for. Always look for those things, be thankful and show gratitude.

Piglet



NOTICED THAT EVEN THOUGH HE HAD A VERY SMALL HEART, IT COULD HOLD A RATHER LARGE AMOUNT OF gratitude.

~ Winnie the Pooh

"If plan A doesn't work, the alphabet has 25 more letters —
204 if you're in Japan." — Claire Cook

TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 6

First Reading : Genesis 25:19-34

A reading from the Book of Genesis

This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, 'Why is this happening to me?' So she went to enquire of the Lord. The Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the elder will serve the younger.' When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them. The boys grew up, and Esau became a skilful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, 'Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!' (That is why he was also called Edom.) Jacob replied, 'First sell me your birthright.' 'Look, I am about to

die,' Esau said. 'What good is the birthright to me?' But Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

Response: *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

1. You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it.
God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain. (R)
2. Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, softening it with showers, blessing its yield. (R)
3. You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; the untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills. (R)
4. The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain.
They shout and sing for joy. (R)

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by

sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever.

Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

That same day Jesus went out of the

house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.' 'Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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