

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

All Saints
03 November 2024

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



Hello Everyone! How has your week been?

How lucky are we?

Call it 'luck' maybe, others would say circumstance, and others just the way it is! The biggest unreported crisis on the planet at the moment is The Sudan.

26 million people are facing desperate food shortage.

13.5 million of these people are literally starving to death.

In April 2023, war erupted and continues to this day. The war has claimed more than 15,000 lives, and the United Nations has called this situation one of the world's "*largest displacement crises*" - about nine million people have been forced to flee their homes.

It is a sobering reality - which no-one seems able to effectively alter, change or respond to. Warring chiefs and power-hungry personalities continue to manipulate and seek control - meanwhile the people perish. The people always perish - when their basic rights to food, shelter and safety are compromised.

This weekend, we celebrate ALL the Saints of earth who have been faithful followers of Jesus Christ throughout the centuries. Saints who taught, challenged, fed, clothed, hospitalized, revolutionized and showed what is truly possible as part of their daily reality and faithfulness to God. It's as simple as that. No-one gets born a saint. Or do we? Maybe we are ALL born as saints, and the worldly realities we face from early on in our lives mask our true identity. But that would be silly wouldn't it. Saints are born with something special?

I don't think so. Saints are invited to live deeply in the presence of God here on earth - as we are; toiling in the dust and circumstances of all that life throws at us. What will be your 'saintly' actions this week that can transform a friend, a cause, a reality far from our own, or the person who faces you in the mirror?

Every blessing, Rev James

Project REGENERATE. Renew PEOPLE. Revive PROJECTS. Restore PLACE

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For the Vicar General; for Bishop-in-Council; for Property & Finance Comm;
- For the Ballarat Deanery;
- For St Paul's Ballarat; Diocesan Missionary Council; Dioceses of Armidale and Bathurst;
- For seasonal weather; good hay; content farmers and their families;
- For the leaders of all Nations, those with influence to act for the Common Good;
- For the people of Sudan; for
- For the people of USA;
- For those who hunger for food; For those who thirst for water; For those seeking shelter and refuge and asylum;
- For all who are grieving;
- For Peace for all in the face of war; for justice for all who face persecution; for courage, for all who face exploitation;
- For all known to us in hospital; for those known to us who are unwell;
- For our Parish Council, our Wardens, and good governance in our Parish;
- For Project Regenerate – as we continue to proclaim the Gospel, offer pastoral care and insight; for all our parish activities and endeavours – seen and unseen;
- For gratitude for those we love near and far away;

Years Mind: Henry Mercer, Thomas Fimmel, Margaret Boschen.

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

Service Times Nov

All Saints – 03 November

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

Pentecost 25 – 10 November

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Tuesday 12 November

5.00pm Eucharist

Pentecost 26 – 17 November

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Christ the King – 24 November

9.30am Warracknabeal
5.00pm Café Church

Parish Council Meeting – 26 November

7.00pm refreshments/7.30pm meeting

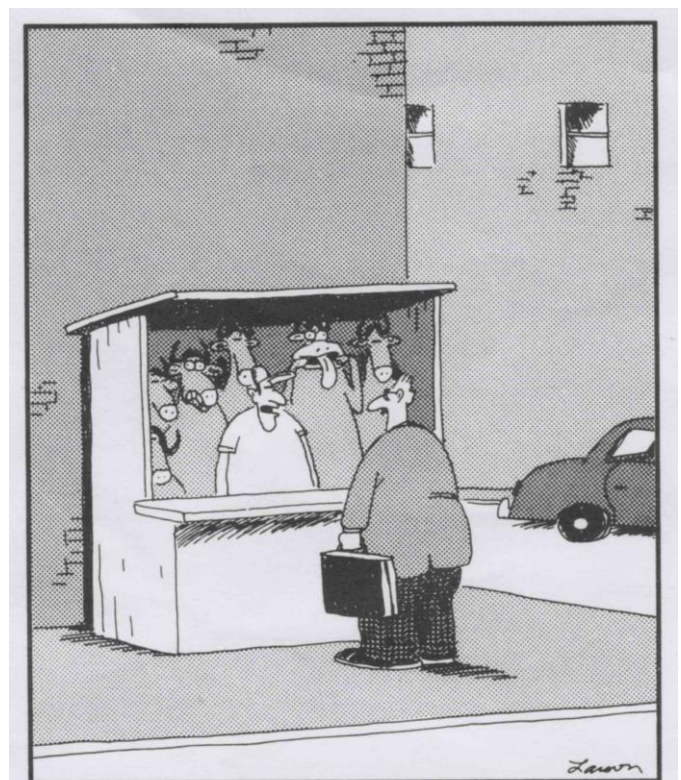
Next Parish Lunch: 01 December – 12.00pm

One service ONLY at 10.30am

ADVENT

Advent 1 – 01 December

10.30am Warracknabeal
12.00 – Parish Lunch
6.00pm Prelude to Christmas – Catholic Church



“Well, I've got good gnus and I've got bad gnus.”

TODAY'S READINGS

ALL SAINTS DAY

First Reading:

Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine – the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say, 'Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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Response: Lord, this is the people that longs to your see your face

1. The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it: the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas: and established it upon the waters. **(R)**

2. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord: or who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart: who have not set their soul upon idols, nor sworn their oath to a lie. **(R)**

3. They shall receive blessing from the Lord: and recompense from the God of their salvation.

Of such a kind as this are those who seek him: those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **(R)**

4. Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory?: the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. **(R)**

5. Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory?: the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Revelation 21:1-6a

A reading from the book of Revelation

Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.' He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.' He said to me: 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 11:32-44

A reading from the gospel according to John

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 'Where have you laid him?' he asked. 'Come and see, Lord,' they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 'Take away the stone,' he said. 'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.' Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory

of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERS

Sentence: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false; they will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Collect: We praise you, heavenly Father, that you have knit together your chosen ones in one communion and fellowship in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

[Christmas is Coming](#)

Rev will be running the Useful Gift Shop in the parish in the lead-up to Christmas again. More info in the pew sheet in following weeks. If you would like a sneaky peek:
www.usefulgifts.org