



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Easter 5
15 May 2022

Hello Everyone!

This Sunday: 10.30am - Christ Church - Holy Communion
12.00pm - Parish Luncheon
5.00pm - HC - Parish Centre



My heart continues to grieve deeply for the Ukraine conflict. So much pain.

People keep saying - "War is ugly." I think this is a gross understatement with the reports that keep reminding us of the consequences of 'fear' and 'greed' and 'fundamentalism' gone terribly, terribly wrong. When did fighting for an 'ideal' become a legitimate reason for genocide, to maim and oppress a people already economically and socially disadvantaged.

Where is the rest of the world?

It seems to me like we're yelling "fight, fight, fight" from the 'schoolyard' arena as we offer more and more equipment that will maim, kill ... whose responsibility is it to step in and say STOP! Is it not our place to protect the vulnerable? To stand-up against a bully? To confront violence at its very core: in the heart of our human being?

I wonder how they are dealing with 'fear', 'greed' and 'fundamentalism' at General Synod this week? Whose responsibility is it to say 'STOP!' - to prejudice, emotional violence and Christian Pharisee-ism? I'd love Jesus to turn up and tell a parable or two.

I wonder how we as a parish can help the families of the children who turned up to school on Tuesday morning without breakfast and without hot water in their house because the 'gas is out'? Where is Jesus when you need him? Go to the mirror?

I'd like to think that my vote really mattered next weekend - and it will! Hmmm...

I hope amidst the noise of the world - you continue to hear '*the Creator of the Universe speak to you!*' To know how treasured you are. To know you are capable of loving and being loved - as God intended.

Every blessing, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; General Synod & delegates;
- For all the people of Ukraine;
- For all the European Union and all who lead her in troubled times;
- For the people of Russia;
- For humanitarian aid across the world – and for all in refugee camps;
- For all who are hungry for food, thirsty for water, seeking shelter;
- For all those displaced by war, violence, exploitation and all forms of injustice;
- For all disadvantaged through economic, social or physical difficulties;
- For all experiencing depression;
- For all our Pacific neighbours;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For those in hospital; those receiving home care and assistance;
- For all in our Aged Care facilities;
- For our neighbours – front, back and sides – for community harmony;

Years Mind: Derek Close, Carl Adler, Thelma Hose, Mary Ridoutt

Wood Raffle

Sincere thanks to all those who braved the cold last Friday and Saturday to sell raffle tickets at IGA. We raised \$927.80. All proceeds to Project Regenerate - Phase II
Raffle Winner: Natalie McDonald.
Thanks to Russell & Alison for supplying the wood.

Easter Services

Easter 5 – 15 May

10.30am Warracknabeal
12.00pm Parish Luncheon
5.00pm Parish Centre
6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Easter 6 – 22 May

9.30am Warracknabeal
5.00pm – Cafe Church
8.30-12.30 – Coffee Van

POSTPONED
Friday – 27 May
Church Treasure Auction
6.00pm for 6.30pm - Parish Centre

Ascension – 29 May

10.30am Warracknabeal
One Service only

Parish Treasure Auction

Our Auction planned for the end of May had to be postponed for a number of reasons. The Auction Team are putting in some serious hours in getting everything ready for a fantastic event. Please stay tuned, and spread the word etc that it will be SOON!

Mission!

Start small!! Start here! Start now!

Does anyone have any photos of past Parish priests in action?

Please contact Sandra:
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TODAY'S READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading:

Acts 11:1-8

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him and said, 'You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.' Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. Then I heard a voice telling me, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." 'I replied, "Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth." 'The voice spoke from heaven a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again. 'Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, "Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved." 'As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: "John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." So if God gave them the same

gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?' When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, 'So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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Response: *Heaven and earth are filled with your glory*

1. Praise the Lord from the heavens.
praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels,
praise him, all his host! **(R)**
2. Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and maidens together,
old men and children! **(R)**
3. Let them praise the name of the
Lord, for his name alone is
exalted; his glory is above earth
and heaven. **(R)**
4. He has raised up a horn for his
people, praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are
near to him. Praise the Lord! **(R)**

Second Reading:

Revelation 21:1-6

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.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 13:31-35

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

When he was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come. 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus

Parish Council meets - Tuesday 24th May

Items will include AGM Budget considerations, Project Regenerate initiatives and vision and mission objectives. All welcome!

The Propers

Sentence: The lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Collect: Gracious God, you sent Jesus, the good shepherd, to gather us together: may we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Cafe Church - next Sunday
22 May@5.00pm**

Cafe Church is an informal and fun way to gather for fellowship, simple worship and engaging conversation. Get to know your parish neighbour.

Bring a friend.

Explore in a gentle way how God has an impact on our lives, as we seek to follow Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is an opportunity to be nourished with food and friendship.

Bring a plate. Suitable for the **WHOLE** family!

COFFEE VAN – next Sunday 22 May

8.30-12.00pm at the Warracknabeal Visitor Centre: Come and have a brew – catch up with friends. Support our Project Regenerate Coffee Van and our amazing young people who volunteer their time to be the 'Anglican Church on the Street'.

Thanks to Prue & the Team!