



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost
08 June 2025

Sunday Service: 9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal



Happy Birthday Everybody! I hope that you've had a good week.

Here in the 'west' we have much to 'lose'.

I am often struck by people who have travelled to less developed countries and their usual remark is something like, *"They have absolutely nothing, but they seem to be so happy."* Why are 'we' so full of discontent? Why do so many struggle when it seems that 'we' and 'they' have so much? What are the 'stumbling blocks' that seem to get in the way of harmony and unity (*not uniformity*) within our communities - social, physical and regional?

I know that I've said it before - if we have food in your fridge, clothes on our back, a roof over our head and a place to sleep - we are richer than 75 percent of the world. If we have money in our bank, our wallet, and some spare change - we are among 8 percent of the world's wealthy.

The Holy Spirit doesn't do a 'means test' before we receive the benefits of God's Grace and mercy. The Holy Spirit does not consider the colour of our skin or the postcode of our current residence (*or residences*). The Holy Spirit does not even judge our actions - today, yesterday, or ten years ago.

The Holy Spirit or 'Advocate' - *"the 'One' who hears the 'cry'"* - of anyone willing and courageous enough to do so. An open heart to receive God's love, a longing or yearning for peace and solace, a challenging word or action to stand up for someone else ... the Holy Spirit is ready, waiting, expectant and extravagant! God's true Nature!

This Pentecost season - which 'stumbling blocks' do you need to remove to be more at peace within and without?

This Pentecost season - which aspect of God would you like to know better in order to strengthen your faith and conviction in the God who really cares?

This Pentecost season - which person or organization would you like to reach out to - to make the world a better place?

Every blessing, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- +Scott, Felicity and Cecelia; for a quick recovery from surgery;
- for our new Registrar Anthony Mould and family;
- For our Southern Deanery sisters and brothers of faith;
- For our sisters and brothers on the Asian Continent; for our Pacific neighbours;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and homeless or displaced;
- For all known to us in hospital and our Residential Care Facilities;
- For all those we love, near and far away;
- For our farmers and their families;

Years Mind: Lorna BARTLETT (2008), DAVID McLEISH (1986), Jean POTTER (2005), Valerie HANSBERRY (2009), Betty ALLEN (2018), Vivien ADLER (2011), Heather STEED (2024), Gwennweth JACKSON (2002), Lily REDMOND (1990), Catherine PARSONS (1995), Victor MENZEL (2014)

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

The Christian Emergency Food Centre in Horsham REALLY (*immediately*) NEEDS:

Cereals – especially Weetbix & Vitabrits;
Long-life milk; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; 2min noodles; Canned fruit, toiletries and
Cake Mix.

Thank you for your generosity!

Service Times June/July

Pentecost – 08 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Trinity Sunday – 15 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 2 – 22 June

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

Pentecost 3 – 29 June

10.30am Warracknabeal

One Service Only

Pentecost 4 – 06 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am – Home church Areegra

Tuesday 08 July

5.00pm Eucharist

6.00pm 140yr Consultation

Pentecost 5 – 13 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Parish 140 year celebration - 2026

Our first community consultation took place in the Parish Centre on Tuesday. Here's a brief summary:

1. *High Tea on Saturday 21st March 2026 in Parish Centre. A formal occasion with history, Bishop, entertainment and Blessing.*
2. *Church Liturgical Celebration on Sunday 22nd March 2026 with lunch to follow.*
3. *Easter Sunday Liturgical Celebration.*
4. *Shed Project Opening - November or December 2025.*

All dates are set, but details remain 'fluid' at the moment. Next consultation: 08 July - 6.00pm. Comments or ideas to Rev James.

TODAY'S READINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading :

Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalms:

104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

Response: *Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! How manifold are your works,
O LORD! the earth is full of your creatures; **(R)**

2. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD. **(R)**
3. If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Romans 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia!**

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

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit "If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask

the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Creator God of love,

All time and every place is your gift.

We thank you that you have blessed our Diocese for the last 150 years, even when we have failed in our high calling to herald your kingdom.

Your forgiveness, love and peace sustained generations of our forebears,

And we rejoice that you still bless us and invite us to work with you to build justice, hope and love in Western Victoria.

Inspire us with a new vision and new energy as we face the future, and help us to trust and commit to the humble serving path of Jesus, guided by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PROPERS

Sentence: God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Collect: O God, who in smoke and fire upon Mount Sinai gave the law to Moses, and who revealed the new covenant in the fire of the Spirit: grant, we pray, that, kindled by that same Spirit which you poured forth upon your apostles, we may fulfil with joy your commandment of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**