

# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

**Pentecost 23**  
**27 October 2024**

**Sunday Services:**            9.30am Warracknabeal  
   5.00pm Café Church - Parish Centre



***Hello Everyone! How has your week been?***

Time stands still for no man (or woman if you are one!) I can't get my head around just how quickly the days seem to be flying ... I've talked about this before - and it's absurd in many ways because the hands of the clock haven't changed. Suddenly it'll be Christmas, AND I've already seen a flyer for next year's Easter celebrations in town at the butchers! Someone is organized.

I remain saddened by the state of many parts of our world. I worry about the influence that Putin seems to have on a couple of 'like-minded' megalomaniacs around the globe. Israel, from my point of view, has gone further than declaring a 'right to defend themselves' - to all out aggression and destruction. Their wanton attacks on children, schools and hospitals is outrageous. War is not pretty - I get that, however, even in our modern age the 'Declaration of Human Rights' remains a cornerstone of International accountability. We all need to be reminded of its contents and its desire for ALL PEOPLE on planet earth to be afforded the basic respect and dignity denied to so many currently.

Even in Australia, the intimidation and abuse of people who have come from further shores because of the colour of their skin or cultural ethnicity is simply disgusting. I have no time for this behaviour. There is no excuse for it whatsoever! We really must step up as a society to ensure that all members of our society can make a contribution to the Australia we all are grateful for. It saddens me deeply, that our First Nations People have to fight so hard for recognition in their own land - this land we share. It is time to listen. It is time to be gracious. It is time to act.

To act differently. To act with justice. To act with tenderness and compassion. To act courageously to dispel myths and misinformation. To act for a better society.

I think God would be appalled. I hope that we can be a beacon of light this week in all we do and say and think.

Every blessing, Rev James

## Prayer in the Parish

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

- +Garry;
- For the Vicar General; for Bishop-in-Council; for Property & Finance Comm;
- For our West Wimmera Deanery; for Locums ministering in the Deanery;
- 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 Ukraine, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen & Türkiye;
- For the people of USA;
- For those who hunger for food; For those who thirst for water; For those seeking shelter from violence, exploitation, and injustice of any kind;
- For all who are grieving;
- For Peace in our world; for peace in our hearts; for peace in our homes;
- 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;
- For our Spring wonder and delight;

**Years Mind:** Ivy McPhail, Peggy Bourke, Maurice Hall, Bruce Kennedy, June Hardingham.

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

## Service Times Oct/Nov

### Pentecost 23 – 27 October

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

### 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

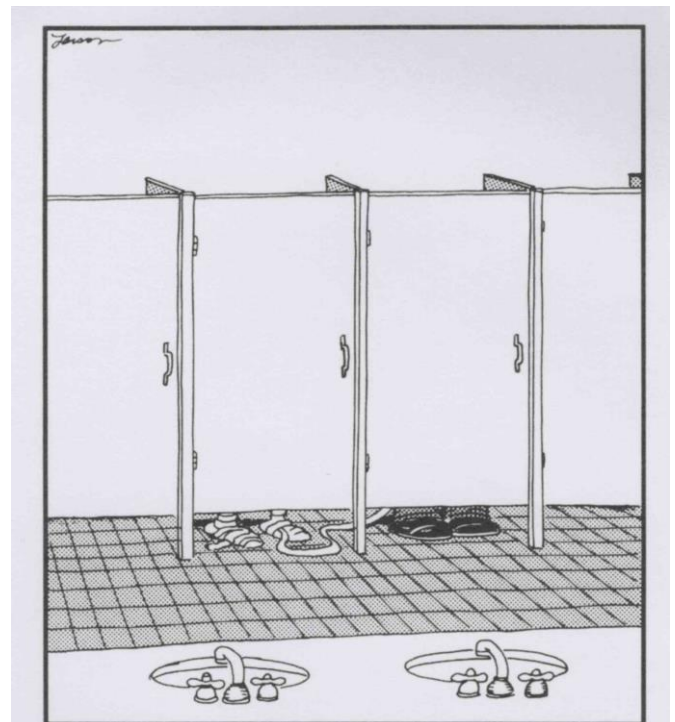
5.00pm Café Church

### Parish Council Meeting – 26 November

7.00pm refreshments/7.30pm meeting

### Next Parish Dinner: 01 December – 12.00pm

One service ONLY at 10.30am



It was an innocent mistake, but nevertheless, a moment later Maurice found himself receiving the full brunt of the mummy's wrath.

# TODAY'S READINGS

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading:

Job 23:1-9,16-17

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

Then Job replied to the Lord : 'I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, "Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?" Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. 'You said, "Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me." My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.' After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before. All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the Lord had brought on him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. And he also had seven sons and three daughters. The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch. Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. And so Job died, an old man and full of years.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm:

34:2-9

### **Response: *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord***

1. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad. **(R)**
2. Glorify the LORD with me, Let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me And delivered me from all my fears. **(R)**
3. Look to him that you may be radiant with joy. And your faces may not blush with shame. When the afflicted man called out, the LORD heard, And from all his distress he saved him. **(R)**
4. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them. Taste and see how good the LORD is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him. **(R)**

Second Reading:

7:21-

### ***A reading from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews***

But he became a priest with an oath when God said to him: 'The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest for ever."' Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant. Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives for ever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest truly meets our need – one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect for ever.

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### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia! Alleluia!** Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 10:46-52

### A reading from the gospel according to Mark

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means 'son of Timaeus'), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more,

'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him.' So they called to the blind man, 'Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you.' Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. 'What do you want me to do for you?' Jesus asked him. The blind man said, 'Rabbi, I want to see.' 'Go,' said Jesus, 'your faith has healed you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### THE PROPERS

**Sentence:** The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

**Collect:** O God, you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing, and in your Son you have given us a High Priest who has offered the true sacrifice for us and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness: hear the cry of your people and lead us home to our true country, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Café Church this Sunday - 5.00pm

Bring a plate. Bring a friend.