

# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

**Easter 4**  
**11 May 2025**

**Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal**



**Hello Everyone! I hope your week has been fulfilling.**

*[M. Scott Peck writes: from 'The Different Drum.']*

"A monastery had fallen on hard times. The few old monks who remained longed to see their once great order revived. They sought advice from a rabbi who regularly prayed in a hermitage in the wood nearby. The only advice he could offer was, *"The Messiah is one of you."*

The monks pondered this strange insight.

"Do you suppose he meant the Abbott? Yes, he probably meant Father Abbott ... On the other hand, he might have meant Brother Thomas. Certainly Brother Thomas is a holy man. Certainly he could not have meant Brother Elred! Elred gets crotchety at times. But come to think of it, even though he is a thorn in people's sides, when you look back on it, Elred is virtually always right ... But surely not Brother Phillip. Phillip is so passive, a real nobody. But then, almost mysteriously, he has a gift for somehow always being there when you need him ... maybe Phillip is the Messiah. Of course the rabbi didn't mean me ... I'm just an ordinary person. Yet supposing he did? Suppose I am the Messiah. O God, not me. I couldn't be that much for you, could I?"

As they contemplated in this manner, the old monks began to treat each other with extraordinary respect. On the off chance that each monk himself might be the Messiah, they began to treat themselves with extraordinary respect."



**"Christ be with you, Christ within you, Christ behind you, Christ before you, Christ beside you, Christ to win you, Christ to comfort and restore you, Christ beneath you, Christ above you, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in mouth of friend or stranger."** *[St Patrick's 'Breastplate']*

*Blessings, Rev James*

## Prayer in the Parish

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

- +Garry; +Scott; for the Registry staff;
- For our sisters and brothers on the Asian Continent;
- For Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give. 2025-2026 – 140 years!
- For peace; for good governance; for our Creation; for our Oceans & Rivers;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and homeless or displaced;
- For those who face the fear of war and violence and oppression;
- For all known to us in hospital and our Residential Care Facilities;
- For our schools and Kindergardens in the region; for their staff and support; for all who encourage education;
- For all our families & friends; our neighbours;
- For all those we love, near and far away;
- For Roman Catholic Church and all her people; for Pope Leo and all in positions of authority and influence;
- For our farmers and their families;

**Years Mind:** Robyn IZZARD (1993), Betty KENT (2002), John SHELL (1986), Nora DULTON (1988), Lloyd TARRANT (1991) Margaret KENNEDY (2019), Ada BLACK (1991), Jeffrey KAY (2003), Phyllis NUSKE (2005), Dorothy SMITH (2005)

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

## Service Times May-June

### Easter 4 – 11 May

9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal

### Easter 5 – 18 May

9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal

### Easter 6 – 25 May

9.30am- Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

### Tuesday 27 May

7.00pm/7.30pm Parish Council

### Easter 7 – 01 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

### Tuesday – 03 June

5.00pm Eucharist

### 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*

### **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.**

# TODAY'S READINGS

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**First Reading:**

**Acts 9: 36-43**

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

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became ill and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, 'Please come at once!' Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood round him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning towards the dead woman, he said, 'Tabitha, get up.' She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:**

**100**

***Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.***

1. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the lands! serve the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing! **(R)**
2. Know that the LORD is God; it is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. **(R)**
3. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. **(R)**

**Second Reading:**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

### ***A reading from the Revelation to John***

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.' All the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying: 'Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!' Then one of the elders asked me, 'These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?' I answered, 'Sir, you know.' And he said, 'These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. \_\_\_\_\_'

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Therefore, 'they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. "Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them," nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; "he will lead them to springs of living water." "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

**John 10:22-30**

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

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered round him, saying, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'


**This is the gospel of the Lord**

***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

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