

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Baptism of the Lord

11 January 2026

Sunday Services: 9.30am Warracknabeal



Hello everyone!

I hope that your New Year has started well!

I also hope that you are getting some time to relax and take stock of what you would like to explore, accomplish and sustain in 2026.

Maybe you have decided to focus on some of the essentials for your wellbeing and happiness?

Maybe there are some special goals which you will endeavour to achieve throughout the year?

Maybe there are activities and people you would like to re-connect with?

Whatever technique you use to identify what you'd like to 'get up to' - one of the most important questions to ask is, "WHY?" What is the purpose behind that goal or endeavour ... that gives me motivation to continue when 'stumbling blocks' appear. We cannot always see the future and this purpose then helps us to take notice of the 'signals' and not just the 'noise.'

This leads to an important but underrated skill - flexibility. How we adapt our goals and if necessary change our approach to achieving those things in life that are important to us - can never be underrated. Often there is so much more to learn than we first imagined, and if we have been willing to 'push ourselves a little' or venture out of our 'comfort zone' - we will need this flexibility when life throws a curve ball or something comes from left-field which was NOT part of the plan.

How would you like to grow in your relationship with God this year?

What would you like to understand more about who Jesus was to deepen your faith? How can you and I be more effective in our 'witness' in word or action?

If God was to grant you one wish/one prayer for 2026 - what would it be?

Peace, Rev.





Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; Registry; Property & Finance;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and seeking shelter around the globe;
- For global stability; for all those who face the consequences of megalomaniac behaviour; for those experiencing poverty;
- For the Leaders of all Nations; for those of influence to act for the common good; for United Nations;
- For our farmers and their families;
- For all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For all on holidays, travelling and visiting this Christmas Season;
- For all visitors to our town; for those experiencing new circumstances this New Year; for those travelling or living many miles from 'home';
- For a fresh chances to set goals and cast a vision for 2026;
- For all known to us in hospital and our Residential Care facilities;
- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Marie WOOD (2020), Agnes FORSYTH (1995), Marie SHELL (1996), William PRICE (1999), Anthony REES (1998), Albert NICHOLSON, Garry EZARD (1986), Mavis EZARD (1996), Donald TAYLOR, Lorna FREELAND (2017)

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

Services - 2026

Baptism of our Lord – 11 January 2026

9.30am Warracknabeal

Epiphany 2 – 18 January 2026

9.30am Warracknabeal

Epiphany 3 – 25 January 2026

10.30am Warracknabeal (with Baptism)

12.00 Simple Parish Lunch

Epiphany 4 – 01 February 2026

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

Epiphany 5 – 08 February 2026

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

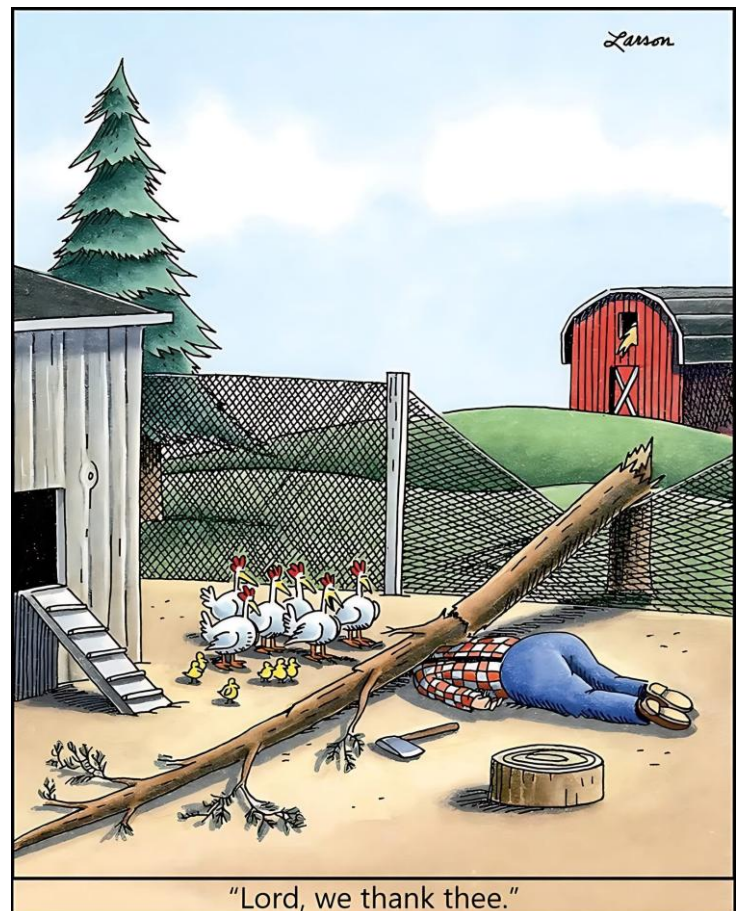
Transfiguration – 15 February 2026

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Market Day at Christ Church – 21 February

140year High Tea – 21 March

140year Liturgical Celebration – 22 March



TODAY'S READINGS

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

First Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

'Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.' This is what God the Lord says – the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: 'I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. 'I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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Response: *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

1. Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise, Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire. (R)
2. The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters.

The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic. (R)

3. The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever. (R)

Second Reading:

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 3:13-17

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.' Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'

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

The Propers

Sentence: A voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased

Collect: Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptised into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Anglican Parish of
Warracknabeal
invite you to join us for
High Tea

at Anglican Parish
Centre, Warracknabeal
to celebrate
140 years of
Prayer, Praise and
Proclamation in the
Wimmera.

Saturday 21st March:
3.00 for 3.30pm
\$15.00 per person
RSVP 01 March, 2026

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