



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

## Pentecost 3

### 13 June 2021

**Church services will run as normal this Sunday!**

**9.30am - Christ Church**

**11.00am St Mark's Areegra**

**5.00pm - Parish Centre**

***We will need to adhere the 4m square rule and wear masks.***

**Sr Joan Chittister writes;**

**"The burning need to find more"**

Religion is meant to be a light, sign, watermark, path. Religion becomes a map to a place that no one has ever been. But the going on is up to me. And the way I go on is my spirituality. For some, spirituality lies in the awareness of God in nature. For some, the cosmic God emerges through a life of service. For others spirituality involves the development of meditative states that open the door to the nothingness that our complex and complicated lives otherwise obstruct. But for everyone, spirituality is not what we do to satisfy the requirements of a religion; it is the way we come into contact with the Holy. However we do it, whatever form or shape it takes—the mantra of devotions, the rhythms of nature, the faces of the other, the mysterious nothingness of deep meditation—spirituality makes real what religion talks about.

Religion is meant to bring us to spirituality. But spirituality brings everyone to religion, as well. Some people who haven't gone to church for years are still very tied to it in psychological ways and never go beyond it. Others go to church or services every week and know that though their bodies are one place, their souls are another. Many go to church, but go other places, too, in order to satisfy the spiritual needs in them that their churches do not. What forms us lives in us forever. The important thing is that it not be allowed to stunt our growth.

Ironically, we often forget the very attitude most essential to the spiritual search: God is greater than religion. God is the spirit within us that calls us to the deep, conscious living of a spiritual life. God is the question that drives us beyond facile answers. God is the invisible vision that drives us to the immersion of the self in God. Religion is the mooring of the soul. Spirituality is its lodestone. Religion is, at best, external. Spirituality is the internal distillation of this externalized witness to the divine. Spirituality is what galvanizes us to do more than go through the motions. It spurs us to fill up the lack we feel within us. It is the desire for wholeness that evades us. It is the burning need to find the more.

[[Called to Question](#) by Joan Chittister (Sheed & Ward)]



### **Prayer in the Parish**

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

- +Garry;
- For the rain – and if we're bold enough for quite a bit more!;
- Fr Charles Helms; Margaret Thompson; Margaret Dart;
- Our Parish Councillors;
- Project Regenerate;

#### **Community:**

- For all our farming families;
- For all in aged care, and those who care for residents and staff;
- For all those feeling frustrated; angry; depressed; hopeful; grateful;
- All COVID consequences;

**Years Mind:** Dorothy Taylor, Ernest Jonasson, David Potter, Mick McMaster, Ernest Mansfield, Richard Forsyth

## **Service Times June/July**

### **Pentecost 3 – 13 June**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal  
11.00 – Areegra

### **Pentecost 4 – 20 June**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal  
2.00pm Dunmunkle Lodge, Minyip  
6.00pm SHINE

### **Pentecost 5 – 27 June**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal  
8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van

### **Pentecost 6 – 04 July**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal  
11.00 – Areegra

### **Pentecost 7 – 11 July**

10.30am Warracknabeal  
*ONE SERVICE ONLY*



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# TODAY'S READINGS

## PENTECOST 3

First Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

### ***A reading from the first book of Samuel***

Then Samuel left for Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah of Saul. Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.' But Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.' The Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.' Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, 'Do you come in peace?' Samuel replied, 'Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.' Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, 'The Lord has not chosen this one either.' Jesse then made Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, 'Nor has the

Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' So he asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' 'There is still the youngest,' Jesse answered. 'He is tending the sheep.' Samuel said, 'Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.' So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; this is the one.' So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

This is the word of the Lord.

### **Thanks be to God**

Psalm:

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### **Response: *The Lord my rock, in whom is no unrighteousness***

1. How good to give thanks to the Lord:  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High **(R)**
2. To declare your love in the morning:  
and at night to sing of your faithfulness,  
Upon the lute, upon the lute of ten strings:  
and to the melody of the lyre. **(R)**
3. For in all you have done, O Lord,  
you have made me glad:  
I will sing for joy because of the works of  
your hands. **(R)**
4. Lord, how glorious are your works:  
your thoughts are very deep. **(R)**

***A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians***

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due to us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent and believe in the Gospel.

**Alleluia**

**Gospel: Mark 4:26-34**

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

He also said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know

how. All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. As soon as the corn is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.' Again he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.' With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**THE PROPERS**

**Sentence:** In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

**Collect:** Almighty God, without you we are unable to please you: mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Rev's YouTube message**

**Pentecost 3**

Honour the Small Things

<https://youtu.be/e38yX-BJOVw>

Bishop Garry's 58<sup>th</sup> Instalment  
YouTube message - Pentecost 2

"Lord of the Flies"

<https://youtu.be/Ny2laRr77Ug>