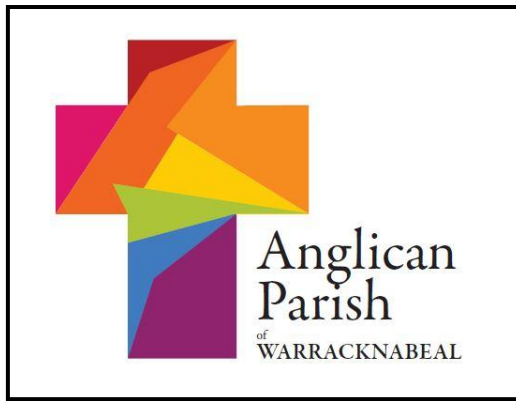




Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Pentecost 6

05 July 2026

Hello Everybody! I hope that you've had a good week!



"Come to me - all you who are carrying heavy burdens ..." says the Lord ...

I can think of so many of our sisters and brothers around the world who would accept Jesus' invitation for genuine rest, even a 'portion' of the Lord's Peace, and if they weren't feeling too greedy - a return to justice right here and right now.

I have to remind myself - just how good we have it in our rural part of the world and its relative ease compared to many who are suffering and forgotten and under-valued by the leaders of the Nations.

I have often reflected on my priestly role over the years - not as one who has to 'solve the problems of the world' (even though I gave it a crack for a time when I thought that was what I was called to do (ha ha)) - but rather as a 'pain-bearer' ... as one who carries and accompanies the issues and pain of 'the other' - whoever that may be. Sometimes, I only have to carry for a moment. There are rare moments one has to carry for an extended period of time. It's a genuinely 'holy job' - not because any of us are 'special' - but rather because we are privileged to do so. In the manner of Jesus - who continues to bear so much - for ALL of us.

Last week - we had to offer a 'glass of cold water'. Maybe this week, we shoulder a burden known to us, and carry it with GRACE.

Every blessing, Rev James

Parish Lunch – August (tbc)

Our next Parish Lunch will be on Sunday in early August at 12.00pm.

Donations of Casseroles please!

Place your name on the sheets at the back of the church & Parish Centre.

Proceeds to be determined.

Parish Annual General Meeting

Sunday 30th August at 11.45pm
(following the 10.30am service)
for a Soup & Sandwich Lunch.

Soup - will be provided.

Please bring sandwiches to share.

Reports to Rev by 25th July please.



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; for Rev Fiona & family;
Diocese of North Zambia;
- For the 'Board of Electors' Committee
as they prepare the process of electing
our new Bishop;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and
seeking shelter around the globe;
- For the people of the Venezuela;
- For the Leaders of all Nations;
- For those of leadership and influence to
act for the common good;
- For all facing natural disaster: flood,
fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For our neighbours;
- For those in our Aged Care Facilities;
- For those we know whom are unwell;
- For our farmers and their families;
-
- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Alan GALLEY (1984),
William MEREDITH (1994), Jan SCHULZ
(2023), Doris SCHULZ (1987), Mary
THOMAS (2000), Belinda SCHULZ (1985),
Leonard PHILLIPS (2005), Howard
FRYATT (1976), Melva HOLLAND (1994),
Catherine CLARKE (2004), Dorothy
SCHMIDT (1994), Jeffery WITNEY (2008),
David POTTER (2019), Erna WALDER
(1992), Raymond BROWELL (1995),
William (Bill) BOURKE (1966), Mary
SEATER (2015), Leslie MAYZ (2021)

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

Services - 2026

Pentecost 6 – 05 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00am Areegra - Home Church (*Contact Rev
for details*)

Pentecost 7 – 12 July

9.30am MP - Warracknabeal

Pentecost 8 – 19 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 9 – 26 July

9.30am Warracknabeal
5.00pm Café Church

A Prayer for a Bishop

+Garry retires on 03 Oct 2026

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in
your mercy give your Church in this
diocese of Ballarat, a shepherd after
your own heart who will walk in your
ways, and with loving care watch over
your people. Give us a leader of vision
and a teacher of your truth. So may your
Church be built up and your name
glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Propers

Sentence: 'Come to me, all you that are
weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and
I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my
yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am
gentle and humble in heart.'

Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus
Christ has taught us that what we do for
the least of his brothers and sisters we do
also for him: give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all, who gave up
his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. **Amen.**

TODAY'S READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading: Genesis 24: 24:34-28, 42-49, 58-67

A reading from the book of Genesis

So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. My master's wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns. And my master made me swear an oath, and said, "You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live, but go to my father's family and to my own clan, and get a wife for my son." 'When I came to the spring today, I said, " Lord , God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, 'Please let me drink a little water from your jar,' and if she says to me, 'Drink, and I'll draw water for your camels too,' let her be the one the Lord has chosen for my master's son." 'Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, "Please give me a drink." 'She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, "Drink, and I'll water your camels too." So I drank, and she watered the camels also. 'I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" 'She said, "The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milkah bore to him." 'Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms, and I bowed down and worshipped the Lord . I praised the Lord , the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son. Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn.'

So they called Rebekah and asked her, 'Will you go with this man?' 'I will go,' she said. So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies.' Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left. Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel and asked the servant, 'Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?' 'He is my master,' the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself. Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

45:10-17

Response: *Listen to me daughter, see and bend your ear.*

1. Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear, forget your people and your father's house. So shall the king desire your beauty; for he is your lord, and you must worship him. **(R)**
2. All glorious is the king's daughter as she enters; her raiment is threaded with spun gold. In embroidered apparel she is borne in to the king;

behind her the virgins of her train are brought to you. (R)

3. They are borne in with gladness and joy; they enter the palace of the king. The place of your fathers your sons shall have; you shall make them princes through all the land. (R)

Second Reading: Romans 7:14-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 11:15-19, 25-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever has ears, let them hear. 'To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the market-places and calling out to others : "We played the pipe for you , and you did not dance ; we sang a dirge , and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon." The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners." But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. 'All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ