



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 22
20 October 2024

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal



Hello Everyone! How has your week been?

I came across a phrase during the week while watching telly, it's probably quite an old one that reads; *"Growing old is inevitable. Growing up is optional."*

It is an interesting concept - that growing old and growing up are not always necessary together. And yet our society is based on the fact that as you get older you take more responsibility - and by becoming adult you become less childish, which is not the same as child-like (*as the Gospels will remind us*), and yet they often get confused.

I've always said that when I grow up I'll get some LEGO - until I walk into a toy store and look at how much these precious pieces of plastic actually cost. It's quite the investment. I was fortunate enough to play with Meccano when I was a young lad, and I regret 'letting it go' as I went off to boarding school etc. My brother gave me a box of pieces found in the shed when the farm was sold - and they will require a bucket load of loving to restore them back to some of their former glory and usefulness.

Through my school programs and engagement, I am constantly reminded about how responsible I have become, and yet how little I have grown up. There has to be a lovely balance there somewhere. Time for grief, and a time for happiness. A time for leadership and a time to be free ...

I would appreciate it if world leaders would actually take responsibility for their people - precious 'jars of clay' that are trying to make some sense of their world, as the 'big boys (and girls)' play war games with each other, as their people starve, and there seems no relief from death, trauma and displacement. It is time to play trust games again - as ONE HUMAN RACE - whether we have grown up or not.

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Men are cruel, but Man is kind.

Rabindranath Tagore

Project REGENERATE. Renew PEOPLE. Revive PROJECTS. Restore PLACE

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For the Registry and all who sail in her;
- For Synod representatives; for honest and courageous debate at Synod; for all who work to exercise good governance throughout the Diocese;
- For recent rain; for more rain (if it is not too late); for quality hay;
- For our farmers and their families;
- For the leaders of all Nations, those with influence to act for the Common Good;
- 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: Alfred Millard, Kelvin Radford, Ivy Hall, Sally Chapman, Stan Peters

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

Service Times Oct/Nov

Pentecost 22 – 20 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Parish Council Meeting – 22 October

7.00pm refreshments/7.30pm meeting

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 October

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



Some anthropologists believe that the discoveries of fire, shelter, and language were almost simultaneous.

TODAY'S READINGS

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading:

Job 23:1-9,16-17

A reading from the book of Job

Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: 'Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. 'Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone – while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35

Response: *Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth*

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! You are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak. **(R)**
2. You fixed the earth upon its foundation, not to be moved forever; with the ocean, as with a garment, you covered it; above the mountains the waters stood. **(R)**
3. You send forth springs into the watercourses that wind among the mountains. Beside them the birds of heaven dwell; from among the branches they send forth their song. **(R)**

4. You water the mountains from your palace; the earth is replete with the fruit of your works. You raise grass for the cattle, and vegetation for man's use, producing bread from the earth. **(R)**

5. How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have wrought them all the earth is full of your creatures. Bless the LORD, O my soul! **(R)**

Second Reading:

5:1-10

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. And no one takes this honour on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.' And he says in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, in the order of Melchizedek.' During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for

all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! The son of man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 10:35-45

A reading from the gospel according to Mark

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we want you to do for us whatever we ask.' 'What do you want me to do for you?' he asked. They replied, 'Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You don't know what you are asking,' Jesus said. 'Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with?' 'We can,' they answered. Jesus said to them, 'You will drink the cup I drink and be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.' When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.

Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPER

Sentence: The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Collect: God of unchangeable power, when the heaven and earth were made, the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy: open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honour of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Synod meets this Friday 3.00pm and Saturday until approx. 4.00pm in the Synod Hall at Christ Church Ballarat.

The word Synod literally means 'meeting' from the Greek – and the best way to describe it is – our 'church government.'

Apart from the usual additions and alterations to Legislation, the 'Stories of Hope' (one of which we have been asked to present – and thanks to Fiona Holland who has compiled a power point presentation), I am unsure what else is on the Agenda.

I'll let you know how we get on!

Parish Council meets this Tuesday 22nd October

7.00pm refreshments in Rectory.

7.30pm meeting

You are welcome to join us for the evening and hear what we get up to. There will be a few things to cover since no September meeting.

Pray for us, as we pray for you.