



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Pentecost 3

14 June 2026

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



So, who would you call a modern day 'stoic'?

Something I read during the week mentioned Neale Daniher who lived the motto 'Memento Mori' which means, "remember you must die." Stephen Biddulph our own Australian author, psychologist and parenting educator profoundly writes something similar in regard to what children (maybe adults also) need to thrive. It is important that we know, a) that life is temporary, b) there are some things we can control, but many more that we cannot, and fundamentally that life, c) is about others!

"The reason why we have two ears and only one mouth is so we might listen more and talk less."
- Zeno of Citium

As Christians (compared to a stoic), we do not seek emotional detachment from the important things in life. Also, God is willing and desiring a personal relationship with us and shows us in Jesus that all our emotions, stumbling blocks and fears can lead us deeper into LOVE - rather than bitterness or depression.

Importantly, we don't have to 'go it alone'! God NEVER abandons us. Our call for help or in gratitude is not in vain! *Every blessing, Rev James*

Ordination

*You are invited to join us for
Fiona's Ordination to the
Deaconate
Saturday 20th June
11.00am
Christ Church
Warracknabeal
Soup & Sandwich lunch to
follow.*

*Please register for catering
purposes:*

<https://www.trybooking.com/DMLKU>





Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; for Fiona & family;
- 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 Middle East;
- 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;
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- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Lindsay HEWITT (2015), Laurel SCHULZ (2019), Mary FISH (1983), Gladys GOVE (2000), Stanley BIBBY (2000), Vera DELAHOY (1992), Albert PARKER (1995), Dixon YOUNG (1995), Sydney GOLLOP (1997), William SHALDERS (1962), Neville MARSHMAN (2010), Kay VOGEL (1998), Dorothy TAYLOR (2014), Valeria SCHMIDT (1985), Ernest JONASSON (2003), David POTTER (2019), Neil ROSS (1991), John MITCHELL (1997), Hilda FRYATT (1999), Albert McMASTER (2003), Gloria SMITH (2020)

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

Services - 2026

Pentecost 3 – 14 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Saturday 20 June

11.00am – Fiona's Ordination

Pentecost 4 – 21 June

9.30am Warracknabeal

No 5.00pm

Thursday 25th June

1.00pm Fr Charles' Funeral

Pentecost 5 – 28 June

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: We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand.

Collect: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life, and defeat into victory: increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over evil, in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

TODAY'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading:

Genesis 18:1-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. He said, 'If I have found favour in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way – now that you have come to your servant.' 'Very well,' they answered, 'do as you say.' So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. 'Quick,' he said, 'get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.' Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'There, in the tent,' he said. Then one of them said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.' Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, 'After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?' Then the Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh and say, "Will I really have a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too hard for the Lord ?

I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.' Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, 'I did not laugh.' But he said, 'Yes, you did laugh.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm:

116:1-2,12-18

Response: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.*

1. I love the Lord, because he heard my voice: the voice of my supplication; Because he inclined his ear to me: in the day that I called to him. **(R)**
2. How shall I repay the Lord: for all his benefits to me? I will take up the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord. **(R)**
3. I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people. Grievous in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his faithful ones. **(R)**
4. Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid: you have unloosed my bonds. I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call upon the name of the Lord. **(R)**
5. I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the house of the Lord: even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord. **(R)**

***A reading from the letter to the
Romans***

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Your words, Lord are spirit and life,
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia

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

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and illness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Heal those who are ill, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ