

# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

**Advent 2**  
**07 December 2025**

**Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm – Warracknabeal**  
**11.00am St Mark's Areegra**



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

A heartfelt thanks to those who were able to provide some clothes and donations for postage for Kat. She was most grateful. Please continue to pray for all those facing natural disaster around our globe. It must be terrifying. It is one thing to see the pictures on the telly, but I imagine that the noise of rushing mud and the stench that must remain would be potentially unbearable. I cannot imagine what it must be like for loved ones to just 'disappear' from the earth. So much grief. So much anxiety.

I continue to invite each of us to consider what we can contribute to the Christian Emergency Food Centre in Horsham in the coming weeks. So much need in our own part of the world - and it's always hard to reconcile that we who have everything that we could possibly want (within reason and circumstance) - still go wanting. It's all part of this paradox we call 'life' - and it is fair to say that our living 'standards' have just got harder to meet for many. Simple as that. Too many people have too many fingers in the pie to make life 'cheaper' or should I say more affordable.

I have been reflecting on what am I 'waiting for' - in this time of Advent. In our spiritual context - 'waiting' is not meant to be passive but rather an active and engaging time as we open our hearts and lives to God's timing rather than our own. It is a bit like waiting for the tomatoes to grow in our garden ... a time of attentiveness and expectation. Maybe it is a time to trust God a little more - allowing the Spirit to nurture our souls deep within us. Maybe it is a time to allow God's Grace to bring healing where there is hurt, or acknowledge grief with a gentleness that helps transform those things that leave a hole in our lives.

The reality is that God is already working quietly within and around us. That's it! We don't have to do anything more than receive. And be grateful. *Blessings, Rev.*



## **Prayer in the Parish**

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

- +Garry; Diocesan 150yr celebrations;
- For the people of Sumatra, Thailand, Philippines, Sri Lanka;
- For sustainable peace in Middle East;
- For our farmers and their families;
- People of Palestine, Yemen, Syria, Haiti, Ukraine and all Hong Kong;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and seeking shelter around the globe;
- For all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For all known to us in hospital and our Residential Care facilities;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For Kay Armstrong;
- For all those we love, near and far away;

**Years Mind:** Leslie SIEPOLT (1987), Phyllis RADFORD (1995), Tiffany BULL (2021), Margaret DART (2024), Elizabeth JACKSON (1994), Effie STREETER (1996), Iren (Val) MILGATE (2013), Winifred TAYLOR (1995), Louisa HERNDERSON (2003), Jack MAYBERY (1995), Annie (Nancy) MEREDITH (2009), Gladys SCHRIEVER (2012), Frank MITCHELL (2000), Annie PARKER (2007), Bonnie BUTLER (2009), Jennie ARNOLD (1984), Melva (Joan) JACKSON (2005), Valda FISHER (2012), Ruby CRIGAN (1963), Florence SCHULZ, Lois BIBBY (2008), Andy TAYLOR (2020)

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

## **Service Times Dec**

### **Advent 2 – 07 December**

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal  
11.00am St Mark's Areegra

### **Advent 3 – 14 December**

9.30am Warracknabeal  
6.00pm Warracknabeal Community Carols

## **Christmas Services**

### **Advent 4 – 21 December**

9.30am Warracknabeal  
6.00pm Areegra – Café Carols

### **Christmas Eve – 24 December**

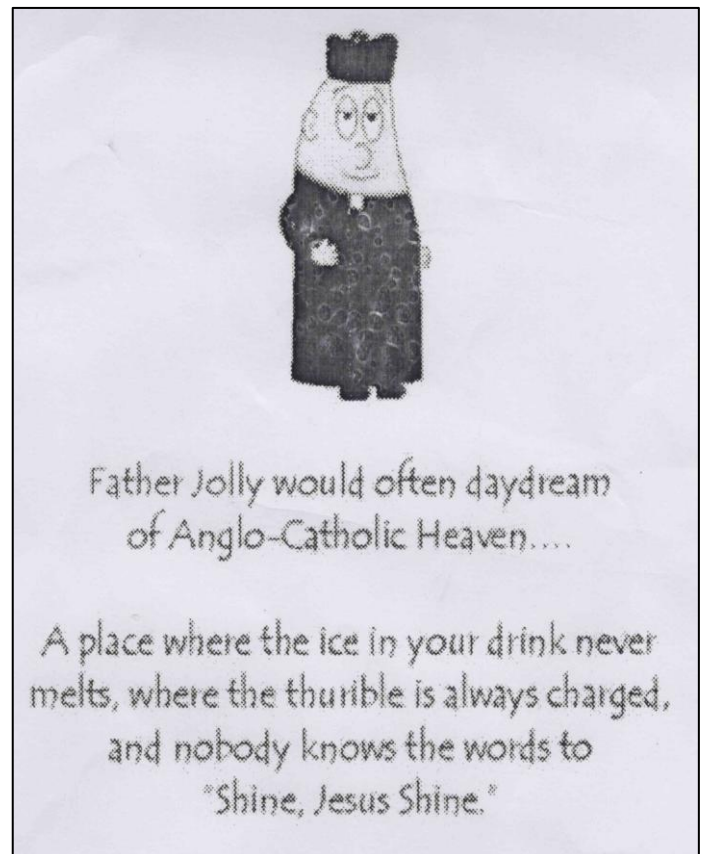
8.00pm refreshments / 10.00pm Celebration

### **Christmas Day – 25 December**

9.30am Celebration

### **Christmas 1 – 28 December**

9.30am Warracknabeal



# TODAY'S READINGS

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading:

Isaiah 11:1-10

### ***A reading from the prophet Isaiah***

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord – and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash round his waist. The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the as the waters cover the sea. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm:

72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

### ***Response: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever***

1. God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment. **(R)**
2. Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. **(R)**
3. For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save. **(R)**
4. May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Romans 15:4-13

### ***A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans***

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews

on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name.' Again, it says, 'Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.' And again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him.' And again, Isaiah says, 'The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths: all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

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

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."' John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan. But when he saw many of

the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptising, he said to them:

'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Propers**

**Sentence:** The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

**Collect:** God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptising and calling for repentance: help us to hear his voice of judgement, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace' who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen.**

**Donations of grain - of any quantity  
can be made using the**

**Church's NGR number:**

**NGR 12439740**