



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Pentecost

24 May 2026

Happy Birthday Everybody!

*I hope that you've had a good week:
Happy Birthday to our church!*



I really like it when the region turns 'green.' Recent rains and the cyclical nature of the seasons seems to suggest that all our endeavours are not in vain. When crops start to grow and farmers are less sleep deprived seems to bring some calm and hope to the region - until the next dry spell of course.

In contrast, the deciduous trees are changing colour revealing their true form and nature - and I also like this - this 'honesty' of Nature.

Pentecost - the Church's birthday - leads us into a season of 'hope' and 'honesty'.

Hope that ordinary people like us are blessed by the Holy Spirit and equipped by God to 'get on with the job' that Jesus started. Honesty before God around our limitations or stumbling blocks, our dreams and desires - for me is liberating and empowering rather than a burden I should or must carry.

It's a paradox - as most of life is.

I hope this week that you will find something to smile about, something that drops you to your knees in prayer, and something to inspire your relationship with God. *Blessings, 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 seasonal weather;
- For shelter, warmth and comfort;
- For our farmers and their families;
- For all who support our parish life;
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- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Thelma HOSE (2001), Mary RIDDOUTT (2011), Stanley (Jock) GRINHAM (1988), Betty LEWIS (1993), Olive GREGSON (2015), Lynette KAY (2018), Lindsay BUTLER (1989), Violet LAMBERT (1988), John (Taz) CLARK (2003), Walter NIKKELSON (1990), Brendan NIKKELSON (1990)

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

Services - 2026

Pentecost – 24 May

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

Trinity – 31 May

10.30am Warracknabeal

Lunch at the Creekside- 12.00pm

Pentecost 2 – 07 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 3 – 14 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Saturday 20 June

11.00am – Fiona's Ordination

Pentecost 4 – 21 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 5 – 28 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Lunch at Creekside - 31 May

I think it would make sense if I had some rough numbers for those wishing to attend. RSVP to Rev please.

A Prayer for a Bishop

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.**

TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading:

Numbers 11:24-30

A reading from the book of Numbers

So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and made them stand round the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied – but did not do so again. However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, ‘Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.’ Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ assistant since youth, spoke up and said, ‘Moses, my lord, stop them!’ But Moses replied, ‘Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!’ Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

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!
How manifold are your works, O LORD! the earth is full of your creatures;(R)
2. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his

works! Pleasing to him be my theme;
I will be glad in the LORD. (R)

3. If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. (R)

Second Reading:

Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: ‘Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!’ Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, ‘What does this mean?’ Some, however, made fun of them and said, ‘They have had too much wine.’

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 7:37-52

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.' By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. On hearing his words, some of the people

said, 'Surely this man is the Prophet.' Others said, 'He is the Messiah.' Still others asked, 'How can the Messiah come from Galilee? Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?' Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him. Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and the Pharisees, who asked them, 'Why didn't you bring him in?' 'No one ever spoke the way this man does,' the guards replied. 'You mean he has deceived you also?' the Pharisees retorted. 'Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law – there is a curse on them.' Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked, 'Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?' They replied, 'Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Sentence: 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' says the Lord; 'and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.'

Collect: Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**