



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 5
5th July 2020

Hello everyone!

I hope that I find you well. It is now 15 weeks since we last met at Café Church - and if I'm honest I don't know where the time has gone. We are planning to re-open the church in TWO WEEKS! ... it all depends of course on the Premier's announcement and Gov Health directives on 12th July. We will do everything we can to make sure that we can worship as a *complete faith community* - which means - **no-one gets turned away!**, and **Mass is not for the selected few (or those on the scheduled roster!).**

As we prepare, some things to note:

1. No more than 2 people on one pew! (Families excepted) Alternate pews will be roped off. Special signs will direct people where they can sit.
2. No physical contact; no exchange of the "peace". All parishioners will be required to sanitize their hands as they enter the building.
3. If you are feeling unwell - please stay at home.
4. Max number of people in Christ Church = 41 (excluding liturgical persons).
5. Max number of people in Parish Centre = 48 (excluding liturgical persons).
6. Services are to be limited to 2 hours! (ha ha)
7. You will be required to provide details of an attendance record. We will ask you first name, phone number & date/time of service you attend.
8. Communion will be offered in 'one kind' only - and details of how we will manage this are still being finalized.

It will take some getting used to for all of us, and the reality is that these measures (or variations of such) are likely to be in place for a considerable amount of time - ie. Possibly 6 to 18 months.

If you have any questions, or would like more information on the above, please contact our COVIDSafe Warden (and Safe Church Officer) Sarah-Jayne Holland either by phone: 0438 341 577 or via email: sarah-jayne@hollandfarms.com.au.

With every blessing, Rev James

The Anglican Church of Warracknabeal will reopen on 19th July at 10.30am A simple parish lunch will follow this service in the parish centre. If you are able to reply (for catering purposes) this would be great - however - there will be enough for ALL!
Contact: Sarah-Jayne Holland 0438 341 577 or send an email - warrackanglican@gmail.com

Rev's REVOLUTION – as part of Project REGENERATE

5000kms - 365 days - \$25,000 target - to build the Boys' Shed.
Wheels start rolling - 01 August 2020

Pentecost Season Quiz – Answer X = Florence Nightingale



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond: +Garry; our Diocesan brothers and sisters; those celebrating a birthday in July; those working in sweatshops for our cheap clothes; those experiencing violence; Parish Council.

Community: Front-line health care workers; those struggling with relationships; those feeling confused & anxious; those facing difficulty & distress; all accountants.

Years Mind: Catherine Clarke, Jeffrey Witney, Mary Seater, Sheila Fisher, Dolly Carter, James Thomas

Pentecost 5 youTube from Rev:

"Accept'the cracks" and find rest..
<https://youtu.be/ND7DATC3yOU>

Bishop Garry's youTube message:

The Terrible Twos
<https://youtu.be/rXKp8-BgGKY>

PARISH AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal will take place on **Sunday 23rd August at 11.00am following the Sunday service.**

Please start preparing your reports for distribution and claim the date in your diary. Let's create a fun atmosphere as we conduct our parish business and look ahead to promote Project REGENERATE and associated mission and ministry objectives.

**Indigenous
lives matter!**

In Australia and around the world.

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and loved more than you'll ever know." — A.A. Milne

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TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 5

First Reading: Genesis 24:34-38, 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: 145:8-11

Response: *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

1. I will extol you, O my God and King, and I will bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever. **(R)**
2. The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works. **(R)**
3. Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you.

Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might. (R)

4. The LORD is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works.

The LORD lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. (R)

Second Reading:

Romans 7:14-25

A reading from the letter 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!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

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