



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 22
29 October 2023

Sunday Services: 10.30am HC & 12.00pm Mission Lunch - Warracknabeal



I hope that you've had a good week!

From the wonderful Anthony de Mello:

In keeping with his doctrine that nothing be taken too seriously, not even his own teaching, the Master loved to tell this story on himself:

"My very first disciple was so weak that the exercises killed him.

My second disciple drove himself crazy from his earnest practice of the exercises I gave him.

My third disciple dulled his intellect through too much contemplation.

But the fourth managed to keep his sanity."

"Why was that?" someone would invariably ask.

"Possibly because he was the only one who refused to do the exercises."

The Master's words would be drowned in howls of laughter.

[One Minute Wisdom © 1985]

I haven't watched the news this week.

Irresponsible? Privileged? Head in the sand? My first Bishop used to say that the true definition of whether you were 'poor' or not - was whether you had a choice or not!

My German mate Holger and I inevitably returned to 'life's choices' conversations over a well brewed refreshment in his back garden ... he has a theory (which I endorse) that at any given situation in our lives we always have at least three options when faced with a decision to make. Sometimes the 'three' options are not immediately obvious, but with discernment they reveal themselves in good time to 'move forward' with some confidence. This does not discount the fact there may be 'stumbling blocks' in the way etc. I hope that you will find an encouraging way to 'move through the world' this week. *Every blessing, Rev.*

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; Our Registry Team;
- For the people of Australia & Torres Strait; for our Pacific neighbours;
- For the people of Ukraine;
- For the people of the Middle East;
- For those experiencing injustice, hunger, exploitation, oppression, displacement;
- For those experiencing tragedy & grief;
- For those known to us in hospital;
- Our friends and families – near and far;
- For the Emergency Food Centre;
- For our friends hoping for seasonal blessings in the region;
- For genuine world peace.

Years Mind: Stanley Peters, Ivy McPhail, Peggy Bourke, Maurice Hall, Bruce Kennedy

Services – Oct/Nov

Pentecost 22 – 29 October

10.30am Eucharist – Warracknabeal
12.00pm Mission Lunch

All Saints – 05 November

9.30am & 5.00pm – Warracknabeal
11.00am – Areegra

Pentecost 24 – 12 November

9.30am & 5.00pm – Warracknabeal

Pentecost 25 – 19 November

9.30am & 5.00pm – Warracknabeal

Christ the King – 26 November

9.30am Eucharist – Warracknabeal
5.00pm Café Church - Warracknabeal

Advent 1 – 03 December

9.30am – Warracknabeal
11.00am - St Mark's Areegra
6.00pm - PRELUDE to Christmas

The Apostle's ACTION Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore;

This week I will give thanks for an aspect of our Creation ...

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

As a follower of Jesus I will bring courage to this week.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Guided by the Spirit I will seek to challenge myself by this week. So be it. (Amen)

TODAY'S READINGS

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading : Deuteronomy 34:1-12

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, opposite Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land – from Gilead to Dan, all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. Then the Lord said to him, 'This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, "I will give it to your descendants." I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.' And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses. Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt – to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm: 90.1-6, 13-17

Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge

1. Lord, you have been our refuge: from one generation to another. Before the mountains were born or the earth and the world were brought to be: from eternity to eternity you are God. **(R)**
2. You turn us back into dust: saying 'Return to dust, O children of Adam.' For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday passing: or like one watch of the night. **(R)**
3. You cut them short like a dream: like the fresh grass of the morning; In the morning it is green and flourishes: at evening it is withered and dried up. **(R)**
4. Relent, O Lord; how long will you be angry?: take pity on your servants. O satisfy us early with your mercy: that all our days we may rejoice and sing. **(R)**
5. Give us joy for all the days you have afflicted us: for the years we have suffered adversity. Show your servants your work: and let their children see your glory. **(R)**
6. May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper the work of our hands, O prosper the work of our hands! **(R)**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. For the appeal we make does

not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed – God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory. And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 22:34-46

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?' Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.' While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 'What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?' 'The son of David,' they replied. He said to them, 'How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him "Lord"? For he says, "The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.'" If then David calls him "Lord", how can he be his son?' No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

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Sentence: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Collect: O God, whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law: stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love, so that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**