



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Easter 7
01 June 2025

Sunday Service: 9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal

11.00am - St Mark's Areegra

Tuesday Service: 5.00pm HC 6.00pm - Parish 140yr Consultation



Happy Easter Everybody! I hope that you've had a good week.

From NAKIE HQ:

Life's little wins matter more than you think. It's easy to get caught up in the big life goals - getting that promotion, getting engaged, running a marathon. But those small, every day wins that probably don't even feel like wins at all? They need to be celebrated too. Like... getting out of bed on a tough day, or even finally mastering that perfect homemade pizza you've been trying to nail for ages - these moments matter.

Why bother with the small wins? Making a fuss over seemingly small victories sets a good vibe for your whole day. It really has a flow-on effect and makes the world look and feel brighter. Plus, small wins are like stepping stones. Seeing progress, even in tiny steps, can be incredibly motivating and keep you pushing yourself forward even if you really don't feel like it anymore (especially then). And honestly, life can be rough. Celebrating small wins adds a bit of joy to the daily grind. It's a simple way to make life a little sweeter.

Small wins = big impact: Small wins build up. They create momentum and confidence. Each little success makes the next one easier. It's like a chain reaction of positivity. Plus, big wins don't come around every day. Celebrating the small stuff keeps us motivated and happy all day, every day.

Life's too short not to celebrate: Life is made up of small moments. Each one is a chance to celebrate something. The size of the win doesn't matter. It's the joy it brings that counts. So next time you do something, no matter how small, take a moment to appreciate it. Life's too short not to. And who knows? Those small wins might just lead to something big. *[If you need some examples of 'small wins' get in touch with Rev - he's got a whole list!]* Every blessing, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; +Scott; for our new Registrar and family; for our Parish Council;
- For our Ballarat Deanery sisters and brothers of faith;
- For our sisters and brothers on the North American Continent;
- For Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give. 2025-2026 – 140 years!
- For peace for all God's people around the world; peace in our hearts, homes, lives and minds;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and homeless or displaced;
- For those who face the reality of war and violence and oppression;
- For all known to us in hospital and our Residential Care Facilities;
- For all our families & friends; our neighbours;
- For all those we love, near and far away;
- For our farmers and their families;

Years Mind: Joy RENALSON (1986), Lillian GLARE (1999), Elma McKENZIE (2000), Ruth WALSGOTT (2013), Lawrence (Los) PARSONS (1990), Lucy COUZNER (2002), Timothy SALMAN (infant), William THOMPSON (2001), Anne BOYLE (1998), Daphne THOMPSON (2002), William TAYLOR, Clara TICKLE (1985), Leila SCHMIDT (1999), Edna CROCKER (2006)

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

Service Times June

Easter 7 – 01 June

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

Tuesday – 03 June

5.00pm Healing Eucharist
6.00pm – 140 yr celebration consultation

Pentecost – 08 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Trinity Sunday – 15 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 2 – 22 June

9.30am Warracknabeal
5.00pm Café Church

Pentecost 3 – 29 June

10.30am Warracknabeal
One Service Only

Parish Council - May Summary

Several items of business were discussed - and for your information here is a summary:

1. *PC agreed to display a sign out the front of the church which will read: **"We Support Our Farmers"** This is in response to media and meetings regarding Emergency Services Tax, mining, turbines and transmission lines in the region.*
2. *We also accepted a quote from Trenton Electrical to install security cameras and hardware for The Shed Project.*
3. *Our AGM will be held on 10th August at 10.30am following the 9.30am service. Soup & Sandwich meeting.*
4. *Onleys Holdings will draft a quote for a 'Scope of Works' for Parish Centre repairs needed.*

TODAY'S READINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading :

Acts 16:16-34

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her. When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought

the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

97:1-2, 6-7, 9

Response: The Lord has set his throne in heaven

1. The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad. Justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne. **(R)**
2. The heavens proclaim his justice, and all peoples see his glory. All gods are prostrate before him. **(R)**
3. You, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth, exalted far above all gods. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the revelation to John

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: "Behold, I am coming soon. I bring with me the recompense I will give to each according to his deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are they

who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates.

"I, Jesus, sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let the hearer say, "Come." Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water. The one who gives this testimony says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 17:20-26

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

'My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the

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Sentence: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.

Collect: Almighty God, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. 'Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Creator God of love,

All time and every place is your gift.

We thank you that you have blessed our Diocese for the last 150 years, even when we have failed in our high calling to herald your kingdom.

Your forgiveness, love and peace sustained generations of our forebears,

And we rejoice that you still bless us and invite us to work with you to build justice, hope and love in Western Victoria.

Inspire us with a new vision and new energy as we face the future, and help us to trust and commit to the humble serving path of Jesus, guided by your Holy Spirit. Amen.