



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 8
23 July 2023

Sunday Services: 10.30am Warracknabeal / Mission Lunch: 12.00pm



*"Man gets tired;
Spirit don't.
Man surrenders;
Spirit won't.
Man crawls;
Spirit flies.
Spirit lives when man dies.
Man seems;
Spirit is.
Man dreams;
The spirit lives.
Man is tethered;
Spirit is free.
What spirit is - the man can be."
[Michael Scott - The Waterboys]*

How is your 'spirit' this week?
Tested by winters' freshness or feeling
refreshed and invigorated by the
warmth of the Sun's rays.

I believe in God; so, I will bring 'light' to
..... this week.

I believe in Jesus; so, I will reach out to
..... this week.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; so, the
attitude I will use this week is

Every blessing, Rev!

AUTUMN LEAVES

Mother Nature embraces her seasons,
Winter, Spring, Summer and the Fall,
The roadsides and pavements, all decorated,
When, deciduous trees, make their call!

Keen gardeners, all choose to compost,
While others, rather rake and burn,
Some sweep their paths, quite futile, for
The leaves, they, just multiply and return!

Some people stress, when surveying the mess,
Considered by others, just a bit petty,
For, we were always taught to regard,
Autumn leaves, as God's confetti!

Fifty days have passed since Easter,
The leaves, a Pentecostal Red,
Descending, like The Holy Spirit,
To, rest upon each faithful forehead!

Autumn cleverly enhances colour,
But, trees are now, set to prepare,
For, the coming Winter Season....
Frosted branches, naked, bare!

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Services – July

Pentecost 8 – 23 July

10.30am Warracknabeal

12.00pm Mission Lunch

5.00pm Café Church

Pentecost 9 – 30 July

10.30am Warracknabeal

12.00pm Lunch at Creekside



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; the Communion Forest initiative; our Registry;
- For those who hunger for food;
- For those who thirst for clean water;
- For those who seek peace amidst war & violence and abuse;
- For the people of Ukraine; Middle East; Sudan; Syria; Turkiye; Peru; PNG;
- For those experiencing tragedy & grief;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For those we know who are unwell – in mind, body or heart;
- For our friends and families – near and far away;
- For those who are fighting depression, anxiety, isolation and alienation;
- For those travelling;
- For those known to us in hospital;
- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and milestones;
- For our neighbour;

Years Mind: Stephen Lewis, Clarence Edmonds, Terry Schulz, Edward Fish, Keith Johnstone, Jean Clarke, Joan Mack, Lola Hand, Ken Schulz, Maxwell Lang, Catherine Clarke

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

August Services - Still being finalized



Mission Lunch -Sunday 23rd

Donations of Casseroles please.

Bring a friend.

\$25.00 - what a bargain.

All proceeds to project below.

Papua New Guinea: Institutional Strengthening Project

“This is an exciting time for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea as they prepare to take over the management of a large government grant for community development activities all over the country.

Part of that preparation involves comprehensive strategic planning, and development of key policies such as Child Protection and Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults.

ABM Goal for project: \$64,000”

Parish contribution: \$1,500

TODAY'S READINGS

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading :

Genesis 25:19-34

A reading from the book of Genesis

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: 'I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, 'Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.' He was afraid and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.' Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Response: *Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

1. You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.

Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading. **(R)**

2. All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God. **(R)**
3. You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Romans 8:12-25

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

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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 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Jesus told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared. 'The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?" "An enemy did this," he replied. 'The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?" "No," he answered, "because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be

burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" ' Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.' He answered, 'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. 'As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

THE PROPER

Sentence: You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Collect: O God, You alone can order our unruly wills and affections: Teach us to love what you command, And desire what you promise, That among the changes and chances of this world, Our hearts may surely there be fixed Where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.