



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Epiphany 3
24 January 2021

Richard Rohr writes: "Unveiling Christianity"

Another way to look at "unveiling" is as a sort of "recognition event," where something we thought we knew reveals itself to be radically different than our long-held assumptions. Our friend and CAC teacher Reverend Cynthia Bourgeault explores how this is a gospel phenomenon, one that takes place repeatedly, especially for Jesus. When people are attuned and awake, reality is often "unveiled" for them. Cynthia suggests that this might be a necessary step for all Christians in the twenty-first century. We've become so used to the "story" of our faith that a veil has been pulled over our eyes and we no longer experience its power to change our lives. She writes:

"Perhaps the most deadening aspect of our Christianity . . . is that we live it with twenty-twenty hindsight. We know the story. We know how the plot comes out. We know who the winners are. . . . The Bible contains the complete and divinely authorized biography of Jesus and furnishes the complete guide to what [we] should do to become his disciple. Everything needed for [our] personal salvation is right there. . . .

We're living in an era right now which some would call a major paradigm shift, where there's an opportunity as perhaps there hasn't been before to really open up the core questions again and ask, "What is it that we mean by 'Christianity'? What is this filter [or veil] that we're looking through? Who is this Master that we profess and confess in our life as we call ourselves Christian?" . . .

When we approach the [Jesus] story with the attitude, "I've heard that already, I know what that means," we fall asleep rather than allowing ourselves to be shocked awake. . . . For all such spiritual sleepwalking bypasses that crucial first step, that moment when the heart has to find its way not through external conditioning but through a raw immediacy of presence. Only there—in "the cave of the heart," as the mystics are fond of calling it—does a person come in contact with his or her own direct knowingness. And only out of this direct knowingness is sovereignty born, one's own inner authority."

Richard here: This is what Jesus offers people through his ministry—an experience of inner authority, powerful enough to heal them and set them free from whatever was keeping them trapped. Often it seems as if Jesus is simply “parting the veil” between them and God. Cynthia offers this quote from Father Bruno Barnhart:

“As we accompany Jesus through the gospels, we are present at one dramatic meeting after another. One person after another experiences a mysterious power in Jesus that, from this moment, changes the course of his or her life. If we are fully present at the moment when we read such a narrative, we ourselves experience the liberating power of this awakening.”
 [Bruno Barnhart, *Second Simplicity: The Inner Shape of Christianity*]



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; Ballarat Deanery;
- Clarity and conviction in our earthly pilgrimage with God;
- Preparations for return to school;
- for people Pacific Islands & NZ;
- Project REGENERATE – Stronger Communities Grant Application
- Project REGENERATE – Parish Revamp plans & discussion.

Community:

- For those feeling apprehensive;
- ALL Australian citizens;
- for all those feeling unwell, in hospital, recovering from sickness;
- Recognition and Respect for all people’s in our Nation;
- All affected by COVID;

Years Mind: Leonard Sandford, Henry Chapman, Rod Steed, Cecil Bryce, Rebecca Dempsey

Service Times January/February

Epiphany 3 – 24 January 2021

9.30 & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
 2.00pm Dunmunkle, Minyip

Epiphany 4 – 31 January 2021

10.30am - Warracknabeal

ONE Service only

Epiphany 4 -07 February

9.30 & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
 11.00am St Mark’s Areegra
 6.00-8.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Transfiguration – 14 February

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
 Ash Wednesday – 17 February

Lent 1 – 21 February

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
 6.00-8.00pm SHINE Youth Group



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TODAY'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

First Reading:

Jonah 3:1-10

A reading from the book of Jonah

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: 'Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.' Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, 'Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.' The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.' When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

Response: *Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

1. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my saviour. **(R)**

2. Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. **(R)**

3. Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice and teaches the humble his way. **(R)**

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent and believe in the Gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 1:14-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!' As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were

fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a

boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERS

Sentence: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.

Collect: O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you: mercifully accept our prayers, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**No youTube from Rev
this week.**

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Bishop Garry's youTube message

'Introducing Mark'

<https://youtu.be/447c7yot00U>

Fr Michael O'Brien - Induction & Collation - Friday 29th Jan

Rev will be attending Fr Michael's Induction in Ballarat next Friday 29th Jan at St Peter's for 7.30pm service and return same night. If anyone else would like to attend to welcome Fr Michael & Kerry to the Diocese - please let me know ASAP. Leave Warrack approx 4.00pm & return hopefully before pumpkin o'clock.

For your information:

Warracknabeal Primary School Chaplaincy – 2021&2022

Mr Ben Tait, Principal WPS, has invited Rev James to become 'Chaplain' at the school through the National School Chaplaincy Program (*instigated by John Howard 2007*). It is a two year position, and will engage Rev one day per week and school camps.

With encouragement from Parish Council, Rev has accepted.

Mr Tait has agreed to let me share this with you before an official announcement will be made by the school in the first newsletter of Term 1.

A few details are still being worked out – however, basically the role will fund Rev for 400 hours (per year) for 2021&2022 (*departmental requirement*) with the Diocese as 'Service Provider'. As soon as Parish Council have met – I'll let you know more details as they come to hand. Suffice to say, Rev will begin at WPS almost immediately and days, dates etc will be confirmed once I've met with Mr Tait this week.

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