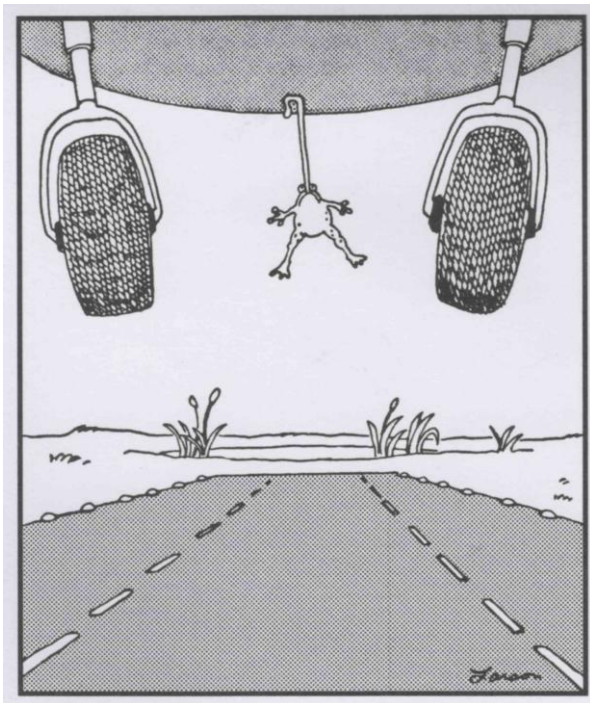
Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Pentecost 21

18 October 2026

Hello Everybody! *I hope that you've had a good week!*



You've heard it said many times; "There are two certainties in life – death and taxes." It is fair to say, that if you're paying taxes it means you're not dead yet!

This is good! It also means that we are the privileged who get to LIVE! Despite the state of the world and its megalomaniacs – we get to make choices that make a difference. We get to make a difference in what we say, what we do and how we can influence the world around us even in small ways.

With elections looming and the constant carry-on of policy and decision making that we have no influence over on the whole – I trust that you are able to negotiate your way through the week with confidence and joy.

Serj, David, Rev Fiona and I are off to Synod next Friday & Saturday. Synod literally means 'meeting' – and is the first of a cycle of three 'meetings' of the Thirty-Fifth Synod in the Diocese. +Scott will Preside – please pray for him and all who are preparing for this event which includes discussion, liturgy and sharing.

As you will notice on the 'dates' next page – on the Feast of Christ the King – 22nd November, I am suggesting we have a pot-luck lunch as a parish after the 10.30am service. I encourage everyone who is willing and able to attend to share in fellowship, a little bit of fun and continue the discussion begun at our AGM regarding our Season of Discernment. I know it can be a busy time of the year for some, and it might be an opportunity to also prepare ourselves for the journey to Bethlehem we will all make in Advent. Hope you can join us.

Blessings, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Scott; for the 'Board of Electors' Committee as they prepare the process of electing our new Bishop;
- For our Synod reps; all in Registry;
- For all who have returned to school;
- For all completing Year 12;
- For all the people of Ukraine;
- For seasonable weather;
- For all who serve in our parish in a variety of ways – seen and unseen;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and seeking shelter around the globe;
- For the Leaders of all Nations;
- For those of leadership and influence to act for the common good;
- For all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For our neighbours;
- For those in our Aged Care Facilities;
- For our farmers and their families;
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- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: John MARTIN (1994), Arthur HINNEBERG (1996), Donald WRIGHT (1984), Keith LEWIS (1986), Keith POTTER (1990), Melva PITT (2025), Henry (Harry) MAGGS (1988), Keith JOYCE (2022), Edna HALL (1991), Donald JOHNSON (2007)

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

Services - 2026

Pentecost 21 – 18 October
9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Monday 19th October – Rev Fiona
At Café Peppercorn – 9.00-10.30am

Synod of the Diocese
Friday 23rd - Saturday 24th October
(Sarah-Jayne H., David H. Rev Fiona & Rev)

Pentecost 22 – 25 October
9.30am / 5.00pm Café Church Warracknabeal

All Saints – 01 November
9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
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Pentecost 24 – 08 November
9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 25 – 15 November
9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Christ the King – 22 November
10.30am and Parish Pot-luck Lunch
Warracknabeal

Advent 1 – 29 November
9.30am Warracknabeal
6.30pm Prelude to Christmas at The Uniting Church, Warracknabeal

A Prayer for a Bishop

+Garry retires on 03 Oct 2026

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese of Ballarat, a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Today's Readings
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses said to the Lord , 'You have been telling me, "Lead these people," but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, "I know you by name and you have found favour with me." If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people.' The Lord replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' Then Moses said to him, 'If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?' And the Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.' Then Moses said, 'Now show me your glory.' And the Lord said, 'I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord , in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But,' he said, 'you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.' Then the Lord said, 'There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 96

Response: ***Give the Lord glory and honour.***

1. Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **(R)**

2. For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens. **(R)**

3. Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts. **(R)**

4. Worship the LORD, in holy attire;
tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity. **(R)**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message

in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia – your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-33

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the poll-tax to Caesar or not?' But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, 'You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.' They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, 'Whose image is this? And whose inscription?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. Then he said to them, 'So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away. That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. 'Teacher,' they said, 'Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. Finally, the woman died. Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?' Jesus replied, 'You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. But about the resurrection of the dead – have you not read what God said to you , "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.' When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Sentence: Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:
grant that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in proclaiming the cross to be the way that leads to life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.