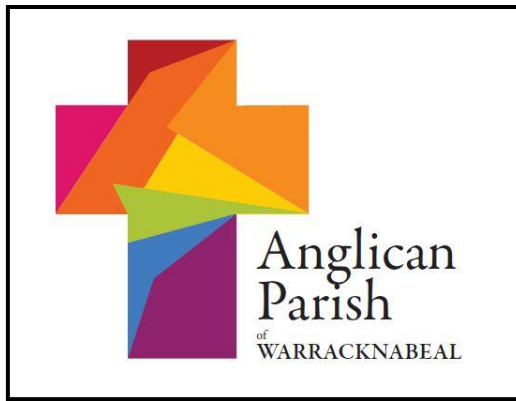




Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

All Saints
02 November 2025

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.30am St Mark's Areegra - Baptism & HC



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

"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." [Joshua 1:9]

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."
[Isaiah 41:10]

The origin of All Saints' Day can be traced back to the early Christian Church when it was established as a day to remember and celebrate the martyrs and other saints who had died for their faith. Over time, the scope of the holiday expanded to include martyrs and all faithful Christians who had lived pious and virtuous lives. It is a day to recognize the saints' collective witness and express gratitude for their example. In the early Christian Church, there was a strong emphasis on the veneration of martyrs who had suffered and died for their faith. These martyrs were seen as exemplary models of Christian virtue, and their graves or burial places became sites of pilgrimage and veneration. The anniversary of a martyr's death often became a day for commemorating their lives and the sacrifices they made for their faith. Over time, the holiday's focus expanded beyond just martyrs to include all Christian saints—those who were recognized for their exceptional holiness and devotion to God. This shift recognized that not all saints were martyrs, so a broader commemoration was needed.

In the Western Christian Church, Pope Gregory III (731-741) is often credited with establishing November 1st as the date for All Saints' Day. This date was chosen to coincide with the dedication of a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome to "All the Saints." It was an attempt to unify the various local celebrations of saints' feast days and set a universal date for honouring all the saints.

Wherever we are and whoever we are - let us open our hearts to God's abundance and generosity as we try to follow in faith, hope and love - with all the saints!

Blessings, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; Diocesan 150yr celebrations;
- For all Yr12 students during their exams; for all preparing to leave school;
- For all who lend a 'listening ear';
- For sustainable peace in Middle East;
- For our farmers and their families;
- For our neighbours;
- People of Palestine, GAZA, Philippines, Yemen, Syria, Haiti, Ukraine and all in the Caribbean;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and homeless or displaced;
- For all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, famine;
- For all known to us in hospital and our Residential Care Facilities;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For Anglicare Victoria;
- For those who are grieving;
- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Ivy HALL (2005), James LISTON (2024), Rita MERRITT (1997), Kenneth STREETER (1985), Edwin NUSKE (199), Stanley PETERS (2009), Pauline LITTLE (1986), Catherine WALKER (1963), Adelaide HALLAM (1984), Ivy MACPHAIL (2002), (Mavis) June HARDINGHAM (2016), Claire JONES (2021), Ilma GOVE (1998), Peggy BOURKE (2008)

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

Service Times Oct/Nov

All Saints – 02 November

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.30am St Mark's Areegra

Pentecost 22 – 09 November

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 23 – 16 November

10.30am Grand Shed Opening
& BBQ lunch to follow

Christ the King – 23 November

9.30am Morning Prayer with HC
11.00am Hamilton – Diocesan 150years

Advent 1 – 30 November

10.30am Warracknabeal
6.00pm Prelude to Christmas

Advent 2 – 07 December

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

Advent 3 – 14 December

9.30am Warracknabeal
6.00pm(?) Warracknabeal Community Carols

Advent 4 – 21 December

9.30am Warracknabeal
6.00pm Areegra – Café Carols

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.



TODAY'S READINGS

ALL SAINTS

First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

A reading from the book Daniel

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream. Daniel said: 'In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea. 'I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me. I approached one of those standing there and asked him the meaning of all this. 'So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things: "The four great beasts are four kings that will rise from the earth. But the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it for ever – yes, for ever and ever."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 149

Response: The Lord takes delight in his people:

1. Praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song: O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their king. (R)

2. Let them praise him in the dance: let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp. For the Lord takes delight in his people: he adorns the meek with his salvation. (R)

3. Let his faithful ones exult in his glory: let them sing for joy upon their beds.

Let the high praises of God be in their mouths: and a two-edged sword in their hands. To execute vengeance on the nations: and chastisement upon the peoples. (R)

4. To bind their kings in chains: and their nobles with fetters of iron, To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed: such honour belongs to all his faithful servants. Praise the Lord. (R)

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory. For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his

glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him and we will come to him. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 6:20-31

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

Looking at his disciples, he said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. 'Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. 'But to you who are listening I

say: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Propers

Sentence: Blessed are you when people hate and revile and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven.

Collect: We praise you, heavenly Father, that you have knit together your chosen ones in one communion and fellowship in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

