



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

**Easter 3**  
**04 May 2025**

**Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal**  
**11.00 St Mark's Areegra**



Hello Everyone!

I hope this week has been fulfilling.

Last Sunday as I closed the church, there was a note stuffed under the lid of the Font which read;

*"Thank you for having the church open for me. Suzie. Sunday 3.30pm"*

This note warmed my heart very much. I sometimes wonder if I'm doing enough to be the 'church' that our region, our town needs in this modern age. Leaving the church door open is probably one of the easiest things that we can do.

I am going to think about how we can do this more often. How can we invite people into our sacred place with generosity and compassion?

I have had some delightful moments during the week - reminding me that sometimes a man (or a woman if you are one) just has to 'BE THERE!'

Ready, active, thoughtful, showing by example, creative, strong, present - always present to the small things!

*Blessings, Rev James*

## Beulah Mission Day

We would like to invite you to our Annual Mission Day, to be held on **8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**, at the Keith Warren Fellowship Centre at 2.00pm. The guest speaker will be Monsignor Glynn Murphy, Parish Priest of Paul VI who will have a very interesting address. There will be light entertainment including a cake and produce stall.

It would be appreciated if you could wear your name tag. A collection plate will be passed around for the work of the missions. A warm welcome is extended to all. *Bev Callander - Secretary UCAF*

## Warracknabeal Lutheran Church

Warracknabeal Lutheran Ladies Guild have invited a speaker from Leprosy Mission Australia to speak at 2.00pm on **18<sup>th</sup> May 2025** at the Lutheran Church Warracknabeal.

If any of your members would like to join us on the day they would be very welcome. We have a church service at 11.00am and a shared luncheon to follow or just come for the lunch and fellowship. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Lunch will start at 12.30pm.

*Maureen Clyne,*  
*Secretary: 0428 847 475*

## Prayer in the Parish

### **In the Parish & Beyond:**

- +Garry; +Scott; for the Registry staff;
- For our sisters and brothers on the European Continent;
- For Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give. 2025-2026
- For peace around our fragile globe;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and homeless or displaced;
- For those who face the fear of war and violence and oppression;
- For all known to us in hospital and our Residential Care Facilities;
- For our Occupancy Permit for The Shed Project; for all who will participate in this new phase of ministry and mission;
- For all our families & friends; our neighbours;
- For all those we love, near and far away;

**Years Mind:** Nola ROSS (2001), Douglas COATES (2003), William (Bill) COATES (2006), Abbie BYRON (2000), James MULLER (1988), Dulcet LANG (2007), William (bill) HARMER (2008), William SHALDERS (1972), Kevin JONASSON (2021)

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

Our sincere thanks to all who attended our luncheon, donated salads, donated to the Emergency Food Centre, or helped us in any way. We really appreciate your support. We were able to raise \$1,500.00 for The Royal Childrens' Hospital which was a fantastic outcome. Thank you all.

*The Catering Team*

## Service Times April-June

### Easter 3 – 04 May

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

### Tuesday – 06 May

5.00pm Eucharist

### Easter 4 – 11 May

9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal

### Easter 5 – 18 May

9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal

### Easter 6 – 25 May

9.30am- Warracknabeal  
5.00pm Café Church

### Tuesday 27 May

7.00pm/7.30pm Parish Council

### Easter 7 – 01 June

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

### Tuesday – 03 June

5.00pm Eucharist

### Pentecost – 08 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### **The Propers**

**Sentence:** To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever.

**Collect:** Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, rise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# TODAY'S READINGS

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**First Reading:**

**Acts 9:1-6**

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked. 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'

This is the word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm:**

**30:2-4, 5-6, 11-13**

### **Response: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

1. I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. O LORD, you brought me up from the nether world; you preserved me from among those going down into the pit. **(R)**
2. Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger lasts but a moment; a lifetime, his good will. At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn, rejoicing. **(R)**
3. Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me; O LORD, be my helper. You changed my mourning into dancing; O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks. **(R)**

**Second Reading:**

**Revelation 5:6-14**

### **A reading from the book of Revelation**

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the centre of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.' Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying: 'Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power,

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for ever and ever!' The four living creatures said, 'Amen', and the elders fell down and worshipped.

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### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Christ is risen, creator of all;  
he has shown pity on all people

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

**John 21:1-19**

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

Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 'I'm going out to fish,' Simon Peter told them, and they said, 'We'll go with you.' So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. He called out to them, 'Friends, haven't you any fish?' 'No,' they answered. He said, 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, 'It is the Lord,' he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred metres. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' 'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.' Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.' The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.' Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, 'Follow me!'

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**