



Anglican
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Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Epiphany 6 13 February 2022

Hello Everyone!

Last week in one of our Sunday services I was asked this question: "Considering how hard it was to catch fish in the lake, there probably weren't many fish in it in the first place: How much damage has Jesus done to the ecology of the lake by removing that many fish?"

As you know, I love questions. I love it when particularly tricky questions are asked! Why? Curiosity is a fading 'art' in our society (it seems to me), where the prevailing thought is that either you 'should know the answer' or 'just let someone tell you what you need to know.' Exploration - transformation - liberation = all my favourite words have their birth (for want of a better word) in 'curiosity'.

I haven't spent long enough with a psychotherapist to work out why I was so afraid to be curious as a child. Was it my fear of failure? Why did I think I had to know the answer to everything - or, that I was embarrassed to admit I didn't understand something? There was a change at some point in my life - can't tell you when, and I'm still working on it! I do however remember walking through the Perth International Departure gates in 1989 - as I ventured into the 'world' - with the biggest smile on my face ... you could say - that I never returned as the same person.

God's extravagance has consequences. The Biblical account does not shy away from both the joy and grief of 'Project - Hospitality of God.' Death and Resurrection. Grace and fear. Faithfulness and betrayal. Vulnerability and strength ...

We, the faithful people of God - are invited to mirror the generosity and extravagance of God - which will have consequences: for our hearts, our homes, our community, our Creation ... God wants to give, but are we willing to RECEIVE?

Do we really want to 'fill our respective boats' to sinking point? My gut feeling is - we don't even go there because we feel we don't deserve it. Of course we deserve it! Jesus says so! Let's prepare ourselves to receive - and rejoice!

That's all. Every blessing, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For all the people of Tonga; Myanmar; Chile; Madagascar; Mexico;
- For our families – and those who dwell with us; those we miss;
- For those recovering from illness; for those in hospital;
- For those grieving loved ones;
- For those in pain – through anxiety, isolation, financial pressure, choices;
- For those coping with self-isolation and COVID quarantine;

Community:

- For all Australian citizens;
- For all refugees and displaced peoples; for those locked in detention centres seeking asylum;
- For healthcare workers in our community; all those who offer home services; Meals on Wheels;
- For our local plumbers & electricians;
- For healthy mind, heart & body;
- For all we know dealing with COVID;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;

Years Mind:

HORSHAM Emergency Food Centre

ALL donations of non-perishable items for the **Christian Emergency Food Centre in Horsham** are more than welcome.

**The collection basket will be located at
The Font.**

Let's keep the generosity flowing.

Service Times Feb/March

Epiphany 6 – 13 Feb 2022

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Epiphany 7 – 20 Feb 2022

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Transfiguration – 27 Feb 2022

9.30am Christ Church
8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van
5.00pm Café Church

Ash Wednesday – 02 March 2022

5.30pm Liturgy
Simple meal in Rectory to follow

Lent 1 – 06 March 2022

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00am Areegra

6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Wednesday - 09 March 2022

5.30pm Evening Prayer – Rectory
6.00pm Meal and Lenten Exploration

Lent 2 – 13 March 2022

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van

Lent 3 – 20 March 2022

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 22nd February
7.00pm Refreshments
7.30pm Meeting

All are welcome to join us.

Parish Council minutes - or at least a summary, will be distributed with pew sheet & on notice board.

TODAY'S READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

First Reading:

Jeremiah 17:5-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
This is what the Lord says: 'Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord . That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. 'But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord , whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.' The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? 'I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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Response: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, but delights in the law of the LORD and meditates on his law day and night. (R)

2. He is like a tree planted near running water, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade.

Whatever he does, prospers. (R)

3. Not so the wicked, not so; they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes. (R)

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

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

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. 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.

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

**Thank you to everyone who
returned a NCLS Form.**

It is not too late to get your survey in to Rev James, as he is waiting for some letters from various parts of the parish. So, if you are able to bring them to church this Sunday - brilliant, and we can send them off.

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Sentence: Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Collect: Righteous God, you challenge the powers that rule this world and you show favour to the oppressed: instil in us a true sense of justice, that we may discern the signs of your kingdom and strive for right to prevail; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Sanctuary Plan Discussion

I am inviting anyone interested in furthering our discussion on the Sanctuary Plan to join us for a meeting after worship in Christ Church on 20th February at 10.30am.

This will be an opportunity to try and understand some of the issues concerning or exciting people as we seek to find an appropriate ‘architectural’ expression in our beloved church to meet all our spiritual and liturgical needs.

BYO: open heart.

Warracknabeal Action Group

You’re invited to a
Community Meeting
Tuesday 15th February – 6.00pm

Warracknabeal Community Centre

Action Plan review (celebrating and setting new goals): Get involved – Connect – Communicate – Collaborate.