



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Easter 6
14 May 2023

Sunday Service: 9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal



Father Richard Rohr speaks to the pervasive sense of shame that has taken root in our society: "What we call Original Sin in Genesis perhaps could be better called Original Shame, because Adam and Eve describe themselves as feeling naked. Some of the first words of God to these newly created people are "Who told you that you were naked?" (Genesis 3:11). Next, in a lovely maternal image, God as seamstress sews leather garments for them (3:21). The first thing God does after creation itself is cover the shame of these new creatures.

This must name something that is fundamental within us. We live, not just in an age of anxiety, but also in a time of significant shame. I find very few people who do not feel inadequate, stupid, dirty, or unworthy. When people come to me for counseling or confession, they always express in one way or another, "If people only knew the things I think, the things I've done, the things I've said, the things I want to do, who would love me?" We all have that terrible feeling of a fundamental unworthiness. It takes many different forms, but somehow it appears in each of our lives, even if we do not acknowledge it. Guilt, I am told, is about things we have done or not done, but our shame is about the primal emptiness of our very being. Shame is not about what we have done, but about who we are and who we are not. Guilt is a moral question. Shame—foundational shame, at least—has to do with our very being itself. It is not resolved by changing behavior as much as by changing our very self-image, our alignment with the universe. Shame is not about what we do, but where we abide...

*People often seem to start with this premise: "If I behave correctly, I will one day see God clearly." Yet the biblical tradition says the exact opposite: If we see God clearly, we will behave in a good and human way. Our right behavior does not cumulatively lead to our true being; our true being leads to eventual right behavior. Many of us think that good morality will lead to mystical union, but in fact, mystical union produces correct morality—along with a lot of joy left over." [Adapted from Richard Rohr, *The Wisdom Pattern: Order, Disorder, Reorder* (Cincinnati, OH: Franciscan Media, 2020), 37–38, 40.]*

Every blessing, Rev!



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For the ALL of Creation; for our care and responsibility of it;
- For those who hunger for food; for those who thirst for water; for those who seek peace;
- For the people of the Sudan;
- For the people of Ukraine;
- For those experiencing grief;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For our farmers – for safe machinery and safe practise in mind and body;
- For all our Health and Allied Health workers; for all in Aged Care facilities;
- For those we know who are unwell – in mind, body or heart;
- For our friends and families – near or far away;
- For our pets;
- For our Christian witness in our daily lives; for conviction and compassion;
- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries and milestones;

Years Mind: Dorothy Smith, Charles O'Bryan, John Cowan, Lynnette Kay, Derek Close

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

Services – May/June

Easter 6 – 14 May

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Easter 7 – 21 May

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

PENTECOST – 28 May

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

Trinity – 04 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am Areegra

Pentecost 2 – 11 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 3 – 18 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 4 – 25 June

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church



Parish Council Meeting – 23rd May

You are welcome to join us at our next Parish Council meeting in Rectory:
7.00pm refreshments,
7.30pm meeting start.

Talk to any of our Parish Councilors about issues you would like to raise at the meeting. Want more info - get in touch with Serj (secretary) or Rev.

Mission!

Start here. Start small. Start now.

TODAY'S READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading : Acts 17:22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: 'People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god . So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship – and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. 'The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. "For in him we live and move and have our being." As some of your own poets have said, "We are his offspring." 'Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone – an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 66:1-7, 16

Response: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds! (R)
2. "Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!" Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam. (R)
3. He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever. (R)
4. Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me. Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness! (R)

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:8-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, 'Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.' Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?

But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. 'Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.' But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits – to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolises baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience towards God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

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:

John 14:15-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

'If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERS

Sentence: 'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises, 'and my Father will love them, and we will come to, them and make our home with them.'

Collect: Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant that we may walk in his way, rejoice in his truth, and share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**