

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Palm/Passion Sunday

29 March 2026

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm Café Church - Warracknabeal



Hello everyone! Hope you've had a good week.

What a fantastic celebration last weekend!

All reports from within our church and from wider community members gave loads of positive feedback on both our High Tea on Saturday and Sunday's service and lunch that followed. I felt that we had planned well and executed in a very professional manner - and I trust that you feel that we did ourselves proud - as we honoured the past and our forebears as well as building a foundation for our future together.

There are many people to thank ... I probably should be brave enough to name everyone personally, but if truth be told - it has been a team effort! That's the deal - we do what we can, and we do what we want to do, and we get on with it - as part of the 'faith team' - and therefore we can celebrate and congratulate each other as a 'faith team.' Our planning started last year - and I feel as though we honoured all our intentions - which included all our other events to this point as part of our Project Regenerate - 140yrs in 2026.

Our celebrations can continue - as we begin to prepare for Easter. There is something for everyone. The Seder Meal is always a fun way to enter the Easter Mystery, and hopefully you are able to join us for one of the services from Good Friday to Sunday.
Peace, Rev James

Extracts of Letters of
**Reverend Frederick
Arthur Booth** –
First Anglican Priest in
Warracknabeal.

August 1891

Parsonage nearly completed. Subscriptions should reach 300 pounds by the bazaar. Looking for someone to go into it for a while – Mr Wilkes (a possibility) however has bought one of the hotels and goes into it in October. This hotel sold for 13,000 pounds a few weeks ago and now Mr Wilkes has bought it for 13,500 pounds. (Wilkes are good church people)

'We are going to provide dinner for about 1000 at 4 pounds? We have 80 for two days@2/6 each from the stewards and officers of the shoe, which means 20 pounds. In addition, refreshments and a cup of tea & cake will be available all the afternoon.

About 30 ladies from the country have volunteered to waitress.'



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For seasonal weather;
- For world peace;
- For those less fortunate;
- For faithfulness and perseverance; for courage and hope; for love that dispels fear and hatred;
- For those facing the consequence of war and violence;
- For the Middle East;
- 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 United Nations;
- For our farmers and their families;
- For all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For our neighbours;
- For all who made our 140yr celebrations a success;
- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Linda EZZARD (1995), Honor WHYTE (2000), Eric CROSER (2004), Lynette LEWIS (2018), Wayne REID (2025), George MOSBEY (1987), Ernest HOOPER (2003), Richard CERUTTY (1996), Ivan WALSGOTT (2005), Catherine SMITH (2001), John FYFIELD (2013), Sonya MARSHMAN (2023)

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

Services - 2026

Palm/Passion – 29 March 2026

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church

Tuesday – 31 March 2026

5.00pm Eucharist only

Please note: the pot-luck supper for tonight has been cancelled.

Maundy Thursday – 02 April

6.00pm Christian Seder Meal

7.30pm Washing of the Feet Liturgy

Good Friday – 03 April

9.30am Reflections at the Foot of the Cross

Easter Sunday – 05 April

6.00am Lighting of the New Fire

9.30am Easter Celebration

Ordination In Warracknabeal

*I am pleased to announce that the ordination of Fiona Holland to the office of Deacon will take place at Christ Church Warracknabeal on **Saturday 20th June, 2026, 10.30am.***

This is an exciting time for Fiona and her family, and us - as we celebrate vocation and the possibilities of where God leads us all. More details will follow as they come to light. Please pray for all who will gather on this occasion.

TODAY'S READINGS

PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

First Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

31:9-18

Response: *Father, into your hands I commend my spirit*

1. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts. For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing: my strength fails me in my affliction, and my bones are consumed. **(R)**

2. I am become the scorn of all my enemies: and my neighbours wag their heads in derision. I am a thing of horror to my friends: and those that see me in the street shrink from me. I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind: I have become like a broken vessel. **(R)**

3. For I hear the whispering of many: and fear is on every side; While they plot together against me: and scheme to take away my life **(R)**

4. But in you, Lord, have I put my trust: I have said 'You are my God.' All my days are in your hand: O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors. **(R)**

5. Make your face to shine upon your servant: and save me for your mercy's sake. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel:

Matthew 27:11-54

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'You have said so,' Jesus replied. When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked him, 'Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?' But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge – to the great amazement of the governor. Now it was the governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, 'Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him. While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: 'Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.' But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. 'Which of the two do you want me to release to you?' asked the governor. 'Barabbas,' they answered. 'What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' Pilate asked.

They all answered, 'Crucify him!' 'Why? What crime has he committed?' asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. 'I am innocent of this man's blood,' he said. 'It is your responsibility!' All the people answered, 'His blood is on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers round him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. 'Hail, king of the Jews!' they said. They spat on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means 'the place of the skull'). There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: this is jesus, the king of the jews . Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!'

In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, "I am the Son of God."' In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him. From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' (which means 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'). When some of those standing there heard this, they said, 'He's calling Elijah.' Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, 'Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him.' And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, 'Surely he was the Son of God!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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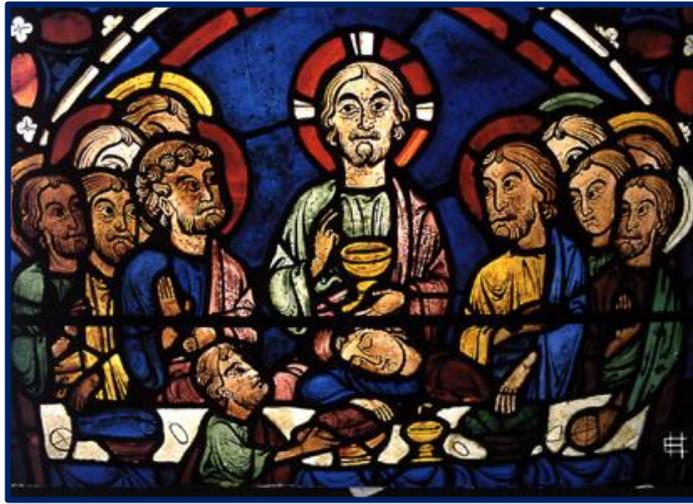
Sentence: At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, of your tender love towards us you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



“Peace is not the product of terror or fear. Peace is not the silence of cemeteries. Peace is not the silent result of violent repression. Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all. Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity. It is right and it is duty.”

Oscar Romero



The Last Supper - Chartres Cathedral stained glass

Maundy Thursday - 02 April 2026 - 6.00pm

A Simple Christian Seder Meal

A Passover Seder meal is a religious meal that celebrates the festival of Passover, which commemorates the Exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt. The word seder means "**order**" in Hebrew, and the meal follows a script that includes reading, storytelling, singing, and eating symbolic foods. The seder is usually held on the first and sometimes second night of Passover.

It has become our tradition in the Parish to celebrate a Simple Christian Seder Meal - which still tells the story of the Exodus from Egypt, but also allows us to commemorate our freedom to follow Jesus - in faith, hope & love.

It is a relaxing service - with symbolic readings, foods and fellowship that help us to understand the significance of Jesus' Last Supper with the disciples.

We would love you to join us.

Would you kindly RSVP to Rev - 0438 233 630 or Sandra - 0408 991 235 by Tuesday evening (at the latest) if you are planning to come to make it easier for catering purposes please (*but not essential if you forget*). All Welcome!

PLEASE BRING A PLATE/CASSEROLE TO SHARE

BYO drink. BYO friend. BYO Open Heart.

The Seder will be followed by a 'Washing of the Feet' Liturgy and Holy Communion in the church at 7.30pm,

The liturgy will provide a space for quiet reflection as part of our Holy Week and Easter celebrations.