



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

**LENT 3**  
**15 March 2020**

*By Ruth Padilla DeBorst*

I live in Central America, where the levels of violence have destroyed and disrupted so many lives. A number of years ago, my family experienced the intensity of this when my husband was murdered. My children and I had this sense that we had been given a second life, that we were granted an extension on what might have ended. And that brought a keen awareness to the importance of every moment you live. We only have the moment we have, and God calls us to be faithful with it.

So much of Christian thinking is concerned about what will happen in the future. Yet the call of Jesus is a call that is immediate, contextual, in the midst of the messiness of life. It's about embodying the presence of the Kingdom in the midst of those uncertainties. People talk about 'carpe diem' and 'grab the moment' to justify doing what they want without much thought for the future. But our call is to grab the moment and live fully into God's purposes for the world.

As I reflect on this theme, this prayer [adapted here, originally shared by Archbishop Romero of El Salvador] leads me to serve God faithfully now, entrusting the rest to him.

*God, show us how to plant the seeds that one day will grow.  
To water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.  
To lay foundations that will need further development.  
To provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.  
We cannot do everything, and our work may be incomplete,  
but it is a beginning, a step along the way,  
An opportunity for Your grace to enter and do the rest.  
Remind us that we are workers, not master builders;  
ministers, not messiahs.  
We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.*

***“The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short;  
but in setting our aim too low and achieving our mark.” Michelangelo***

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*“Challenging violence & injustice: Working for peace & reconciliation.”*

Join us for Coffee at Cafe Peppercorn tomorrow! 9.00am



### Prayer in the Parish

Week beginning 15th March

*Please pray and give thanks for:*

**Those in need:** Those who broker peace in the face of war; those who confront violence; those who disrupt oppression and those who nurture genuine justice.

**Events:** Our respective Lenten pilgrimages; The Welcome Dinner; generosity at raffle selling this week; Project REGENERATE; Easter weekend preparations; M2M (April 4/5<sup>th</sup>)

**In the Parish & Beyond:** +Garry; Tony Tamblin; “Endeavour” tonight; Project REGENERATE: Renew People. Revive Projects. Restore Place.

**Community:** All community groups wanting to further the growth and wellbeing of all residents in the region.

**Years Mind:** Idwen Harries, Stephen Jeffrey, Anne Order, Allan Pickering

### Service Times & Events – March/April 2020

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Lent 3

HC 9.30am Warracknabeal

HC 11.30am Areegra

Youth 6.00-8.00pm “Endeavour”

#### TUESDAY Holy Communion in LENT – 5.00pm

*Please note change of time.*

*Simple meal in Rectory and gentle discussion on faith and daily life will follow.*

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Lent 4

9.30am Warracknabeal **Cafe Church in Parish Centre**

HC 2.00pm Dunmunkle Lodge, Minyip

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Lent 5

HC 10.30am Warracknabeal

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – PALM Sunday

HC 9.30am Warracknabeal

HC 11.30am Areegra

#### Walk with the Cross – 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April

**Maundy Thursday** – Christian Seder Meal  
6.00pm (*to be confirmed*)

**Good Friday** – 9.30am Seven Last Words

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER Sunday

HC 9.30am Warracknabeal

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

**Wood Raffle – Fri 20/ Sat 21 Mar**

Please see [Sandra Taylor](#) if you can spare some time selling tickets at IGA.

Our next Raffle Day is 9<sup>th</sup> April!

Maybe you are free to tell Sandra in advance that you can help out on this busy day in town.

### Tuesdays in LENT

You are invited to the Rectory on Tuesday nights during LENT at 5.45-7.15pm - following the 5.00pm Eucharist in the church. We will share a simple meal together! It is a chance to deepen our relationship with God over fellowship and gentle discussion regarding the things that daily life throws at us.

# Project REGENERATE.

## Renew PEOPLE. Revive PROJECTS. Restore PLACE.

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# TODAY'S READINGS

## LENT 3

First Reading :

Exodus 1:1-7

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

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, travelling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarrelled with Moses and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses replied, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?' But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?' Then Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord answered Moses, 'Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.' So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the Lord saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm:

95:1-2, 6-9

**Response: *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.***

1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us joyfully sing psalms to him. **(R)**

2. Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. **(R)**

3. Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
Where your fathers tempted me;  
they tested me though they had  
seen my works. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Romans 5:1-11

### ***A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans***

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been

justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again

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king of endless glory!**

**Gospel:**

**John 4:5-42**

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

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.' 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep.

Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?' Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.' He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.' 'I have no husband,' she replied. Jesus said to her, 'You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.' 'Sir,' the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.' 'Woman,' Jesus replied, 'believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.' The woman said, 'I know that Messiah' (called Christ) 'is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.' Then Jesus declared, 'I, the one speaking to you – I am he.' Just then his disciples returned and were

surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, 'What do you want?' or 'Why are you talking with her?' Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 'Come, see a man who told me everything I've ever done. Could this be the Messiah?' They came out of the town and made their way towards him. Meanwhile his disciples urged him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you know nothing about.' Then his disciples said to each other, 'Could someone have brought him food?' 'My food,' said Jesus, 'is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don't you have a saying, "It's still four months until harvest"? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying "One sows

and another reaps" is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labour.' Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I've ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, 'We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**ROSTERS AT CHRIST CHURCH  
22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2020**

E.A:	REGENERATE
Reader:	REGENERATE
Intercessor:	REGENERATE
Stewards:	S. Taylor & L. Witney
Flowers:	Lent – No Flowers
Morning Tea:	E. Moloney & R. Goodwin

**The Propers**

**Sentence:** God proves his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**Collect:** Lord God, our Redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Service next week – Cafe Church in the Parish Centre**

Come and enjoy some fellowship and engaging conversation as we meet for Cafe Church - a relaxed atmosphere to explore and affirm our faith. Bring a plate to share. Bring a friend?

## GOOD FRIDAY 2020 - April 10

### 'Turning our faces toward Jerusalem'

On Good Friday last year - some of us were privileged enough to hear 7 personal stories of faith from congregational members - on facing fear, confronting darkness, and seeing hope where there was despair and desolation.

I am going to do the same this year!



On Good Friday (10<sup>th</sup> April) - I am looking for seven volunteers (even reluctant ones) to share an aspect of their faith story with us. To help us reflect on the 'Seven Last Words of Jesus.' Seven REAL stories of faith and resilience and hope and confidence and conviction and salvation and transformation ... (and if you spoke last year you may like to choose a different word?).

I am looking for seven simple reflections of 'how God has changed your life' - because of what Jesus has done for you. This means that you might like to share a poem, a picture, an event ... with a brief explanation; it might be a piece of music that helped you get through a difficult time; it might be a reflection on a person of faith who has inspired you to 'take the path less travelled' ... the possibilities are endless.

The 'Seven Last Words of Jesus' are based on seven Scriptural passages of Jesus' crucifixion. (Two people approached me last week - so only 5 spots left)

1. **Forgiving:** Luke 23:33-34 (taken)
2. **Hoping:** Luke 23:39-43
3. **Belonging:** John 19:25-27 (taken)
4. **Protesting:** Matthew 27:45-46
5. **Wanting:** John 19:28-29
6. **Achieving:** John 19:30
7. **Giving:** Luke 23:46

I would really like you to consider participating. (I will happily spend whatever time required to help you prepare your 'offering') I am looking forward to celebrating our faith in this way as we prepare for our Easter Season together.

*With Every Blessing, Rev*

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## Diocesan Events - that you might like to participate in.

**Cathedral Choral Evensong** - Sunday 22nd March at 5pm

Will feature musicians and readers from Ballarat and Queen's Anglican Grammar School. All are welcome.

**Lady Day Service** - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - 11.00am

The Annual Mothers' Union Lady Day Mass will begin at 11am on Wednesday 25th March, Cathedral - Ballarat. All are welcome to this celebration of Our Lady's humility and obedience. The annual MU AGM will follow the Mass.

**A Day with the Bishop** - 04<sup>th</sup> April - 10.00-3.00pm

Part Bible Study, part Q & A, part meet and greet, take the opportunity to come and spend a day with Bishop Garry. 10am to 3pm. BYO lunch.

New to  
Warracknabeal  
Recently?



Warracknabeal Action Group will be holding a

# “Welcome to Warracknabeal” evening

Friday March 20

Warracknabeal Community Centre (ANZAC Park)

6pm for a 6.30pm start

BBQ tea supplied - Drinks at Bar prices

New residents of Warracknabeal and surrounds (3393) are invited to come along and enjoy a social evening with the opportunity to meet representatives from many of our community organisations.

RSVP <https://forms.gle/fATqM9dsoJYeiWkC9>  
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# The Thirst Quencher

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

John 4:10 (NIV)

Based on John 4:5-13



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WOMAN	TIRED	ETERNAL	JESUS	GIFT
SPRING	WELL	JOURNEY	SAMARITAN	DRINK