



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Transfiguration **11 February 2024**

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal



Hello everyone! I hope that I find you well.

There is the old joke: "How many Anglicans does it take to change a light bulb?"
'**CHANGE?!!**' (with emphasis) - comes the quick reply!

Change is one of the 'constants' in our lives. There is some 'change' that reassures us that we are growing and moving forward, that the earth is turning on its axis as it should through the changing of the seasons - the sun rises a little later, and we can feel Autumn creeping into our daily rhythm. What happened to summer? People keep telling me it is coming in March - anyway, we'll see.

And then there is 'change' that pierces our heart like a hot poker and seems to drain the energy from our bodies. It took me by surprise this week with a circumstance I was confronted with at school on Tuesday. As skilled as we may feel in dealing with the constantly changing nature of institutional life and people and whatever else life throws at us from time to time - this particular circumstance STOPPED me in my tracks. I have been trying to work out why. I have no solutions at the moment - apart from the reality that there are some things that I am just NOT in control of - even despite the best intentions, efforts and hopes I may have for a particular situation or person etc.

Jesus is transfigured before a select few disciples in our Gospel this week - and their lives are about to CHANGE big time as Mark leads us toward the Pascal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like most circumstances in our life - 'change' whether small or large offers us an opportunity to turn our hearts toward God and seek God's consolation or guidance or reminder that we are not always in control, but it is our response to circumstances, people and situations that matters most. I hope that as we prepare our lives for our Lenten journey - for death and resurrection, that God will grant us a spirit of courage and expectation as we open our lives to God.

Every blessing, Rev James

Project REGENERATE. Renew PEOPLE. Revive PROJECTS. Restore PLACE

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; for Southern Deanery;
- For all our sisters and brothers of faith around the Diocese;
- For Sherry Barber (Suzy Callaghan's sister) – battling cancer;
- For all who are facing difficulty – financially, emotionally, physically;
- For a STOP to war around the globe;
- For the people of Ukraine;
- For the people of Chile;
- For the people of the Israel & Palestine;
- For all brokering peace around the globe;
- For those who hunger for food; for those who thirst for water; for those who seek shelter and a place they can call home;
- For those hunger for justice; for those who thirst for right relationship; for those who seek equity for all;
- For those who are grieving;
- For those in distress;
- For those who feel lonely & isolated;
- For all those less fortunate than ourselves;
- For all hairdressers;
- For genuine reconciliation and healing in our Great Southern Land;
- For the Christian Emergency Food Centre in Horsham; for Bev and all the volunteers;
- For the Boys' Shed that resumes this week – for returning and new lads;
- For those we love – near and far away;
- For PEACE in heart, mind and soul;

Years Mind: Evelyn Megee (Radford)

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

Service Times Feb/March

Transfiguration – 11 February 2024

9.30am & 5.00pm – Warracknabeal
12.00pm Lunch in Rectory

Phase Two Conversation – Tues 13 February

5.15-6.00pm in the Rectory

Lent 1 – 18 February 2024

9.30am – Warracknabeal

Lent 2 – 25 February 2024

10.30am – Warracknabeal

(+Garry to visit)

12.00 – Mission Lunch

5.00pm Café Church

Lent 3 – 03 March

9.30am & 5.00pm – Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

Lent 4 – 10 March

9.30am & 5.00pm – Warracknabeal

12.00pm Lunch in Parish Centre

When the Light is Gone

The tender mercy of our God still holds us
when the light is gone
His guiding hand and guarding rod are
with us as we wait for dawn
O, though sorrow entered with the night
O, yet even now we know his light
His love is steady as the stars, whose
ancient light is burning still
He walks beside us in the dark, the
emptiness within us fills
O, though night is long he's with us now
O, in mercy's everlasting hour
As every night will have its end, we
know the sun will have to rise
Our loving lord will take our hands and
wipe the tears from every eye
O, for Christ has come,
the day draws near
O, and even now he meets us here

Songwriters: Paul Michael Zach, Kate Bluett.

TODAY'S READINGS

THE TRANSFIGURATION

First Reading:

2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from the second book of Kings

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." ⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent." ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing,

yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me And have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, Restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R)**
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, Give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour all through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with the dawn. **(R)**
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing. O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R)**

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to

keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, ⁹persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, ¹⁰always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us but life in you.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**
And Jesus was transfigured before them. Lord it is good for us to be here! **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one^[a] on earth could brighten them. ⁴And there appeared to them

Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved;^[b] listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

THE PROPERS

Sentence: It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Mission Lunch

Sunday 25th February at 12.00pm

\$25 and maybe bring a friend.

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We need donations of salads please!