

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Easter 3
14 April 2024

Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal
11.00am St Mark's Areegra



Hello Everyone! I hope the last couple of weeks have gone well for you.

Richard Rohr writes;

Christianity—as well as Buddhism, other religions, and nature-based systems—suggests that the pattern of transformation, the pattern that connects, the life that Reality offers us is not death avoided, but always death transformed. In other words, the only trustworthy pattern of spiritual transformation is death and resurrection. Christians learn to submit to trials because Jesus told us that we must "carry the cross" with him (Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 14:27). Buddhists do it because the Buddha very directly said that "life is suffering." Buddhism teaches us how to skillfully discern the source of suffering, detach from our expectations and resentments, and let go of illusion.

Death and life are two sides of the same coin; we cannot have one without the other. Each time we choose to surrender, each time we trust the dying, our faith is led to a deeper level, and we discover a Larger Self underneath. We decide not to push to the front of the line, and something much better happens in the back of the line. We let go of narcissistic anger, and we find that we start feeling much happier. We surrender our need to control our partner, and finally the relationship blossoms. Yet each time it is a choice—and each time it is a kind of dying. It seems we only know what life is when we know what death is.

The mystics and great saints were those who had learned to trust and allow this pattern, and often said in effect, "What did I ever lose by dying?" Or try Paul's famous one-liner: "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).

Wishing you each a fruitful and fulfilling Resurrection season.

Every blessing, Rev James

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; for Registry Office and Acting Registrar Nicole;
- For Sherry Barber (Suzy Callaghan's sister) – battling cancer;
- For a return to school for students, staff and support crews;
- For Light in the face of darkness; for Hope in the face of despair; for Love in the face of hatred and discord;
- For Jesus to reveal himself to us in our daily tasks and chores, and in the 'breaking of the bread';
- For a STOP to war around the globe; and for all brokering peace;
- For the people of Haiti; the Sudan;
- For the people of Ukraine and Palestine;
- For those who hunger for food; for those who thirst for water; for those who seek peace from war, violence & exploitation;
- For the Christian Emergency Food Centre in Horsham; for Bev and all the volunteers; for people's generosity to this important ministry in the region;
- For the Boys' Shed Project;
- For those we love – near and far away;
- For our neighbour/s;
- For those known to us who are unwell;
- For ourselves – for open hearts to welcome the wonder of the Resurrection;
- For seasonal weather and safe sowing season in our region;
- For Peace in our hearts and homes;

Years Mind: Bob Lynch, Elizabeth Dart, Dave Hobson, Nancy Clyne

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

Service Times April/May

Easter 3 – 14 April

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00am St Mark's Areegra

Easter 4 – 21 April

10.30am Baptism and HC
5.00pm Warracknabeal

Easter 5 – 28 April

9.30am Warracknabeal
5.00pm Café Church

Easter 6 – 05 May

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Easter 7 – 12 May

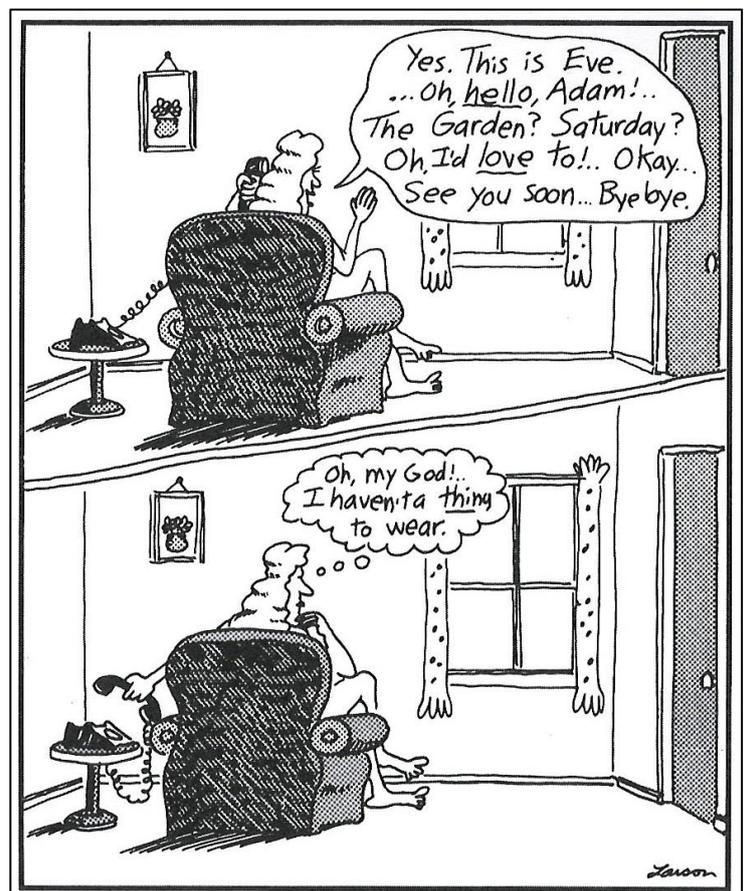
9.30am & 5.00pm
11.00am St Mark's Areegra

Pentecost – 19 May

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Trinity – 26 May

9.30am Warracknabeal
5.00pm Café Church



TODAY'S READINGS

EASTER 3

First Reading:

Acts 3:12-20

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Peter saw this, he said to them: 'Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. 'Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you – even Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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Response: *Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*

1. Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
when I was hard-pressed you set me free; be gracious to me now and hear my prayer. **(R)**

2. Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to my shame:
how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies? **(R)**
3. Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness:
when I call to the Lord he will hear me. Tremble, and do no sin:
commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still. **(R)**
4. Offer the sacrifices that are right:
and put your trust in the Lord.
There are many who say 'Who will show us any good?:
the light of your countenance, O Lord, has gone from us.' **(R)**
5. Yet you have given my heart more gladness: that they have when their corn, wine and oil increase. In peace I will lie down and sleep: for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R)**

Second Reading:

1 John 2:15-17, 3:1-6

A reading from the first letter of John
Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives for ever. See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

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

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

A reading from the gospel according to Luke

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.' Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

THE PROPERS

Sentence: Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

Collect: Lord of life, by submitting to death, you conquered the grave; by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you; by being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin: be with us in your risen power, that in word and deed we may proclaim the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **Amen.**

**"Darkness cannot drive
out darkness: only
light can do that. Hate
cannot drive out hate:
only love can do that."**

Martin Luther King Jr.

*[A Testament of Hope: The Essential
Writings and Speeches]*