



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

**Easter 6**  
**05 May 2024**

**Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal**



**Hello Everyone! I hope your week has gone well for you.**

*"A monastery had fallen on hard times. The few old monks who remained longed to see their once great order revived. They sought advice from a rabbi who regularly prayed in a hermitage in the woods nearby. The only advice he could offer was, "The Messiah is one of you."*

*The monks pondered this strange insight. 'Do you suppose he meant the Abbott? Yes, he probably meant Father Abbott ... on the other hand, he might have meant Brother Thomas. Certainly Brother Thomas is a holy man. Certainly he could not have meant Brother Eldred! Eldred gets crotchety at times. But come to think of it, even though he is a thorn in people's sides, when you look back on it, Eldred is virtually always right ... But surely not Brother Phillip. Phillip is so passive, a real nobody. But then, almost mysteriously, he has a gift for somehow always being there when you need him ... maybe Phillip is the Messiah. Of course the rabbi didn't mean me ... I'm just an ordinary person. Yet supposing he did? Suppose I am the Messiah. O God, not me. I couldn't be that much for you, could I?'*

*As they contemplated in this manner, the old monks began to treat each other with extraordinary respect. On the off chance that each monk himself might be the Messiah, they began to treat themselves with extraordinary respect."*

[Rivers in the Desert ©1991. Rowland Croucher, Ed. Albatross: Sydney]

**"Go, and do likewise." (Luke 10:37)**

Have a BRILL week!

Every blessing Rev James

## Prayer in the Parish

### **In the Parish & Beyond:**

- +Garry and swift recovery for ongoing health issues; for our sisters and brothers of faith in the Southern Deanery;
- For Sherry Barber (Suzy Callaghan's sister) – battling cancer;
- For all who feel unsafe or threatened or oppressed;
- For bold stances against violence;
- For all our beautiful women in our lives;
- For all our beautiful men in our lives;
- For Light in the face of darkness; for Hope in the face of despair; for Love in the face of hatred and discord;
- For those displaced by war and ethnic prejudice;
- For those seeking refuge far from home;
- For a STOP to war around the globe; and for all brokering peace;
- For the people of Kenya; Tanzania; Burundi;
- 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 our neighbour/s;
- For those known to us who are unwell;
- For seasonal weather and safe sowing season for our farmers in our region;
- For our Parish Council and their insight and commitment to good governance;
- For Peace in our hearts and homes;

**Years Mind:** Betty Kent, Margaret Kennedy, Jeffrey Kay, Phyllis Nuske, Dorothy Smith

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

## Service Times May/June

### Easter 6 – 05 May

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### Tuesday – 07 May

5.00pm - Eucharist

### 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

### Pentecost 2 – 02 June

9.30am & 5.00pm

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

### Pentecost 3 – 09 June

9.30am & 5.00pm

### Tuesday – 04 June

5.00pm – Healing Eucharist

## SAVE the DATE!

**Sunday 04<sup>th</sup> August**

**10.30am Parish Service**  
*(Only service this day)*

**12.00pm AGM**

**For anyone who is impacted by  
domestic, family or sexual violence:**

**1800 RESPECT**

**1800 737 732**

**Q: What do you call a box with  
nothing to do?**

A: Cardboard

# TODAY'S READINGS

## EASTER 6

First Reading:

Acts 10:44-48

### ***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles***

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, 'Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptised with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.' So he ordered that they be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm:

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***Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.***

1. Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done wondrous deeds;  
His right hand has won victory for him, his  
holy arm. **(R)**
2. The LORD has made his salvation  
known: in the sight of the nations he has  
revealed his justice. He has  
remembered his kindness and his  
faithfulness toward the house of Israel.  
**(R)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to  
the LORD, all you lands; break into song;  
sing praise. **(R)**

Second Reading:

1 John 5:1-12

### ***A reading from the first letter of John***

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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## 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 15:9-17

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

'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: love each other.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*"No act of kindness,  
no matter how small,  
is ever wasted."*

*Aesop*

## THE PROPERS

**Sentence:** Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'

**Collect:** Loving God, your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends: give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Real Quotes

### What should a young boy **NEVER** say to a young girl?

*[One of my questions to a year 3-6 class this week]*

"You're not strong!"

"You're a pig!"

"You are fat."

"You are ugly."

"You look like a cow."

"Go away or I will hurt you, pig!"

"You're dumb."

"You're a loser!"

"You're trash."

"You're weak!"

"Your face looks like a raccoon."

"You can never be what you want to be. Ha ha!"

*There will be some interesting conversations in the next few weeks! [Rev]*