Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

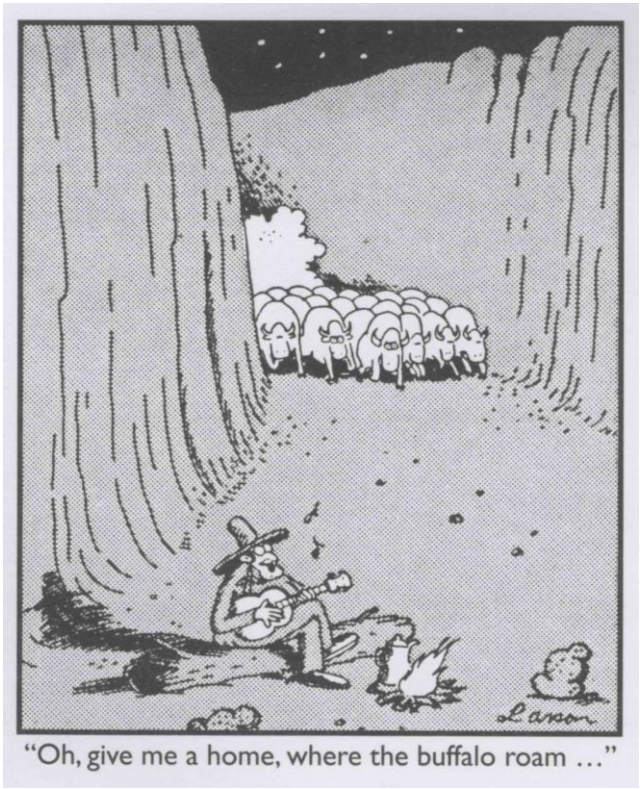
Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give.

Pentecost 20

11 October 2026

Hello Everybody! *I hope that you've had a good week!*

A heartfelt thank you to Rev Fiona, David, Jill, Jenny and Curl - who led us through liturgy and ministry and pastoral care during September. Most appreciated.



"Oh, give me a home, where the buffalo roam …"

Vikki and my travels were splendid. Driving across the Nullarbor I am reminded that there are NO SHORTCUTS to anything valuable in this life. No matter what 'road' we're on – relationships, faith, following dreams, achieving goals, making a difference in the world – it takes energy, planning, decision making, faithfulness and sometimes just plain hard work. No shortcuts indeed!

It's not a bad thing – it is just the way things are. One of our goals on this trip was to find the dodgiest motel room. We found it on the first night! Suffice to say, that competition didn't last too long. One of my highlights was seeing a 'Caravan of camels' – 50 in total wandering along the Eyre Highway having an absolute feast. The vegetation was green and lush and the camels themselves looked in brilliant condition.

It was particularly heartening to see our family and friends in WA. So little time and such precious moments. It is the same for all of us – how we manage to 'capture' these special moments when we often live so far away from those we love. And, my mother sends everyone her regards! We did talk about you all fondly.

Our Diocese enters a new phase of discernment. I encourage you all to complete the survey: Online: https://forms.gle/hBs9dMJwEzxdgpqT6, or ask me for a paper copy. Every blessing. Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Scott; for the 'Board of Electors' Committee as they prepare the process of electing our new Bishop;
- For our Synod reps; all in Registry;
- For all who have returned to school;
- For our town and region – for the Agricultural Show;
- For seasonable weather;
- For all who serve in our parish in a variety of ways – seen and unseen;
- 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 all facing natural disaster: flood, fire, earthquake, cyclone, famine;
- For our neighbours;
- For those in our Aged Care Facilities;
- For our farmers and their families;
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- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: William McINTOSH (2003), Betty COATES (2018), Joan BESZANT (1992), Aubrey (Laine) POULTON (1999), Charles MAPSTONE (2007), Edgar (Tom) FRY (1999), Alexander (Les) GARSED (2000), Norma Coates (2020), George LOCKWOOD (2001), Doreen FISHER (1987), Josefa KOET (2003)

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

Services - 2026

Pentecost 20 – 11 October
9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00 House Church Areegra

Monday 12th October – Rev Fiona
At Café Peppercorn – 9.00-10.30am

Pentecost 21 – 18 October
9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Synod of the Diocese
Friday 23-Saturday 24th October

Pentecost 22 – 25 October
9.30am / 5.00pm Café Church Warracknabeal

All Saints – 01 November
9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00am Areegra

Pentecost 24 – 08 November
9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 25 – 15 November
9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Christ the King – 22 November
10.30am and Parish Lunch Warracknabeal

Advent 1 – 29 November
9.30am Warracknabeal
6.00pm Prelude to Christmas (tbc)

A Prayer for a Bishop

+Garry retires on 03 Oct 2026

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese of Ballarat, a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Today's Readings
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

A reading from the Book of Exodus

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered round Aaron and said, 'Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' Aaron answered them, 'Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, 'Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord .' So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterwards they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry. Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." 'I have seen these people,' the Lord said to Moses, 'and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.' But Moses sought the favour of the Lord his God. ' Lord ,' he said, 'why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: "I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance for ever."' Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened. This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 106.1-6, 20-24

Response: ***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever***

1. Praise the Lord; O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
   And his mercy endures forever. **(R)**

2. Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord: or fully voice his praise?
   Blessed are those who act according to justice: who at all times do right. **(R)**

3. Remember me, O Lord, when you visit your people with your favour: and come to me also with your salvation,
   That I may see the prosperity of your chosen: that I may rejoice with the rejoicing of your people, and exult with those who are your own. **(R)**

4. We have sinned like our ancestors: we have acted perversely and done wrong.
   At Horeb they made themselves a calf: and bowed down in worship to an image. And so they exchanged the glory of God: for the likeness of an ox that eats hay. **(R)**

5. They forgot God who was their saviour: that had done such great things in Egypt, Who had worked his wonders in the land of Ham: and his terrible deeds at the Red Sea. **(R)**

6. Therefore he thought to destroy them: had not Moses his servant stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.
Response: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Second Reading: Philippians 4

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia!

Gospel: **Matthew 22:1-14**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. 'Then he sent some more servants and said, "Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet." 'But they paid no attention and went off – one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, ill-treated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 'Then he said to his servants, "The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find." So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, "How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?" The man was speechless. 'Then the king told the attendants, "Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 'For many are invited, but few are chosen.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERS

Sentence: If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself take up your cross and follow him

Collect: O God, whose Son has shown the way of the cross to be the way of life; transform and renew our minds that we may not be conformed to this world but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.



The Apostle's ACTION Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore;
This week I will give thanks for someone I love or something I own …

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

As a follower of Jesus I will bring an attitude of ……
In all I do, so that I can be a better human being.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Guided by the Spirit I will seek to behave with …… this week to make the world a better place.

So be it. (Amen)