



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Epiphany 5
06 February 2022

Hello Everyone! Another week in paradise? I hope so!

This Sunday - 9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00am Areegra
6.00-8.00pm - SHINE Youth Group



First, 'Thank you' to our Anglican Catering Team for a wonderful 'Sandwich & Sweet' luncheon on Sunday. Fantastic tucker and convivial atmosphere. Really super event - and it is meeting an understated need within our community. It is really lovely to see a diverse bunch of people enjoying fellowship, humour and (*terrible*) jokes. Ahhh! Living the dream. Congratulations to our Raffle winners.

Secondly, I invite you to join me in prayer - as we prepare to begin continue our ministry projects for 2022.

SHINE begins this Sunday night: please pray that our young people are prompted to attend; that we can create a space relevant and engaging; and, that God is honoured in all we do, say and teach.

Boys' Shed Project also begins this week - Primary age (yr4 & above) on Monday afternoon (07 Feb); and, High School Age on Thursday afternoon (10 Feb). Please pray that God will guide those who need and will appreciate this space for creativity, challenge and encouragement.

The Zmorph Project is planning to return the following week - on Monday afternoons. Please pray that our energetic and intelligent young people will be inspired to 'reach for the stars' - and that we may create a relevant and challenging space for growth and development of skills.

The Coffee Van will soon return to our beloved town street corner. Please pray for the mentoring team; that our young people are willing to serve and to learn; and, that our community understands our motivation for this project. Empowering young people in real-life and meaningful endeavours is no small feat, and I am very

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proud of our mentoring team and their willingness to put themselves in the 'public eye' on our behalf through this hospitality ministry.

And, our 'ROSTER' is back! Please pray for all who exercise ministry on our behalf in our liturgy. I know it has taken a long time to get back to our 'new normal' - which is still evolving, and I hope that you will appreciate that we have not rushed this process to ensure the safety for all (*and my lack of getting organized enough to do so - apologies*). I had a lovely response to a call for volunteers on Sunday for various roles - and I thank you all most sincerely!



Sunday's Response to Scripture discussion

Thank you for all who participated in our discussion during last Sunday's service. To my knowledge - no blood was lost and I believe everyone's dignity remained intact. I have published your responses in the back of the pew sheet for your information, prayer and edification. Please understand - that there will be context and explanations related to each comment - and so I implore everyone not to judge them at all at this stage. I will try to develop a cunning plan to help us understand all the issues that were raised.

I really appreciate everyone's honesty and respect to each other. As you would expect - I would like to respond personally, and will take some time to pray and respond in following pew sheets. In the meantime - I offer the following on a pure gut response level.

- a) I work on the 'Iceberg Principal' - that for every 1 opinion there maybe 7 thinking the same.
- b) We have some very interesting conversations ahead of us - how wonderful!
- c) Re: Sanctuary Plan - I really want and hope to move forward together on all the issues raised. If 9 in 10 (for instance) people chose a particular option, then we could confidently move in a particular direction relatively simply. The numbers suggest that with 70%-30% ratio - we need to delve deeper into "WHY?" - so that we can reach an informed position to move in whatever direction. I relish this process.
- d) We would all 'love' a perfect world - that suited all our needs all of the time! Alas - such a place HAS to exist somewhere in the Universe, but I fear that would also constitute being in God's Presence. I'm not ready to bury any of you at this stage!
- e) Let's keep talking and finding our way with God's Grace and guidance.

That's all. *Every blessing, Rev James*



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For all the people of Tonga; Myanmar; South Sudan; Haiti; Ecuador;
- For our homes – and those who dwell with us; those we miss;
- For those seeking healing treatment of any kind; for those in hospital;
- For those grieving loved ones;
- For those in pain – through anxiety, isolation, financial pressure, choices;
- For those returning to school;
- For those starting school and their parents & carers;
- For Principals within the region;

Community:

- For all Australian citizens;
- For all refugees; for those locked in detention centres seeking asylum;
- For Front line workers – in Australia and across the globe;
- For our local shop keepers;
- For healthy mind, heart & body;
- For all we know dealing with COVID;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;

Years Mind: Leslie Jonasson, Lois O'Callaghan, Lance Dunkley, Phyllis Walker, Gordon Jonasson, Gary Tong

HORSHAM Emergency Food Centre

ALL donations of non-perishable items for the **Christian Emergency Food Centre in Horsham** are more than welcome.

The collection basket will be located at **The Font.**

Let's keep the generosity flowing.

Service Times Feb/March

Epiphany 5 – 06 Feb 2022

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00am Areegra
6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Epiphany 6 – 13 Feb 2022

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Epiphany 7 – 20 Feb 2022

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Transfiguration – 28 Feb 2022

9.30am Christ Church
5.00pm Café Church

Ash Wednesday – 02 March 2022

5.30pm Liturgy
Simple meal in Rectory to follow

Lent 1 – 06 March 2022

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00am Areegra
6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Wednesday - 09 March 2022

5.30pm Evening Prayer – Rectory
6.00pm Meal and Lenten Exploration

Lent 2 – 13 March 2022

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

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*Please complete ONLINE
or return to Rev by this
Sunday!*

Need help – get in touch.

TODAY'S READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.' At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. 'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.' Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, 'See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 138

Response: *In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises Lord*

1. I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing your praises. I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name: because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness, for you have made your name and your word supreme over all things. **(R)**

2. At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer: and put new strength within my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord: for they have heard the words of your mouth; And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord: that the glory of the Lord is great. **(R)**

3. For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly: and he comprehends the proud from afar. Though I walk in the midst of danger, yet will you preserve my life: you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me. **(R)**

4. The Lord will complete his purpose for me: your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; do not forsake the work of your own hands. **(R)**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen

asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding round him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!' For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.' So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Sentence: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and was buried, and was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and appeared to many.

Collect: Most holy God, in whose presence angels serve in awe, and whose glory fills all heaven and earth: cleanse our unclean lips and transform us by your grace so that your word spoken through us may bring many to your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Installation of Dean - 25 Feb 2022

I will be attending the Induction and Installation of Rev Michael Davies in the Cathedral Ballarat on Friday 25 February.

People interested in attending with me should make it known ASAP please.

Service begins - 7.00pm
Car leaves Warrack - 3.00pm (approx)

National Church Life Survey – 2022

Through the Diocese, we have been invited to participate in the 2021 National Church Life Survey – which has been extended into 2022 for COVID related reasons.

The National Church Life survey results will provide us with information including:

- Who is coming to church, attending online, and whether COVID has affected their level of involvement
- How attenders have experienced church services in 2021 and What attenders currently value in your church
- What they see as priorities for the future
- Percentage of attenders who are growing in their faith, sharing their faith, connecting with their community and Sense of belonging to church – how strong is your community?
- Views about the church vision, leadership culture, and willingness to innovate

I cannot force anyone to complete the survey!

I would like to encourage everyone to do so however, and use this opportunity to get a 'snapshot' across the parish, and how we might be able to improve our church life together and be able to identify what we need to enable ALL to grow in our faith.

If you would like more information: get in touch with me or follow the link to: <https://ncls.org.au/>

Epiphany 4 - Scripture Response Summary 30 Jan 2022

(For your information)

1. What is the implication for our own faith community / parish now - Jan 2022?

What do you feel would be helpful for us as a parish in responding to this Scripture today – Luke 4:14-30: either reinforcing current practices or exploring ministry options?

Answers:

- Music to engage on all levels.
- A choir.
- In-service discussion went very well.
- 'Getting out of the box.'
- We are seen in the community (Coffee Van) but could be doing more for the needy and dysfunctional families (especially children) in our community.
- Diocese be more approachable for parishioners.
- Have a full-time priest.
- Older demographic needs help, and somebody to talk our spiritual life with.
- Get together the ladies of the church eg. Luncheons.
- Continue ministry outreach endeavours and programs.
- I'm glad that there is no cliff in Warracknabeal!
- Change is always difficult for people to adapt, but positive change is admirable.
- To help anyone who needs.
- To do more than just say 'Hi' - but to help in anyway needed.

2. The Holy Spirit is a major actor in Luke's Gospel.

Like the characters in Luke's Gospel - do you feel filled with the Holy Spirit?

No	Some of the time	Most of the time	Yes
1	5	4	1

Do you have an understanding of how the Holy Spirit - 'lives, moves and has its being' in your faith life?

No	Some of the time	Most of the time	Yes
1	5	3	2

In our current liturgy, do you have a sense that the Holy Spirit is on equal footing with God (The Creator) and Jesus (the Son)?

No	Some of the time	Most of the time	Yes
1	3	3	4

Would you find it helpful if there was more teaching on the Holy Spirit?

No	Some of the time	Most of the time	Yes
2		2	7

Any further comments:

- Keep teaching simple, in layman's terms.
- Different opinions on how to see the Holy Spirit.
- Evidence is hard to find for us.
- Holy Spirit seems the least of the Holy Trinity, and harder to identify.
- How do you know? (That it IS the Holy Spirit)
- Holy Spirit can be a bit complicated to understand. Depends on each person's concept.

Sanctuary Plan - Jan 2022

1. High Altar:

In principle - are you willing to trial moving the high Altar into the choir stalls?

Yes	16	No	5
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Comments:

- Great idea.
- Move closer to the people.
- Place Altar on wheels.

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- ♦ Have a trial.
- ♦ More inclusive.
- ♦ Don't want it to change.

2. Choir Organ:

In principle are you willing to remove or re-locate the choir organ?

Remove	16	Relocate	6
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Comments:

- ♦ Either - whichever works.
- ♦ Remove - as we don't use it anymore.
- ♦ Remove - Repurposing is positive.
- ♦ Remove - Release to Monastery.
- ♦ Relocate to Lady Chapel: restore and keep. (via correspondence)

3. Communion Rail:

If we agree on having a trial, how important is it to have a communion rail (for those who would prefer to kneel to receive communion).

Necessary	7	Not necessary	11
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Comments:

- ♦ Necessary – Trial it.
- ♦ Option to have or trial without.
- ♦ Do as we are currently doing. (*not necessary*)
- ♦ Where will it go?
- ♦ Desirable, but difficult to see how it can be moved. (*current rail*)
- ♦ If new layout has problems, can option be to reset to original?
- ♦ Not necessary - Age matters re: kneeling and stairs etc
- ♦ Necessary - Always inclusive.

4. Other matters:

- ♦ Where would the Bishop's seat be?
- ♦ Great plans.
- ♦ 5.00pm once a month only - to unify congregation.

Thank you everyone!

Get in touch if you would like to speak further about all of the above.