

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 20
18th October 2020

Hello everyone!

Another week in paradise? How are you fairing with your 'lot'?

Since the beginning of October, I have been reading a book by Peter Fitzsimons entitled "Burke & Wills." I wasn't much good at history at school, and if I'm honest I don't read a lot of history books now. Despite this inadequacy, I recognize that history is very important - and this ill-fated tale at the moment is both somewhat intriguing and then just down-right despairing.

What were they doing?

I almost put the book down, when recalling the account of the departure from Melbourne - it spoke of constant rain and the whole exploration party - men, camels, horses & carts, the 'kitchen sink' and much more besides - trudged through so much mud they only made it several miles hardly leaving the city outskirts at the time at all. I shook my head then, and I'm shaking my head now as the party describes - that there is NO WATER AT ALL!

Do you ever ask yourself - what are you doing?

Still searching for life-giving 'water' to sustain your own earthly pilgrimage or faith or daily life here in the 'good country'?

Do you know where the 'next billabong' will be? What are you shedding from your journey to make the way seem easier? Are you relying on your own supplies or are you willing to exchange goods with the locals? Adventure and exploration - certainly make us appreciative of 'home' - would you agree?

What do you value most about where you live?



I promised you last week that I would talk about the "COFFEE VAN Project." This project is the latest in our Project REGENERATE vision as tabled and endorsed in the "Parish Business Plan" - as part of the AGM papers.

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Coffee ZOOM returns!

Catch all the 'goss' and a bit more besides tomorrow at 9.30am via ZOOM. Link sent via email or ask Rev for details.

(Current Third Step restrictions means that there is limited seating at 'Peppercorn Cafe', so Rev is continuing with ZOOM until these circumstances change.



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond: +Garry; for all who grieve loved ones - through death or tyranny of distance; Sandra and Andy Taylor; for SHINE (*next Sunday*); for a return to the Boys' Shed (*Monday*); for those recovering from illness; those in hospital.

Community: Front-line health care workers; those who were elected to WAG; all summer sporting clubs and activities; for resilience.

Years Mind: Donald Johnson, Alfred Millard

Pentecost 20 youTube from Rev:

A Denarius? A Response!

<https://youtu.be/Eb8zLqCjGn4>

Bishop Garry's youTube message:

'The Cost of Discipleship'

<https://youtu.be/92J5cE7JviA>



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Sunday Morning ZOOM Church - 10.30am

Once again we will brave the wonders of the world wide web and weave and duck our way through what we now call ZOOM Church. Join us!

Link for Sunday mornings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85010366934?pwd=K0pYSmFyaFI5WXFPcWR3WGZHMVFGQT09>

Meeting ID: 850 1036 6934

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THE PROPERS

Sentence: Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: grant that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in proclaiming the cross to be the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A successful person is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at them.

David Brinkley

A Simple Service – for Pentecost 20

Hymn: I Danced In the Morning

**I danced in the morning when the world
was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and
the sun;**

**I came down from heaven and I danced on
the earth,**

at Bethlehem I had my birth:

Dance then, wherever you may be;

I am the Lord of the dance, said he;

and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

**I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they
wouldn't follow me.**

**I danced for the fishermen, for James and
John,**

they came with me and the dance went on:

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the
lame:**

the holy people said it was a shame.

**They whipped and they stripped and they
hung me high,**

and they left me there on the cross to die:

Reflection:

*a) What made you think differently about
the world this week?*

*b) What virtue or characteristic is God
calling us to this week?*

Prayer of Preparation:

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name,

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings:

Videos: +Garry and/or Rev

Reflection:

What words or phrases give evidence to;
Loving nature of God; Tricky nature of God;
Extravagant nature of God; Creative nature
of God; Challenging nature of God?

Prayer:

Praise. Petition. Intercession. Thanksgiving.
(or follow your own discipline.)

The Lord's Prayer.

Collect for the Day.

Blessing:

“The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon
you, And give you peace;
this day and always” Amen.

[Numbers 6:24-26]

Song: I Danced (cont)

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned
black;**

**it's hard to dance with the devil on your
back.**

**They buried my body and they thought
I'd gone;**

but I am the dance and I still go on:

They cut me down and I leap up high,

I am the life that'll never, never die;

I'll live in you as you live in me:

I am the Lord of the dance, said he:

Sydney Carter

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TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 20

First Reading : Exodus 32:1-14

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses said to the Lord , ‘You have been telling me, “Lead these people,” but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, “I know you by name and you have found favour with me.” If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people.’ The Lord replied, ‘My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’ Then Moses said to him, ‘If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?’ And the Lord said to Moses, ‘I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.’ Then Moses said, ‘Now show me your glory.’ And the Lord said, ‘I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord , in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But,’ he said, ‘you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.’ Then the Lord said, ‘There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.’

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 106.1-6, 20-24

Response: *Give the Lord glory and honour.*

1. Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **(R)**
2. For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens. **(R)**
3. Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts. **(R)**
4. Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity. **(R)**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.

You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia – your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 22:15-33

***A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew***

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the poll-tax to Caesar or not?' But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, 'You

hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.' They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, 'Whose image is this? And whose inscription?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. Then he said to them, 'So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away. That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. 'Teacher,' they said, 'Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. Finally, the woman died. Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?' Jesus replied, 'You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. But about the resurrection of the dead – have you not read what God said to you, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.' When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Sustainable Development Goals – (for your information)

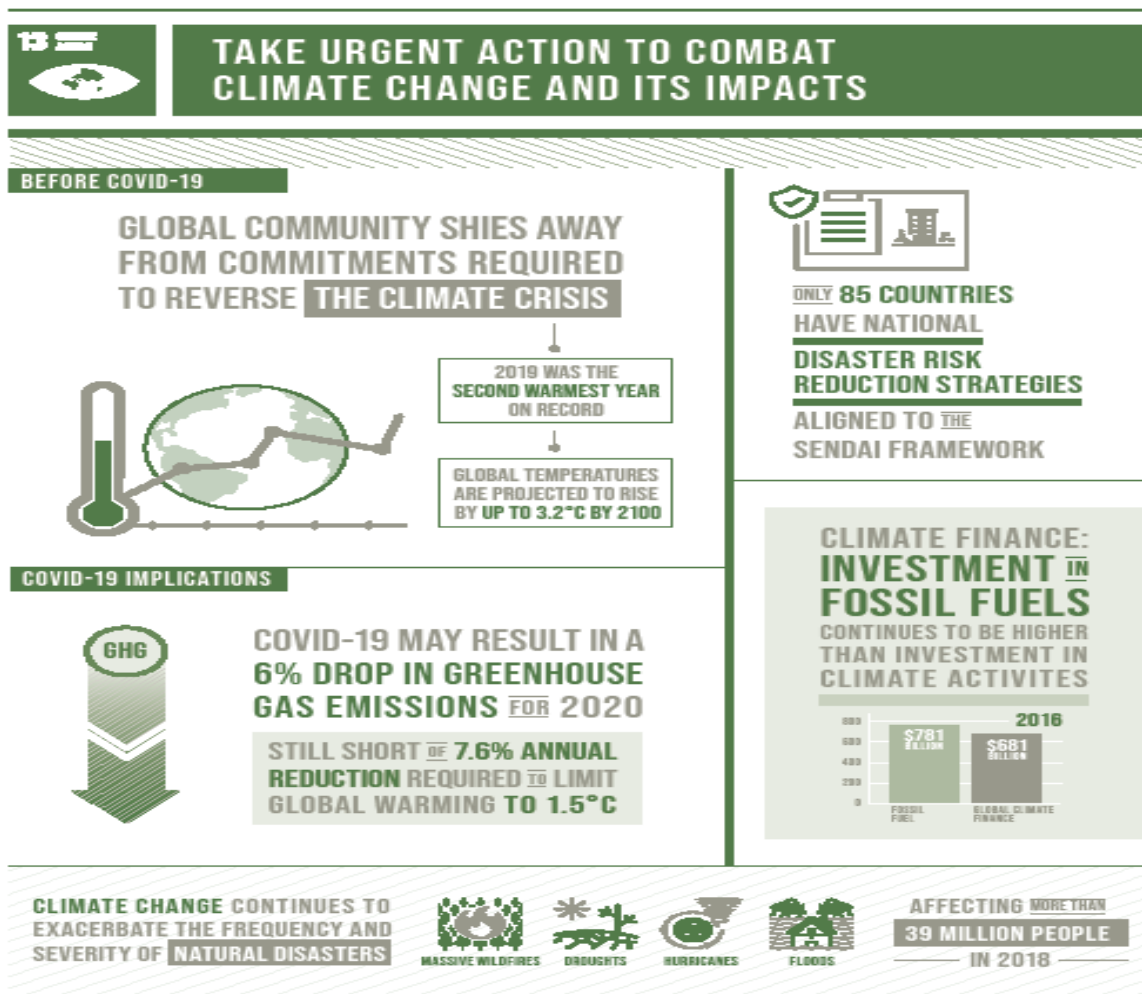
The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.

Goal 13: Climate Action

2019 was the second warmest year on record and the end of the warmest decade (2010- 2019) ever recorded. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) levels and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere rose to new records in 2019. Climate change is affecting every country on every continent. It is disrupting national economies and affecting lives. Weather patterns are changing, sea levels are rising, and weather events are becoming more extreme.

Although greenhouse gas emissions are projected to drop about 6 per cent in 2020 due to travel bans and economic slowdowns resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, this improvement is only temporary. Climate change is not on pause. Once the global economy begins to recover from the pandemic, emissions are expected to return to higher levels. Saving lives and livelihoods requires urgent action to address both the pandemic and the climate emergency.

The Paris Agreement, adopted in 2015, aims to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change by keeping a global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. The agreement also aims to strengthen the ability of countries to deal with the impacts of climate change, through appropriate financial flows, a new technology framework and an enhanced capacity building framework.



ACCESS MORE DATA AND INFORMATION ON THE INDICATORS AT [HTTPS://UNSTATS.UN.ORG/SDGS/REPORT/2020/](https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2020/)

(from the front page)

The Coffee Van will be operational every Sunday fortnight from 9.00am-1.00pm outside the Visitor Centre in Warracknabeal. This is an exciting new project that develops some significant partnerships with local people and organizations to address a need - both for the 'coffee drinkers' in town and our vision to equip young people for the world.

The main aim of the Coffee Van Project is to encourage young people and interested adults to learn the skill of coffee making. A qualified Barista Trainer has facilitated a couple of formation sessions to teach young people how to make good coffee. Another aim, is to develop young people's confidence and skills to facing and interacting with the wider public. As part of the project, participants are required to make coffees, take orders, handle money, keep work environment clean and engage with the public.

As you may have read in the local "Herald" - there was a fantastic atmosphere last Sunday - with many people popping in to say hello, and excited that they could get their coffee on a Sunday morning when all other Cafe's are closed.



Many thanks go to Prue McCreddon, Helen Dillon and the TEAM!

I feel very proud that we as a church 'are on the street'! This is no small thing. The build may be closed, but the CHURCH IS OPEN! I hope that you will find time to check out the Coffee Van Project yourself in the weeks that follow.

The next Sunday - 25th October - 9.00am-1.00pm

Every blessing, Rev James