



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Easter 2
24 April 2022

Hello Everyone!

This Sunday: 9.30am - Christ Church - Holy Communion
5.00pm - Cafe Church - Parish Centre



Sr Joan Chittister writes:

The old news about Easter is that it is about resurrection. The new news may be that it is not so much about the resurrection of Jesus as it is about our own. Unfortunately, we so often miss it. Jesus, you see, is already gone from one tomb. The only question now is whether or not we are willing to abandon our own, leave the old trappings behind and live in the light of Jesus, the Christ, whom the religious establishment persecuted and politicians condemned. It is the greatest question of them all in a world that practices religion as an act of private devotion and sees law and government as an arm of God.

The resurrection to which Easter calls us—our own—requires that we prepare to find God where God is by opening ourselves to the world around us with a listening ear. This means that we must be prepared to be surprised by God in strange places, in ways we never thought we'd see and through the words of those we never thought we'd hear. We must allow others—even those whom we have till now refused to consider—to open our hearts to things we do not want to hear. We must release the voice of God in everyone, everywhere. It means putting down the social phobias that protect us from one another. It presumes that we will reach out to all others—to the gays and the immigrants and the blacks, to the strangers, the prisoners and the poor—in order to divine what visions to see with them, what cries to cry for them, what stones to move from the front of their graves.

That will, of course, involve listening to women for a change, seeing angels where strangers are, emptying tombs, contending with Pharisees and walking to Emmaus with strangers crying, "Hosanna" all the way. Easter is not simply a day of celebration: It is, as well, a day of decision. What is really to be decided is whether or not we ourselves will rise from the deadening grip of this world's burnt-out systems to the light-giving time of God's coming again, this time in us. Then the Easter Alleluia is true: God is surely "with us." *Every blessing, Rev James*

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Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; Our Diocese and all her people;
- For all the people of Ukraine;
- For all the people of Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia;
- For the people of Russia;
- For humanitarian aid in countries of conflict and war;
- For the leaders of ALL Nations – those with influence and authority to act for the common good; United Nations;
- For all those displaced by war, violence, skin colour, creed, injustice;
- For all those facing natural disasters;
- For all our South American neighbours;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For Peter Lord;
- For those in hospital; those needed home care and assistance;
- For friends and family travelling, visiting, annoying, rejoicing;

Years Mind: June Robinson, Isabel Milner, Gladys Martin, Nola Ross, Douglas Coates, Bill Coates, Abbie Byron

Ukraine Refugee Appeal - Anglican Parish

Donated: \$8,002

Our Target: \$5,000

Thank you for your generosity!

Easter Services

Easter 2 – 24 April

9.30am HC Warracknabeal
10.30am (approx) – Sanctuary Trial
Consultation
5.00pm Cafe Church – Parish Centre

Easter 3 – 01 May

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

Easter 4 – 08 May

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
8.30-12.30 – Coffee Van

Easter 5 – 15 May

10.30am Warracknabeal
12.00pm Parish Luncheon
5.00pm Parish Centre
6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Next Parish Council

Tuesday 26 April 2022
7.00pm refreshments
7.30pm meeting
All welcome!

Dates for your diary:

Wood Raffles:

6&7 May; 3&4 June

Next Luncheon - Parish Centre

15 May - 12.00pm: Book early!

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TODAY'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading:

Acts 5:27-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,' he said. 'Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood.' Peter and the other apostles replied: 'We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead – whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

118:2-4, 13-15,

Response: *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

1. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever." **(R)**

2. I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my saviour.

The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just **(R)**

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from the book of Revelation

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. 'Look, he is coming with the clouds,' and 'every eye will see him, even those who pierced him'; and all peoples on earth 'will mourn because of him.' So shall it be! Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 20:19-31

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with

you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.' Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.' Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Parish AGM & Lunch – 11.30am

Sunday - 31 July 2022

Following the morning 10.30am

Service. All Welcome!

The Propers

Sentence: Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

Collect: Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked: draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ and touch his wounds where they bleed in others. This we ask through Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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