



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

## Pentecost 3

### 26 June 2022

**This Sunday: 9.30am - Christ Church - Holy Communion**

**5.00pm - Café Church - Parish Centre**



### Hello Everyone!

Who fancies preaching on the Gospel this weekend? (*Please let me know ASAP if you are prompted by the Spirit to put your name forward. Ha ha ...*) The tricky Gospel's are often the best though - what is Jesus trying to invite us to this week? We're not trained to speak in the 'lingo of old' - is there a secret message? What is God's point for 'me' in my life at the moment - in this place, for this time?

"Ah, the wonders of modern science Min!" as Henry Crunn would say in my favourite radio show - The Goons. It's ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIP.

That's it. Simple. What is your relationship with God like at the moment?

I feel as though I am luckier than some. Through the GLAD Program I facilitate in schools, I get the privilege of walking into a classroom at the beginning of term and seeing before my very eyes young people engaging, rebelling, resisting, changing, growing - it is such a special feeling - to lead them on a journey of discovery and empathy, of building self-confidence and trust with their peers. And, if I'm honest this term it could have gone either way with some of the characters that I have worked with. We're all so fragile under our 'hard Aussie rural' exterior! (*Perceived or otherwise*).

Jesus, it seems to me, had an extraordinary ability to know when to push, and when to rest; when to challenge and when to encourage; when to heal and when to confront; when to laugh and when to cry; when to accept that things were beyond his control and when to invoke the power of the One who sent him ... you and I, we too can 'assume' the same discerning ability. But do we really trust ourselves with this power, this gift, this ability: is it only reserved for the 'special few' or does the Spirit not discriminate about where that power rests for the week ahead?

Will you request to "Follow" this week? Will you be told to "GO!"

Take courage. Do not be afraid.

*Every blessing, Rev James*



## Prayer in the Parish

### In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For all the people of Ukraine;
- For the people of India;
- For the people of Sri Lanka;
- For the people of Bangladesh;
- For the people of Afghanistan;
- For all refugees; for those displaced through violence, war, racism or creed;
- For all experiencing loneliness;
- For all celebrating a birthday;
- For Max; for those known to us struggling with health and mental wellbeing;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For all looking forward to school holidays; those travelling;
- For all those in hospital; all those receiving home care and assistance;
- For all grieving loved ones;

**Years Mind:** Ellis Emmett, Cyril McCross, Rex Schulz, Phyllis Lynch, Edna Crocker

## Services – June/July

### Pentecost 3 – 26 June

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm – Café Church

### Pentecost 4 – 03 July

10.30am Warracknabeal

ONE SERVICE ONLY

### Pentecost 5 – 10 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

### Pentecost 6 – 17 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

### Pentecost 7 – 24 July

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Cafe Church

8.30am COFFEE Van returns

### Pentecost 8– 31 July

10.30am Warracknabeal

**11.30 Soup & Sandwich AGM**

## **Cafe Church - this Sunday @5.00pm in Parish Centre**

Cafe Church is an informal and fun way to gather for fellowship, simple worship and engaging conversation. Get to know your parish neighbour.

Bring a friend.

Explore in a gentle way how God has an impact on our lives, as we seek to follow Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is an opportunity to be nourished with food and friendship.

Bring a plate.

Suitable for the **WHOLE** family!



# TODAY'S READINGS

## PENTECOST 3

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a

### ***A reading from the second book of Kings***

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' And he replied, 'As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them walked on. Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?' 'Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,' Elisha replied. 'You have asked a difficult thing,' Elijah said, 'yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours – otherwise, it will not.' As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, 'My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!' And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two. Elisha then picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. 'Where now is the Lord, the

God of Elijah?' he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm:**

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**Response: *I remember the deeds of the Lord.***

1. I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; yea, I will remember thy wonders of old.  
I will meditate on all thy work, and muse on thy mighty deeds **(R)**
2. Thy way, O God, is holy  
What God is great like our God?  
Thou art the God who workest wonders, who hast manifested thy might among the peoples **(R)**
3. Thou didst with thy arm redeem thy people,  
the sons of Jacob and Joseph.  
Thou didst lead thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron **(R)**

**Second Reading:** Galatians 5:1, 13-25

### ***A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians***

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh.

They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Speak. O Lord, your servant is listening you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

### **The Propers**

**Sentence:** Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

**Collect:** O God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, the strength of the thoughts that seek you: help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gospel:**

**Luke 9:51-62**

### ***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke***

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?' But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village. As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus replied, 'Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' He said to another man, 'Follow me.' But he replied, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Still another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.' Jesus replied, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Parish AGM - 31 July -11.30am**

Join us for a Parish AGM & Soup and sandwich Lunch on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July following the 10.30am Service.

**ALL Parish reports due = 26 June**