



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 11
04 August 2024

Sunday Services: 10.30am & 11.30am AGM



"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

Desmond Tutu

How was your week?

Fulfilling? Discombobulating? Spuddle-ing?

The Olympics is in full swing now. Incredible to see human endeavour, endurance and achievement - striving for an elite piece of recognition in their chosen field of expertise and talent. There are some wonderful stories - as always, and some athletes attribute their privilege and achievement to God ... no small proclamation of witness in a world of diversity and dis-interest regarding the essence of religion - and more importantly faith.

I think we are going to be an 'elite' gathering at our AGM on Sunday. I know that many people are away - for all sorts of good reasons. I will have no 'medals' to present to our faithful servants of God this weekend, but I want people to know how grateful I am for our endeavours, endurance and achievements over the past year ... as we continue to negotiate our way through our modern times and its challenges and trials. Our faith matters! Good governance and stewardship remain important aspects of our faith community - and so, I hope that as we deal with some of the 'business aspects' of our parish that we can also enjoy some simple fellowship with each other also.

In not quite Olympic fashion - my Pain Revolution challenge continues - and I'm counting down the six weeks before we roll out of Mt Gambier. I'm only several hundred dollars away from the \$3000 target which I am most grateful for, and I've managed to edge closer to riding 200kms a week in preparation. It isn't as painful (yet) as I imagined, but I am conscious that many people live in a bucket load of pain every day - physically, mentally and spiritually.

God is our healer. Please continue to pray for those we know experiencing pain through whatever circumstances ... and maybe join us for our next Healing Service on Tuesday night - for yourself or on someone else's behalf. You never know what is possible when faced with the extravagance and abundance of God's Grace. *Rev James.*

Project REGENERATE. Renew PEOPLE. Revive PROJECTS. Restore PLACE

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry, and rehab routine and recovery;
- For the parish of West Wimmera and all who sail in her;
- For seasonal weather & grateful farmers;
- For all are in a 'state' of transition – mind, place, work or other interest;
- For our AGM meeting on Sunday – for honesty and goodwill, good governance, for generous hospitality;
- For the leaders of all Nations, those with influence to act for the Common Good;
- For our Boys' Shed Project – we are SO close to getting a Building Surveyor;
- For the people of Ukraine and Palestine;
- For those who hunger for food;
- For those who thirst for water;
- For those seeking shelter from violence, exploitation, and injustice of any kind;
- For our neighbour/s;
- For all experiencing loneliness, alienation, depression or other ailments;
- For Peace in our hearts and homes;
- For our small acts of kindness and Christian witness in word and deed;
- For all in our Aged Care Facilities; all known to us in hospital; for those known to us who are unwell;
- For our region – for those who have been here forever, and those who are new and settling;
- For all travellers;

Years Mind: Valerie McFarline, Dot Powell, Valerie Hewitt, Stanley Peters, Ellen Saunders, Jean Hobson

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

Service Times August

Pentecost 11 – 04 August

10.30am Warracknabeal (One service only)

11.30am – AGM – Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Tuesday Healing Service – 06 August

5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 12 – 11 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 13 – 18 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 14 – 25 August

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church – Parish Centre

Pentecost 15 – 01 September

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

Parish AGM – 04th August

10.30am Eucharist

11.30am in Parish Centre:

**Soup & sandwich lunch –
please bring a plate to share!**

THE PROPERS

Sentence: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Collect: Living God, whose Son Jesus fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us with your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

TODAY'S READINGS

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

A reading from the second book of Samuel

When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the Lord. The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, 'There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. 'Now a traveller came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveller who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.' David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, 'As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.' Then Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: "I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword

shall never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own." 'This is what the Lord says: "Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'" Then David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Nathan replied, 'The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 51

Response: *Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

1. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your merciful love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash me completely from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. **(R)**
2. My transgressions, truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R)**
3. Create a pure heart for me, O God; renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence; take not your holy spirit from me. **(R)**
4. Restore in me the joy of your salvation; sustain in me a willing spirit. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. **(R)**

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: 'When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.' (What does 'he ascended' mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fulness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 6:24-35

A reading from the gospel according to John

Once the crowd realised that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, 'Rabbi, when did you get here?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.' Then they asked him, 'What must we do to do the works God requires?' Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.' So they asked him, 'What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."'" Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said, 'always give us this bread.' Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ