



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

**All Saints**  
**06 November 2022**

**Hello Everyone!** I hope you've had a good week!

**Sunday Services:** 9.30am Warracknabeal  
11.00am St Mark's Areegra  
5.00pm Warracknabeal  
6.00pm SHINE

## **"The secret of the really spiritual life"**

*Sr Joan Chittister writes:*

Abba Sisoës says: "Seek God, not where God lives."

It is one thing to make a pilgrimage to the desert to find God. It is entirely another to be open to finding God where we are.

Then we become what the challenge of the moment summons us to be. Then Abba Sisoës' word of spiritual advice—to seek God and not simply the trappings of the spiritual life—becomes real, becomes true.

Life is not an exercise in spiritual gymnastics. It is one long, unending attempt to put on the mind of God wherever we are, whatever happens to us on the way. We are not here to pray our way out of life's challenges. We are here to grow through every one of them into spiritual adulthood.

The shrines and special prayers and holy pilgrimages along the way are spiritual oases meant to build our strength for the rest of the way. They are not God; they are simply signs that the God who made us is with us. It is that relationship that counts far beyond any particular devotion.

Abba Sisoës held the secret of the really spiritual life. However faithfully we have cultivated a favorite devotion, he warns us, we are not to allow ourselves to be beguiled by any of them. Each and all of them have only one purpose. They are meant simply to point in the direction of the consciousness of God at all times and in all places.

[from *In God's Holy Light: Wisdom from the Desert Monastics* by Joan Chittister]



## Prayer in the Parish

### In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For our Farmers and their families;
- For all in transition in one way or another;
- For all the people of Iran;
- For all the people of Ukraine;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For those we know who are grieving;
- For those anxious and isolated;
- For a sensible State Election campaign;
- For all those in financial stress; for those unable to 'make ends meet';
- For SHINE this Sunday;
- For 'Prelude' preparations;
- For our all God's blessings;

**Years Mind:** Henry Mercer, Thomas Fimmel, Margaret Boschen.

*"Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them."*

### MDC - Tree planting

Thank you to Jenny and David who volunteered as the Parish contacts for the 'tree planting' initiative through the MDC.

More news will filter through over the next few months into next year - and I am grateful for their immediate enthusiasm.

## Services –Nov

### All Saints – 06 November

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am Areegra

6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

### Pentecost 23 – 13 November

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

8.30-12.30 Coffee Van

### Christ the King – 20 November

10.30am Warracknabeal

Followed by BBQ & Salad Lunch

### Advent 1 – 27 November

9.30am Warracknabeal

8.30-12.30 Coffee Van

6.00/6.30pm **Prelude to Christmas**  
at Uniting Church

### Advent 2 – 04 December

10.30am Warracknabeal

*Special Morning Tea to follow*

### John Everett – RIP

*"I want to pay tribute to John Everett who was faithful to the Anglican Church at Brim & Warracknabeal.*

*He was a Sunday School teacher, and on the Vestry for a number of years. He leaves Virginia, sons and grandchildren, as well as the Everett extended family.*

*Sleep Peacefully John."*

*Margaret Dart*

# TODAY'S READINGS

## ALL SAINTS

**First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18**

### ***A reading from the book Daniel***

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream. Daniel said: 'In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea. 'I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me. I approached one of those standing there and asked him the meaning of all this. 'So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things: "The four great beasts are four kings that will rise from the earth. But the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it for ever – yes, for ever and ever."

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: 149**

### ***Response: The Lord takes delight in his people***

1. Praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song: O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their king. **(R)**

2. Let them praise him in the dance: let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp. For the Lord takes delight in his people: he adorns the meek with his salvation. **(R)**

3. Let his faithful ones exult in his glory: let them sing for joy upon their beds.

Let the high praises of God be in their mouths: and a two-edged sword in their hands. To execute vengeance on the nations: and chastisement upon the peoples. **(R)**

4. To bind their kings in chains: and their nobles with fetters of iron, To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed: such honour belongs to all his faithful servants. Praise the Lord. **(R)**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23**

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

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory. For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his

glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him and we will come to him. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

**Luke 6:20-31**

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

Looking at his disciples, he said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject

your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. 'Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. 'But to you who are listening I say: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### **The Propers**

**Sentence:** Blessed are you when people hate and revile and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven.

**Collect:** We praise you, heavenly Father, that you have knit together your chosen ones in one communion and fellowship in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**