

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Epiphany 2
19 January 2025

Sunday Services: 9.30am Warracknabeal



Hello Everyone! I hope that your week has gone well.

From "Luther's Breviary":

"We can say that love is the most delightful and the most perfect of the virtues, but this does not mean anything compared to our saying that God Himself is Love. Thus, if some one were to paint a true picture of God, they would have to find an image for pure love: it would be as if God's nature were a fiery furnace of passionate love filling both heaven and earth. If we really could depict Love, we would have to create an image that was neither really human, nor angelic nor even celestial, but one which would have to be God Himself."

[13th January. Luther's Breviary: A Mediation for Each Day of the Year. Copyright 2012.]

With your experience of God or Love this week - I wonder what image you or I would paint? Is our understanding of God - determined by our own moods, attitudes or circumstances? Or does God help us to understand our own moods, attitudes or circumstances? How did we 'Love' this week - because God loves us?

Luther continues: *"How many people are there nowadays who are full of praise for the Gospel and yet, who, at the same time, are willing to offer a penny for the sake of the Good News. In other words, how many people are there who are willing to forsake their greed and wilfulness? There is neither a farmer nor trader who would drop his market price for corn by one penny (even if there were good reason for this reduction). On the contrary, they are much happier when they can raise the price by as much as one pound. Similarly, a citizen has no scruples at selling diluted beer for the real thing... May God preserve the Gospel and our consciences wherever and whenever possible."* [15th January]

May your faith this week produce 'good works' - of kindness, love, art or compassion.

Every blessing, Rev James

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; for Fr Scott; for Registry Staff;
- For Mason R. and successful surgery;
- For those in Tibet; for those in California; for those in Yemen;
- For all whose lives are disrupted and changed due to Natural disaster – home and abroad; those affected by fire;
- For all First Responders this New Year Season;
- For the leaders of all Nations, those with influence to act for the Common Good;
- For those who hunger for food;
- For those who thirst for water;
- For those seeking shelter;
- For all who are grieving;
- For all known to us in hospital and our Aged Care Facilities; for those known to us who are unwell;
- For God's 'PEACE' in our hearts, our homes and our lives;
- For God's light that dispels darkness; for God's life that dispels death and disease; for God's love that dispels fear;
- For our neighbours;
- For all who are travelling; for those visiting; for those exploring;
- For all our families & friends.

Years Mind: Sarah DANIELS (1996), Pamela Hewitt (2024), Alissa KRAUS (2010), Hild ENTWISLE (1990), Ethel ASHFIELD (1986), David CLYDE (2023), Frederick TAYLOR (1999), Ruth Neylan (2022), Mary GOVE (2001)

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

Service Times Jan/Feb

Epiphany 2 – 19 January 2025

9.30am Warracknabeal

Epiphany 3 – 26 January 2025

9.30am Warracknabeal

Epiphany 4 – 02 February 2025

9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

Tuesday 04 February

5.00pm Eucharist

Saturday 08th February

10.30am Consecration of Fr Scott Lowrey

St Paul's Melbourne

Epiphany 5 – 09 February 2025

9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal

Epiphany 6 – 16 February 2025

9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal

Epiphany 7 – 23 February 2025

9.30am – Warracknabeal & 'Fancy' morning tea

5.00pm Café church

Diocesan Events

[Flyers in Church Foyer & in dNews]

**Invitation from +Garry to
Consecration of Fr Scott Lowrey
08 February, St Paul's Melbourne**

RSVP: 01 Feb to Chris Keast
ckeast@ballaratanglican.org.au

**Fr Matthew Jones
30th Year Anniv as a Priest
Monday 24th February: 11.00am**

**St John's Parish Fair
Saturday 01st March: 10.00-3.00pm**

TODAY'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

First Reading:

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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Response: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. I Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless his name. **(R)**
2. Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **(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! **(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 Corinthians 12:4-11

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 2:1-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come."

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His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told the them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the

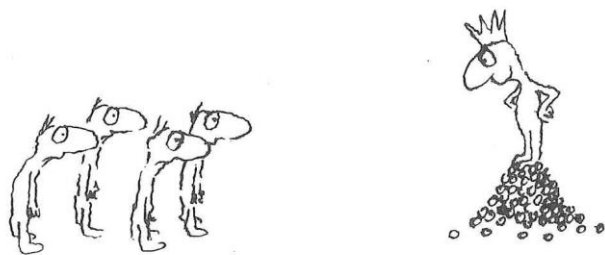
servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Sentence: Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Collect: Bountiful God, whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee: help us to believe and obey, so that, as our Saviour promised, we may be filled with the wine of new life and show forth his joy and love; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



[Michael Leunig]

I am pleased to announce that we received \$25,000.00 from the Leith Charitable Trust this week – for our 'Boys' Shed Project' and 'GLAD Program' which facilitates Rev's work in the schools in region.

Parish Website: warrackanglican.org.au

For the news, views and issues ...

As reminded in dNews, Fr Scott Lowrey (Warrnambool) has been appointed as an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese - Consecrated on 08 Feb 2025. We have been invited to offer donations as a gift for Fr Scott.

There is no obligation on your part, however, if you would like to make a contribution in the next week or two, you can do so by:

1. Clearly marked envelope for 'Fr Scott Gift' in offertory, or
2. Direct debit details as published in dNews: Bendigo Bank - Anglican Parish of Warrnambool. BSB: 633 000: Account No: 198426314

Thanks, Rev James