



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

**Lent 3**  
**23 March 2025**

**Sunday Services: 9.30am Warracknabeal & 5.00pm Café Church**



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

**WALK of the Cross** - Hopetoun to Warracknabeal - 15-17<sup>th</sup> April:

I will be seeking some assistance during Holy Week as I walk 'our' fourth Walk of the Cross through the Mallee and Wimmera.

1. Sandra may need assistance with catering for the duration.
2. Car drivers to assist with traffic control for Tues 15, Weds 16 & Thurs 17. This can be for the whole day or part of the day.
3. People to help set up for our Seder Meal on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> - with Sandra.
4. Anyone who has flashing lights or high-vis vests to keep us safe.

I am looking forward to the pilgrimage very much. I find it a helpful time to focus on Holy Week, and to show gentle Christian witness to the region. I particularly like carrying your prayers that are tied to the cross, so start thinking about what you'd like me carry this year. I will also be including prayers from Dunmunkle Lodge, and Hopetoun Lodge Residential Care facilities.

There will also be a couple of opportunities to share fellowship along the way. Details are still being worked out, so I will let you know when confirmed.

**Retreat in Daily Life - 6th:**

The plan is to facilitate our third Lenten 'Retreat in Daily Life' from 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April. In reality - there is just so much going on at the moment. Our retreat will be a time to attempt to slow things down a little as we prepare for Holy Week and the wonderful celebration of Easter. Nothing changes and yet everything changes!

I am planning to get the Labyrinth out again and will offer another Eucharist on Tuesday evening. On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> mornings I will be available at Peppercorn Café for a chat and catch-up.

I think that's all for now. Every Blessing, Rev James

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*Project REGENERATE: Explore. Rejoice. Give.*

## Prayer in the Parish

### **In the Parish & Beyond:**

- +Garry; for all Diocesan endeavours;
- For Peter and Glenys Jarvis;
- For the appointment of a new Diocesan Registrar and those on selection panel;
- For our sisters and brothers on the North American Continent;
- For Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give. 2025-2026
- For the leaders of all Nations, those with influence to act for the Common Good;
- For all who are experiencing difficulty – relationships, faith, circumstances;
- 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 Residential Care Facilities;
- For all facing flood damage;
- For completion of The Shed Project;
- For all our families & friends;
- For our neighbours;
- For seasonal weather;
- For all those we love, near and far away;

**Years Mind:** Jean CROSER (1995), William ARMSTRONG (1970), Daniel DALBY (1999), Francis HARMER (1988), John ARNOLD (1992), Anne Roder (2002), Norma McLEISH (1989), Allan PICKERING (2004), Keith HOFMAIER (1994), Gladys SHALDERS (1992), Faye LIERSCH (1993), Kate McGUIRE (2006), Brian WILSON (2021)

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

## Service Times March/April

### Lent 3 – 23 March

9.30am Warracknabeal & 5.00pm Café Church

### Lent 4 – 30 March

10.30am Warracknabeal

11.30am (approx.) Lunch at Uniting Church

### Tuesday - 01 April

5.00pm Eucharist

### Lent 5 – 06 April 2025

9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal

11.00am - St Mark's Areegra

### Retreat in Daily Life – 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday - 08 April: 5.00pm Eucharist

### Palm / Passion Sunday – 13 April

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### Chrism Mass – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April

11.00am – Christ Church Ballarat

### Walk of the Cross – 15-17<sup>th</sup> April

Hopetoun to Warracknabeal via Beulah & Brim

### Maundy Thursday – 17<sup>th</sup> April

6.00pm - Seder Meal & Washing of the Feet

### Good Friday – 18<sup>th</sup> April

9.30am – Reflections at the Foot of the Cross

### Easter Sunday – 20 April

6.00am – *Easter Fire & Breakfast (maybe)*

9.30am Warracknabeal

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**Parish Council meets this coming**

**Tuesday - 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**in Parish Centre:**

**7.00pm Refreshments**

**7.30pm meeting.**

**Please pray for us as we pray for you.**

# TODAY'S READINGS

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading:

Isaiah 55:1-9

### ***A reading from the prophet Isaiah***

‘Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendour.’ Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. ‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the Lord. ‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.’

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm:

63:1-9

### ***Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God***

1. God, you are my God: eagerly will I seek you. My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you: as a dry and thirsty land where no water is. **(R)**

2. So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary: and saw your power and your glory. For your unchanging goodness is better than life: therefore my lips shall praise you. **(R)**
3. And so I will bless you as long as I live: and in your name will I lift my hands on high. My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness: my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips. **(R)**
4. When I remember you upon my bed: when I meditate upon you in the night watches, How you have been my helper: then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings, Then my soul clings to you: and your right hand upholds me. **(R)**

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: ‘The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.’ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did – and in one day

twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test Christ, as some of them did – and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did – and were killed by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**Gospel:**

**Luke 13:1-9**

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

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way?

I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them – do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig-tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, "For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig-tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?"' "Sir," the man replied, "leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig round it and fertilise it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down."

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**THE PROPER**

**Sentence:** 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,' says the Lord.

**Collect:** O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Lunch at Uniting Church - next Sunday - 30<sup>th</sup> March following our service.  
11.30am (approx.) - Bring a plate.**

**We were also invited to join their liturgy at 10.30am. I decided that our Lenten rhythm was important, so we will still have our own church service as normal. However, if you would like to join the Uniting Church you will be welcome to do so.**

**Lunch is not compulsory but an opportunity to share fellowship together.  
Bring a plate to share.**

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