



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 21
30 October 2022

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

Sr Joan Chittister writes: "The door between control and freedom"

Life, we come to believe, is a straitjacket. As the years go by, we learn to think thoughts someone else produced. We do the things someone else tells us are good for us. We see the world the way everybody else does. We call good what the world calls good, and bad what the world calls bad. We live in prisons of our own making.

The very thought of being myself in the midst of a standard brand collection of social automatons is terrifying. We would be shunned, we fear. We would be ridiculed, we're sure. The unwritten rule, we know, is that we must "go along to get along." And we do. As Jean-Paul Sartre says in his most famous Theater of the Absurd work, there is "No Exit." There is, the play tells us, no way out once we set the pattern of it all. Once we subject ourselves to the eternal struggle of having to fit in to everyone else's expectations. Once we take on the morality of the world and call good bad and bad good. But there is a way out of such false judgments.

The door between control and freedom is in the mind. My mind. What I think about life determines the way I will live it. How I view the world around me is the world I will find around me. The way I interact with others is the way others will treat me, too. I can be happy, in other words, if being happy is enough for me. The task is to begin to trust my own decisions, my own ideas, my own judgments until I know better not to.

It is the willingness to be someone I do not want to be, a carbon copy of the people around me, that denies me the chance to grow and flower, to become and believe, to pursue and produce the best of me. Whether what I care about is what everybody else around me cares about or not.

I know a woman who got up one morning and started one of the most beautiful gardens in town right in the middle of the inner city. I know an eye doctor who simply closed his office one summer and went to Central America to open up eye clinics for children who could hardly see. I know a woman who mobilized the population to make sure that over 2000 families a year get Christmas gifts in their small homes, too. *(continued on back page)*

Project REGENERATE. 140 years in 2026.



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For our Farmers and their families;
- For all in distress;
- For all the people of Iran;
- For all the people of Ukraine;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For all those in hospital; for all facing surgery and recovery;
- For those we know who are grieving;
- For those isolated and alienated;
- For those displaced by flood;
- For Project Regenerate initiatives;
- For our Parish Council;
- For our all God's blessings;

Years Mind: Stanley Peters, Ivy Macphail, June Hardingham, Peggy Bourke, Maurice Hall, Bruce Kennedy

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

Ministry Development - Diocese

The Ministry Development Committee are looking for a parish volunteer to be the 'point of contact' for a project to plant trees in the parish - I've temporarily forgotten the name of it: so, if anyone has a secret psychological desire to be that person - please let Rev know ASAP!

Services – Oct/Nov

Pentecost 21 – 30 October

10.30am Warracknabeal
One Service Only

Pentecost 22 – 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
6.30pm **Prelude to Christmas**
at Uniting Church

Parish Council Minutes

As per our pre-COVID custom, the latest Parish Council Minutes will be displayed in the foyer of the church for your information.

If parishioners would like a copy sent to them via email or post - please let Rev know and it will be arranged.

Bishop Garry's Synod Charge

If anyone would like a copy of the Synod Address - please let Rev know and we'll get a copy to you!

TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 21

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

A reading from the book Habakkuk

The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received. How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralysed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted. I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. Then the Lord replied: 'Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. 'See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright – but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness -

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 119:137-144

Response: *Lord, Let your face shine on me*

1. Thy testimonials are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. **(R)**
2. The unfolding of thy words give light; it imparts understanding to the simple. **(R)**
3. With open mouth I pant, because I long for thy commandments. **(R)**

4. Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is thy wont toward those who love thy name. **(R)**
5. Keep steady my steps according to thy promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. **(R)**
6. Make thy face shine upon thy servant, and teach me thy statutes. **(R)**

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring. With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 19:1-10

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.' So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, 'He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.' But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.' Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Propers

Sentence: Today salvation has come to this house, for the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.

Collect: Merciful God, righteous Judge of all, who sent Jesus among us to seek and to save those who are lost: grant that we may eagerly seek the Saviour, and joyfully welcome him into our homes and lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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It's all about being willing to think differently, to live differently, to follow the brash new ideas within us to build the world around us all over again. No matter how foolish anyone else thinks it is.

Rumi was right when he wrote,
"Forget safety.

Live where you fear to live.

Destroy your reputation.

Be notorious."

To be happy, free yourself from what's blocking you from being able to be the rest of yourself. Eventually it will be a gift to all of us.

[excerpted from The Monastic Way by Joan Chittister]

Hope your week ahead is a belter.

Every blessing, Rev James