



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

## Pentecost 4

### 16 June 2024

**Sunday Services: 9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal**



***Hello Everyone! I hope your week has been fruitful!***

*Fr Richard Rohr writes;*

"The big secret is this: an infinite God actually seeks and desires intimacy with the human soul.

Once we experience such intimacy, or desire for such union, only the intimate language of lovers describes what is going on: mystery, tenderness, singularity, specialness, nakedness, risk, ecstasy, incessant longing, and, of course, suffering. This is the vocabulary of the saints. Our biggest secrets and desires are only revealed to others, and even discovered by ourselves, in the presence of sorrow, failure, need, when we are very vulnerable, and when we feel entirely safe in the arms of love. When that happens, there is always a broadening of being on both sides. We are larger people afterwards. Those who never go there remain small.

It's only when we are in such a tender place that God can safely reveal the "innards" of God to us. Those who are self-sufficient remain outsiders to the mystery of divine love because they will always misuse it. Only the need of a beloved knows how to receive the need and gift of the lover, and only the need of a lover knows how to receive the need and gift of the beloved.

How does this secret of intimacy become unhidden?

Only when we stop hiding - from God, from ourselves, and from at least one other person. Such risky self-disclosure is what I mean by intimacy and it is *the way* that love is transmitted. Intimacy happens when we expose our insides - and this is always scary. We must be prepared to be rejected and the pain of rejection after self-disclosure is so great that it can sometimes take years for us to risk again. Vulnerable intimacy is the entrance into and the lynchpin between all human and divine love. It is important that we pass through this gate of fear and find what lives inside. We have to want to love and to be loved - or we will never go there." [Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations: Wednesday, June 12, 2024.]

***Blessings, Rev James***

*Project REGENERATE. Renew PEOPLE. Revive PROJECTS. Restore PLACE*

## Prayer in the Parish

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

- +Garry; for our West Wimmera Deanery and our brothers and sisters of faith;
- For Sherry Barber (Suzy Callaghan's sister) – battling cancer;
- For bold stances against violence;
- For Light in the face of darkness; for Hope in the face of despair; for Love in the face of hatred and discord;
- For those seeking refuge far from home;
- For cease-fire negotiations in GAZA;
- For the continent of Africa;
- For the people of Burundi; Haiti; Papua New Guinea; India; Bangladesh; Afghanistan; Chile;
- For the people of Ukraine and Palestine;
- For those who hunger for food; for those who thirst for water; for those seeking shelter around the globe;
- For our neighbour/s;
- For those known to us who are unwell;
- For Boys' Shed Project;
- For The Christian Emergency Food Centre in Horsham – for all who seek assistance for food, financial pressure and roof over their head;
- For our own Neighbourhood House – their outreach and programs;
- For Peace in our hearts and homes;
- For our Parish Council; for good governance; for good stewardship;
- For all in our Aged Care Facilities; all known to us in hospital;

**Years Mind:** Richard Forsyth, Mick McMaster, Inez Kelly, Loena Hansberry, Jean Manning, Patsy Dempsey

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

## Service Times June

### Pentecost 4 – 16 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### Pentecost 5 – 23 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### Tuesday 25 June – Parish Council

7.00pm Refreshments: 7.30pm Meeting

### Pentecost 6 – 30 June

10.30am Warracknabeal

*(One service only)*

### 12.00pm Parish Lunch

Proceeds = Mission giving to Christian Emergency Food Centre in Horsham.  
Fundraising to Pain Revolution. *(shared 50/50)*



Re-think.  
Re-engage.  
Recover!

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR  
GENEROUS DONATIONS SO  
FAR – MOST APPRECIATED!**

### Rev's Pain Revolution Challenge

Kms this week: 132  
Funds raised: \$575.00  
*(Target \$3,000)*

**Donate:** All donations are tax deductible

[Donate • 2024 Pain Revolution Rural Outreach Tour \(raisely.com\)](#)

*(click on Rev James' name)*

Or: Cash or: place camera over qrcode:



# TODAY'S READINGS

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13**

### ***A reading from the first book of Samuel***

Then Samuel left for Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah of Saul. Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.' But Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.' The Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord ." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.' Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, 'Do you come in peace?' Samuel replied, 'Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord . Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.' Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord 's anointed stands here before the Lord .' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, 'The Lord has not chosen this one either.' Jesse then made Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, 'Nor has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' So he asked Jesse, 'Are

these all the sons you have?' 'There is still the youngest,' Jesse answered. 'He is tending the sheep.' Samuel said, 'Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.' So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; this is the one.' So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah. This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: 92:2-3, 13-16**

**Response: *Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.***

1. It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night. **(R)**
2. The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. **(R)**
3. They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, Declaring how just is the LORD, my rock, in whom there is no wrong. **(R)**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17**

### ***A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians***

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be

away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due to us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will live forever.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

**Mark 4:26-34**

**A reading from the gospel according to Mark**

He also said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. As soon as the corn is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.' Again he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest

of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.' With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

#### **THE PROPERS**

**Sentence:** Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and my mother.

**Collect:** Almighty God, give us such a vision of your purpose, and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### **Fiona Holland - Ordination Conference - Update**

- 1. Thank you to all who volunteered to participate in Fiona's 'Support Group'. I will be in touch soon, and you can get on with the good work of accompaniment. If anyone else wants to join - let Rev know.*
- 2. As part of Fiona's 'training' and experience, she will be involved in a number of different aspects of the liturgy both at 9.30 & 5.00pm. Embrace the diversity and wonder of teamwork etc.*

*Thanks, Rev.*