



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 2

19 June 2022

This Sunday: 9.30am - Christ Church - Holy Communion
5.00pm - Parish Centre - HC
6.00pm - SHINE Youth Group



Hello Everyone! Fr Richard Rohr writes:

It is a shame that the Holy Spirit tends to be an afterthought for many Christians. We don't really "have the Spirit." We tend, I'm afraid, to simply go through the motions. We formally believe, but honestly, there isn't much fire to it. There isn't much conviction. There isn't much service. We just sort of believe. That's why in the Gospels there are two baptisms that are clearly distinguished. There's the baptism with water that most of us are used to, and there's the baptism "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11); that's the one that really matters.

The water baptism that many of us received as children really demands little conviction or understanding. Until that water baptism becomes real, until we know Jesus, and we can rely on Jesus, call upon Jesus, share Jesus, love Jesus, we're just going along for the ride. We can recognize people who have had a second baptism in the Holy Spirit. They tend to be loving. They tend to be exciting. They want to serve others, and not just be served themselves. They forgive life itself for not being everything they once hoped for. They forgive their neighbors. They forgive themselves for not being as perfect as they would like to be.

Even though we so often pray, "Come, Holy Spirit," the gift of the Spirit is already given. The Holy Spirit has already come. You all are temples of the Holy Spirit, equally, objectively, and forever! The only difference is the degree that we know it, draw upon it, and consciously believe it. We would do well to fan into flame the gift that we already have. God does not give God's Spirit to those of us who are worthy, because none of us are worthy. *God gives God's Spirit in this awakened way to those who want it.* On this Feast of Pentecost, quite simply, want it! Rely upon it. Know that you already have it."

Every blessing, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry;
- For all the people of Ukraine;
- For the people of Chile;
- For the people of Sri Lanka;
- For all refugees; for those displaced through violence, war, racism or creed;
- For our people in Exile;
- For all our teachers, ES Staff & Principals in our local region;
- For all experiencing anxiety and chronic worrying;
- For all celebrating a birthday;
- For Max; Margaret Thompson;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For SHINE; thanksgiving for Building Permit for Boys' Shed;
- For all those in hospital; all those receiving home care and assistance;
- For all grieving loved ones;

Years Mind: Loena Hansberry, Jean Manning, Patsy Dempsey

Parish AGM - 31 July -11.30am

Join us for a Parish AGM & Soup and sandwich Lunch on Sunday 31st July following the 10.30am Service.

ALL Parish reports due = 26 June

Nominations for 12 Parish Council positions are OPEN!

Please think about who you would like to nominate.

Services – June/July

Pentecost 2 – 19 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Pentecost 3 – 26 June

9.30am Warracknabeal
5.00pm – Café Church

Pentecost 4 – 03 July

10.30am Warracknabeal
ONE SERVICE ONLY

Pentecost 5 – 10 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
11.00am St Mark's Areegra

Pentecost 6 – 17 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
6.00pm SHINE Youth Group

Pentecost 7 – 24 July

9.30am Warracknabeal
5.00pm Cafe Church
8.30am COFFEE Van returns

Pentecost 8– 31 July

10.30am Warracknabeal
11.30 Soup & Sandwich AGM

The Propers

Sentence: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Collect: Pour out upon us, O God, the power and wisdom of your spirit, so that we, who have been baptised into Christ and made your children through faith, may know your Son's power to heal, and being made one in him, may overcome all barriers that divide us; 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.**

TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 2

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a

A reading from the first book of Kings

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, 'May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.' Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. 'I have had enough, Lord,' he said. 'Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he travelled for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. There he went into a cave and spent the night. The Lord appears to Elijah And the word of the Lord came to him: 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.' The Lord said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and

stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.' The Lord said to him, 'Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. This is the word of the Lord

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Thanks be to God

Psalm:

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Response: My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face

1. As a heart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God. **(R)**
2. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? **(R)**
3. Oh send out the light and thy truth; let them lead me, let them bring me to thy holy hill and to thy dwelling. **(R)**
4. Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And I will praise thee with the lyre, O God, my God **(R)**

Second Reading: Galatians 3:10-14, 23-29

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians

For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.' Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because 'the righteous will live by faith.' The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, 'The person who does these things will

live by them.’ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.’ He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia

Gospel:

Luke 8:26-39

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

They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, ‘What do

you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!’ For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. Jesus asked him, ‘What is your name?’ ‘Legion,’ he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ‘Return home and tell how much God has done for you.’ So the man went away and told all over the town how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ