



# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

## Pentecost 3

### 09 June 2024

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



***Hello Everyone! I hope that you have found a warm place to start winter!***

**There is more to life than speed (Sr Joan Chittister writes)**

"O snail, climb Mount Fuji, / But slowly, slowly" the haiku master Issa writes. Some might call that a Japanese version of the fourth step of humility: Endure the pain of development and do not give up.

The monastic might see it as a call to the virtue of endurance. But if endurance is such a universal part of life, what is the human question that drives it? The haiku, in its short, sharp way makes three points:

In the first place, there are great important things to do in life however small, however frail we feel, however stacked the odds are against us. And yet, at the same time, there is more to life than speed. What's the use of speed? The mountain is not going to go anywhere as we climb it. Conditions might well change as we go and demand a revision of both our plans and our schedule. Finally, of course, the difficulties involved in the project must be confronted head-on, but it's unlikely that they can be resolved immediately. After all, a mountain is a mountain with everything that has to say about what can be learned as we climb and everything that will need to be endured as we go.

Obviously, what is needed for the long haul is not heedlessness or a series of senseless attempts as we get more and more tired, more and more frustrated, more and more stressed. What is needed is patience. It takes patience to come to know God. We must give ourselves a lifetime to do it. It takes patience to appreciate every stage of the climb—the hard beginning, the lofty but unreal schedule, and most of all, the wearying repetition of the process. We must be willing to immerse ourselves in each of them. It takes patience to overcome the impulse to frustration, the kind that comes from demanding from ourselves instantaneous results. (from *The Radical Spirit: 12 Ways to Live a Free and Authentic Life*)

*Blessings, Rev James*

## Prayer in the Parish

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

- +Garry; for the Vicar General and team; for our Archdeacons – Scott & Michael;
- 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 a STOP to war around the globe;
- For equity among Nations;
- 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 brokering peace 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:** Neville Marshman, Dorothy Taylor, Ernest Jonasson, David Potter, Mick McMaster, Ernest Mansfield, Richard Forsyth

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

## Service Times June

### Pentecost 3 – 09 June

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

### 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 3 – 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!

### Rev's Pain Revolution Challenge

Kms this week: 161  
Funds raised: \$425.00  
*(Target \$3,000)*

**Donate:** All donations are tax deductible

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

Or: Cash or: place camera over qrcode:



# TODAY'S READINGS

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20, 11:14-15**

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

So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, 'You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.' But when they said, 'Give us a king to lead us,' this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. And the Lord told him: 'Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.' Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: he will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. Your male and female servants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you in that day.' But the people refused to listen to Samuel. 'No!' they said. 'We want a king over us. Then we shall be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.' Then Samuel said to the people, 'Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.' So all the people went to Gilgal and made Saul king in the presence of the Lord.

There they sacrificed fellowship offerings before the Lord, and Saul and all the Israelites held a great celebration.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm:**

**138**

**Response: *Your loving kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.***

1. I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing your praises.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name: because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness, for you have made your name and your word supreme over all things.

At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer: and put new strength within my soul. **(R)**

2. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord: for they have heard the words of your mouth; And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord: that the glory of the Lord is great.

For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly: and he comprehends the proud from afar. **(R)**

3. Though I walk in the midst of danger, yet will you preserve my life: you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will complete his purpose for me: your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; do not forsake the work of your own hands. **(R)**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

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

It is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

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**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Now the Ruler of This World Will Be Driven Out, Says the Lord; and When I Am Lifted Up from the Earth, I Will Draw Everyone to Myself. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mark 3:20-35**

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

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, 'He is out of his mind.' And the teachers of the law who came down from

Jerusalem said, 'He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.' So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: 'How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.' He said this because they were saying, 'He has an impure spirit.' Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting round him, and they told him, 'Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.' 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle round him and said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.'

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.**