

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Epiphany 4
02 February 2025

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



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

Well, okay, so where did January go?

I don't know if you've been following the events of the night sky in recent weeks. Apparently there was a comet flying by us ... I think it disintegrated so is no longer visible. I didn't see it before it expired. However, there are four planets in our night sky at the moment - Jupiter and Mars are very clear in the North hanging around 'Taurus' and 'Orion the Hunter'. Saturn and Venus are in the West - and can be seen once the Sun has gone down ... but Saturn won't be there for long is my understanding. (*I can't find Neptune or Uranus, and Pluto is off the 'favourites' list*). These celestial beings are all part of our 'neighbourhood' - held in a delicate balance by our Sun and the closest we'll get to what is an exponentially expanding universe faster than we can understand it.

Who are your significant neighbours? Do they help keep you balanced? Or do you want to chase them off the cliff?

I've never thought of a parish family like our Solar System before ... heavenly bodies delicately balanced as we negotiate our earthly realities, hopes and dreams within this 'community milky way' we call our region.

Do we reflect God's light? How often can we be seen 'shining' together? What will it take for people to 'stop and take a closer look'? Or can we only be seen when things go dark?

What will help you shine brighter this year? Where is your source of light, life and love?

Where did January go? *Every blessing, Rev James*

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; for Fr Scott & Felicity; preparations for Consecration;
- For Mason R. and swift recovery;
- For those in Dimboola & Grampians;
- 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 Aged Care Facilities; for those known to us who are unwell;
- For God's gentleness that disarms violence; for God's patience that encourages tolerance; for God's kindness that instils understanding;
- For all in local business & service;
- For all who are travelling; for those visiting; for those exploring;
- For all our families & friends.

Years Mind: Thelma GARBETT (1991), Agatha CHONG (2004), Lorna GRANT (2006), Florence KENYON (2005), Leslie SHERWELL (2006), Jack (John) PICKERING (2015), Roy MILBOURNE (1991), Adeline VALLANCE (2008), Val SCHULZ (2016), Walter BINNS (1988), Gwyneth PICKERING (2005), Gordon LIERSCH (2015), Albert SNELL (1999), Ronald BRYANT (2011), Leslie SMITH (2011), Roma WILLISHER (2014)

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

Service Times Feb/March

Epiphany 4 – 02 February 2025

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

Tuesday 04 February

5.00pm Eucharist

Saturday 08th February

10.30am Consecration of Fr Scott Lowrey
St Paul's Melbourne

Epiphany 5 – 09 February 2025

9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal

Epiphany 6 – 16 February 2025

9.30am & 5.00pm – Warracknabeal

Tuesday 18th February – Parish Council

7.00pm Refreshments

7.30pm Meeting

Epiphany 7 – 23 February 2025

9.30am – Warracknabeal & 'Fancy' morning tea
5.00pm Café church

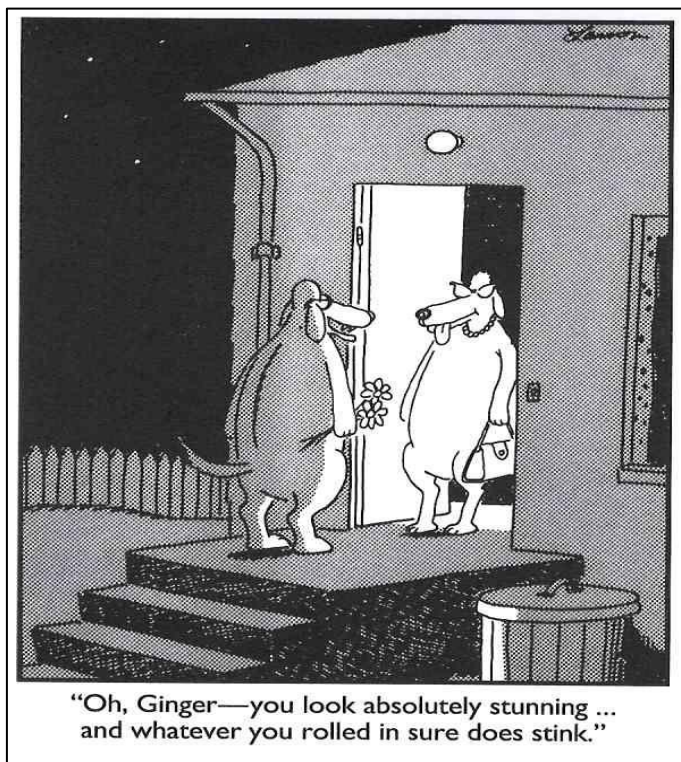
Transfiguration – 02 March 2025

9.30am - Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark's Areegra

Lent 1 – 09 March

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal



TODAY'S READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." "Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 71:1-6, 15-16

Response: I will sing of your salvation.

1 In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, and deliver me; incline your ear to me, and save me. **(R)**

2 Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety, for you are my rock and my fortress. O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked. **(R)**

3 For you are my hope, O Lord; my trust, O God, from my youth. On you I depend from birth; from my mother's womb you are my strength. **(R)**

4 My mouth shall declare your justice, day by day your salvation. O God, you have taught me from my youth, and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds. **(R)**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,^[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 4:21-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say

to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERS

Sentence: Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

Collect: Righteous God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your blessing to the lowly and pure in heart: give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, which has been revealed 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.**

Sunday 23rd February

9.30am Service of Commitment

(or something like it - can't actually find a better name at this stage)

An opportunity to cover James & Vikki with our blessing and goodwill for their marriage on Thurs 27th in Penola.

This is an open invitation to anyone in town to partake in a simple service with a fancy morning tea to follow.

Please bring a plate and a friend!

STRICKLY NO GIFTS please.

James and Vikki have ENOUGH stuff to fill several households!

If this feels awkward for you, please empower another person through the microloan organisation instead = KIVA.

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