

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Epiphany 7
23 February 2025

Sunday Services: 9.30am Warracknabeal & 5.00pm Café Church



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

Welcome to any visitors who may be joining us this weekend. It is lovely to have your company and to join in the celebrations of many 'good things' including healthy and loving relationships. Vikki and I are most grateful for your sharing our excitement and hope for all that lies ahead.

As you know, "Marriage lets you annoy one special person for the rest of your life!" (Anonymous - cleverly) Hahaha ...

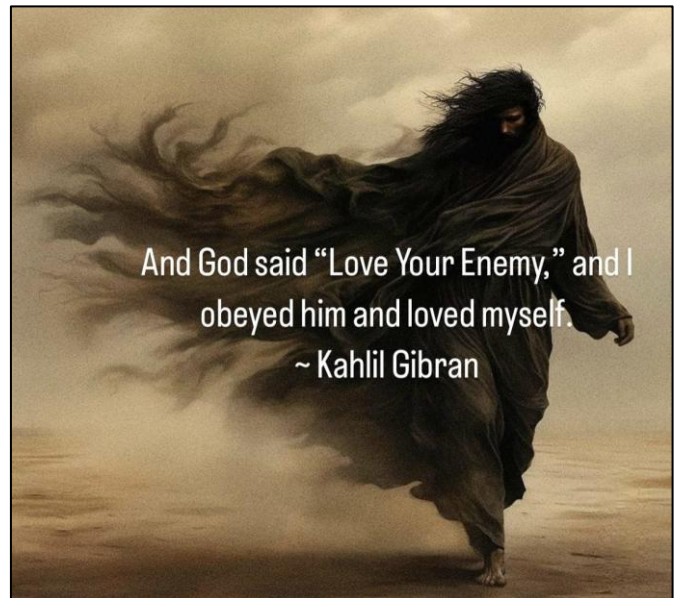
Ruth Bader Ginsberg wrote, "In every good marriage, it helps to be a little deaf."

Another 'anon' says, "Marriage means commitment. Of course, so does insanity." One from the archives, "I haven't spoken to my wife for 18 months. I didn't want to interrupt her." I've told you about the man who was poorly one day... maybe Sunday.

There is a Chinese proverb that reads: "If you want to be happy for a day, drink a bottle of wine. If you want to be happy for a week, kill a pig. If you want to be happy for a month, get married. If you want to be happy forever, grow a garden."

I think I'd prefer a lamb if I'm honest, but you get the idea. Planting a garden - is quite the challenge - especially the 'garden of our hearts' ... what seeds do you want to grow, what nutrients are best for the different aspects of our lives to give meaningful and long-lasting enjoyment and fulfilment. All our relationships need to be nurtured in the same way - including the person looking at you in the mirror. Love, Laughter and a watering can. What more do we need?

Every blessing, Rev James



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; for our Parish Council;
- For Daryl French – for recovery at home;
- For those brokering peace in various parts of our world;
- 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 Residential Care Facilities;
- For the Institution of Marriage and all who sail in her;
- For God's Light that dispels darkness; for God's Life that deters death and despair; for God's Love that confronts fear and hatred;
- For all our Electricians;
- For completion of The Shed Project;
- For all our school teachers and ES staff, our school Principals, for all students; for all going to University;
- For all our families & friends.

Years Mind: Archibald TODD (1987), Leslie SEIPOLT (2005), Sasha OVERALL (2003), Mary MERCER (1999), Evelyne McGEE (2018), Betty HUNTER (2024), Micah O'LOUGHLIN (2003), Walter DELAHOY (1996), Evelyn NICHOLSON Alfred HOLLAND, Ruby LEWIS (1989)

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

Service Times Feb/March

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

Ash Wednesday – 05 March

8.00am HC & Imposition of Ashes

Lent 1 – 09 March

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Lent 2 – 16 March

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Lent 3 – 23 March

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Lent 4 – 30 March

9.30am Warracknabeal & 5.00pm Café Church

Lent 5 – 06 April 2025

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

Palm / Passion Sunday – 13 April

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Walk of the Cross – 15-17th April

Easter Sunday – 20 April

9.30am Warracknabeal

World Day of Prayer 07 March 2025

THE COOK ISLANDS

The World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Friday 7th March, 2025 at St Mary's Church. The service will begin at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you can assist with a plate for Afternoon Tea that would be appreciated.

More info: contact St Mary's Ladies Club President Francis Casey or Maureen Farrall 0428 627 563

TODAY'S READINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

A reading from the book of Genesis

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph! Is my father still living?' But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come close to me.' When they had done so, he said, 'I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no ploughing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 'So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Now hurry back to my father and say to him, "This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me – you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute." And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterwards his brothers talked with him.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40

Response: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord

1. Trust in the LORD and do good, that you may dwell in the land and be fed in security. Take delight in the LORD, and he will grant you your heart's requests. **(R)**
2. Commit to the LORD your way; trust in him, and he will act. He will make justice dawn for you like the light; bright as the noonday shall be your vindication. **(R)**
3. By the LORD are the steps of a man made firm, and he approves his way. Though he fall, he does not lie prostrate, for the hand of the LORD sustains him. **(R)**
4. The salvation of the just is from the LORD; he is their refuge in time of distress. And the LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him. **(R)**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-50

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

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?' How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. Not all flesh is the same: people have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendour of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendour of

the earthly bodies is another. The sun has one kind of splendour, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendour. So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So it is written: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man. I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia!** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heave and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. Looking at his disciples, he said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. 'Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERS

Sentence: Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Collect: God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies. In our words and deeds help us to be like him, through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**