

# Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

**Advent 1**  
**01 December 2024**

**Sunday Services:** 10.30am Warracknabeal & 12.00pm Parish Lunch  
6.00pm Prelude to Christmas - Catholic Church

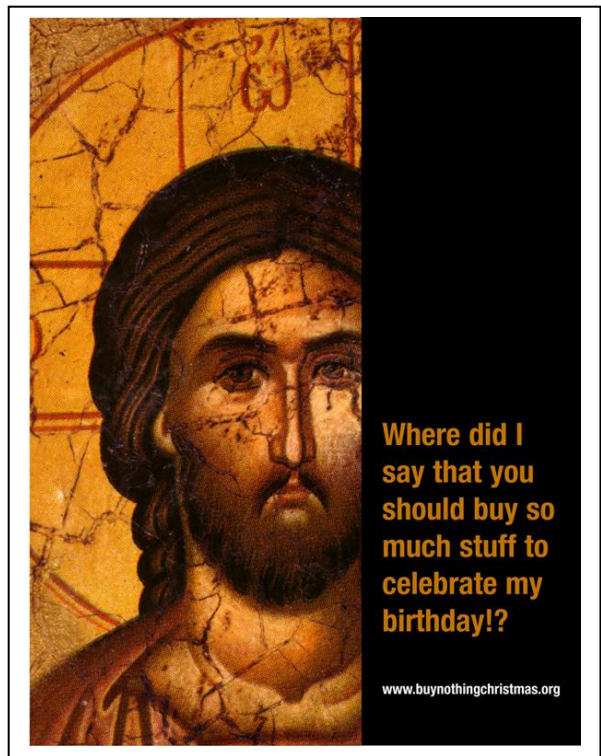


*Sr Joan Chittister writes;*

"We are what we are, but the gift of self unfolds only as we go, often barely noticeable, always with surprise. It can take years before it becomes clear—the real gift that is hidden within us. Which is why, perhaps, so few people end up in the professional fields they were prepared for as children and students but, if truth were known, never really wanted in the deepest parts of the heart of them. Developing the honesty it takes to unmask the self to the self is no small task. Until we are able to uncover the real reasons we are doing what we're doing, there is no being sure if we are living into a call or living out a public expectation. In the process of coming to understand what it takes to come to the fullest development of the self, it is imperative to distinguish between what I am doing and why I want to do it. Without that, there is no hope for the liberation of the self, let alone the fulfillment of the self.

In the course of trying to respond to what I think may be my call to fullness of life, then, the fundamental task must be the identification of the driving forces in my own particular life. It's important to unmask why I chose one area over another as the place to begin my adult life. It may be simply because there was no way into an area that interested me..... The more honest I am in examining my own motives for doing anything in life, the closer I am to being myself. The more equipped I am to distinguish the me I want from the me everybody else wants me to be, the more likely I am to become it."

Welcome to Advent! Every blessing, Rev James



## Prayer in the Parish

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

- +Garry; for the Registry staff;
- For the South West Deanery;
- For Anglican Church of South Sudan; Our own Diocese and all her people;
- For all facing Natural Disaster;
- For Prelude to Christmas and all our Ecumenical brothers and sisters;
- For the people of Cuba; for the people of the Sudan; for the people of Haiti;
- For the leaders of all Nations, those with influence to act for the Common Good;
- For those who hunger for food; For those who thirst for water; For those seeking shelter and refuge and asylum;
- For all who are grieving;
- For Peace for all in the face of war;
- For justice for all who face persecution;
- For courage, for all who face exploitation;
- For all known to us in hospital and Aged Care Facilities; for those known to us who are unwell;
- For our Parish Council, our Wardens, and good governance in our Parish;
- For the new floor in Parish Centre;
- For our Parish Lunch on Sunday; for the Catering Team;
- For the work and mission of ABM;

**Years Mind:** Louisa Henderson, Nancy Meredith, Gladys Schriever, Frank Mitchell, Annie Parker, Bonnie Butler, Melva Jackson, Valda Fisher, Lois Bibby

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

## Service Times Dec/Jan

### ADVENT

#### Advent 1 – 01 December

10.30am Warracknabeal

12.00 – Parish Lunch

6.00pm Prelude to Christmas – Catholic Church

#### Tuesday 03 December – Healing Eucharist

#### Advent 2 – 08 December

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark’s Areegra

#### Advent 3 – 15 December

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

#### Advent 4 – 22 December

9.30am Warracknabeal

6.00pm Café Carols – Areegra

#### Christmas Eve – 24 December

8.00pm Refreshments

10.00pm Carols and

#### Christmas Day

9.30am Warracknabeal

#### Christmas 1 – 29 December

9.30am Warracknabeal

#### Epiphany – 05 January 2025

9.30am Warracknabeal

11.00am St Mark’s Areegra

*All January Services at 9.30am Only*

*The season of Advent is a sticky-note reminder to the church:  
God is doing a new thing. Again!*

*[Anon]*

**Donations of grain – of any quantity can be made using the Church's NGR number: NGR 12439740**

# TODAY'S READINGS

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

***A reading from the prophet Jeremiah***

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will fulfil the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. “In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm:

25:1-10

**Response: *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul***

1. In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope: in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who wait for you be put to shame: but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing. **(R)**
2. Show me your ways, O Lord: and teach me your paths. Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me: for you are the God of my salvation. In you have I hoped all the day long: because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R)**
3. Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness: for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: but according to your mercy think on me. **(R)**

4. Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he direct sinners in the way. The meek he will guide in the path of justice: and teach the humble his ways. All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true: for those who keep his covenant and his commandments. **(R)**

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

***A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians***

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia! Alleluia!** Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.  
**Alleluia!**

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

There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' He told them this parable: 'Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

'Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 'Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.' Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, and each evening he went out to spend the night on the hill called the Mount of Olives, and all the people came early in the morning to hear him at the temple.

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**THE PROPERS**

**Sentence:** Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.

**Collect:** Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him; and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Be Patient  
& Stand firm  
Because  
The Lord's  
Coming  
is Near*