



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Lent 4
30 March 2025

Sunday Services: 10.30am Warracknabeal



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

WALK of the Cross - Update:

I have managed to get vehicle volunteers for Tues & Weds mornings:

We still need:

Tues & Weds afternoon, & Thurs am.

If you can assist - please get in touch with Rev ASAP.

Easter Fire: 20 April Easter Sunday

We WILL have an Easter Fire on Sunday 20th April at 6.00pm. A simple breakfast will follow.

Parish Centre - Parish Consultation:

At Parish Council on Tuesday evening, we agreed to 're-light' the dream of being able to improve the structure (to keep water out), revamp water drainage and improve aesthetic appeal of our 43 year old building.

We will initially begin with a Parish Consultation which will take place on Tuesday evening 8th April at 7.30pm. At this meeting we will list all the things, tasks and desires of how we'd like to refurbish our building and then be able to proceed appropriately with professional services in order to be able to achieve this in a timely and efficient manner. ALL are WELCOME!

Bring some ideas etc - or get in touch with Rev or Parish Council members now!

Every Blessing, Rev James

Easter Service Times

Palm / Passion Sunday – 13 April

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Chrism Mass – Monday 14th April

11.00am – Christ Church Ballarat

Walk of the Cross – 15-17th April

Hopetoun to Warracknabeal via Beulah & Brim

Maundy Thursday – 17th April

6.00pm - Seder Meal & Washing of the Feet

Good Friday – 18th April

9.30am – Reflections at the Foot of the Cross

Easter Sunday – 20 April

6.00am – Easter Fire & Breakfast

9.30am Warracknabeal

Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; for the Registry;
- For Peter and Glenys Jarvis;
- For the appointment of a new Diocesan Registrar and those on selection panel;
- For all who grieve;
- For our sisters and brothers on the South American Continent;
- For Project Regenerate: Explore. Rejoice. Give. 2025-2026
- 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 all facing flood damage;
- For completion of The Shed Project;
- For all our families & friends;
- For our neighbours;
- For seasonal weather;
- For all those we love, near and far away;

Years Mind: Linda EZZARD (1995), Honor WHYTE (2000), Eric CROSER (2004), Lynette LEWIS (2018), George MOSBEY (1987), Ernest HOOPER (2003), Richard CERUTTY (1996), Ivan WALSGOTT (2005), Catherine SMITH (2001), John FYFIELD (2013), Sonya MARSHMAN (2023)

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

Service Times March/April

Lent 4 – 30 March

10.30am Warracknabeal

11.30am (approx.) Lunch at Uniting Church

Tuesday - 01 April

5.00pm Eucharist

Lent 5 – 06 April 2025

9.30am & 5.00pm - Warracknabeal

11.00am - St Mark's Areegra

Retreat in Daily Life – 6th-13th

Tuesday - 08 April: 5.00pm Eucharist

7.30pm Parish Centre Consultation

First Reading:

Joshua 5:2-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again.' So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath Haaraloth. Now this is why he did so: all those who came out of Egypt – all the men of military age – died in the wilderness on the way after leaving Egypt. All the people that came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness during the journey from Egypt had not. The Israelites had moved about in the wilderness for forty years until all the men who were of military age when they left Egypt had died, since they had not obeyed the Lord. For the Lord had sworn to them that they would not see the land that he had solemnly promised their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. So he raised up their sons in their place, and these were the ones Joshua circumcised. They were still uncircumcised because they had not been circumcised on the way. And after the whole nation had been circumcised, they remained where they were in camp until they were healed.

TODAY'S READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Continued)

Then the Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' So the place has been called Gilgal to this day. On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

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Response: *I turn to you, Lord, in time trouble and you fill me with the joy of salvation*

1. Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven: whose iniquity is put away.
Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame: and in whose spirit there is no guile. **(R)**
2. For whilst I held my tongue: my bones wasted away with my daily complaining. Your hand was heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer. **(R)**
3. Then I acknowledged my sin to you: and my iniquity I did not hide; I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord': and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin. For this cause shall everyone that is faithful make their prayer to you in the day of trouble: and in the time of the great water-flood, it shall not come near them. **(R)**

4. You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble: you will surround me with deliverance on every side. 'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go: I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel. **(R)**
5. 'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding: whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'
Great tribulations remain for the ungodly: but whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them on every side. **(R)**
6. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad: and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart. **(R)**

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel:

Luke 15:11-32

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus continued: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the estate." So he divided his property between them. 'Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 'When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants." So he got up and went to his father. 'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms round him and kissed him. 'The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." 'But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on

his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'" So they began to celebrate. 'Meanwhile, the elder son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. "Your brother has come," he replied, "and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound." 'The elder brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, "Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!" ' "My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sentence: While he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

Collect: God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts: receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you, and seat them at your bountiful table, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

