

As a Christian community, meeting together to worship God, we affirm our commitment to ensuring the safety of each child who interacts with our community.

Our statement of commitment for Child Safety is available on our website or in the Narthex of each Parish Centre.

Mission Statement: To live as disciples of Christ embracing his teaching of love and service to all.

Vision Statement: To be known as God's people of prayer, to be welcoming of all our sisters and brothers by being inclusive and sensitive to diversity, open to change and growing as a community by the love and grace of Christ.

STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Please consider using Direct Deposit for your Stewardship giving.

Bank account details - BSB 703122, Indue Ltd. Account no. 05004414

The account is in the name of - St. Matthew's Glenroy/Hadfield with St. Linus' Merlynston

DIARY THIS WEEK

Wednesday 6th. March 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's, including M U prayers and fellowship

Thursday 7th. March 10.00 am.-11.30 am. Playgroup at St. Linus' All Welcome to attend Perpetua and her companions, martyrs at Carthage (d.203)

Friday 8th. March 10.00 am. Connect: Passport for Lent at home of Bev. Lacock
10.30 am. Holy Communion at Colton Close Aged Care Facility
John of God, worker among the sick and poor, Spain (d.1550)

Saturday 9th. March
Sistr Emma SSA, superior of the Society of the Sacred Advent, Queensland (d.1939)

Sunday 10th. March 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
Fourth Sunday in Lent 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 16th. March - Parish Council Meeting. Prior to this meeting is opportunity for all parishioners to express their queries or concerns, especially in regard to Forum for name change

Monday 18th. March -1.30 pm. Connect Meditation at St.. Matthew's. Glenda 0448 821 218

Palm Sunday 24th. March - 8.45 am. St. Linus' 10.30 am. St. Matthew's
Blessing of Palms, Procession, and Eucharist at both services.

Maundy Thursday 28th. March 7.00 pm. Service at St. Linus'

Good Friday 29th. March 10.00 am. Service at St. Linus'

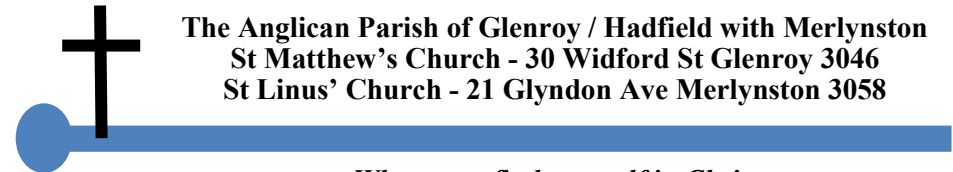
Easter Saturday 30th. March 4.00 pm. Gathering around the fire and placing your Lenten Passport into the fire to release your worries to God.
5.00 pm. Service of Light with Eucharist

Resurrection Sunday 31st. March 9.00 am. Renewal of vows and Eucharist at St. Linus'
10.30 am. Renewal of vows and Eucharist at St. Matthew's
Children's Easter Egg Hunt to follow at St. Matthew's
Volunteers needed to plan, organise and set-up on day.

Third Sunday in Lent 03-03-2024

WELCOME

The services within our parish can be seen on the screens during the service.
Please see one of our welcomers if you would like to use the complete prayer book.
Morning tea will follow the service.
Please join in our fellowship time.



**The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield with Merlynston
St Matthew's Church - 30 Widford St Glenroy 3046
St Linus' Church - 21 Glyndon Ave Merlynston 3058**

Where you find yourself in Christ

PARISH PRIEST: The Reverend Robert Koren

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This Week,

Rev Rob can be found at: St. Linus' Mon. 9 am. to 3 pm. St. Matthew's Fri. 9 am. to 3 pm.
Available at other times by appointment only.

PARISH WEBSITE - www.matthewlinus.org.au

PARISH FACEBOOK - www.facebook.com/matthewlinus

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Authorised Honorary Lay Minister
Glenda Owen 0448 821 218

Authorised Honorary Parish Reader
Kerryn Pratchett 0409 306 818



Love. Grow. Serve.

Acknowledgement of Country

From time immemorial the Wurundjeri people have cared for this land, nurtured it, depended on it and given honour and thanks to the Creator.
As we acknowledge their faithful custodianship of the land, and the sacred stories they have told; as we offer our respect to their elders, past, present and emerging, guide us Lord in caring for them, this land, and each other with the help of the Holy Spirit of Dreaming.

Sentence: God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. *Exodus 20. 1;*

Collect: Lord our God, by your Holy Spirit, write your commandments upon our hearts, and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross, so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness, we may become a living temple of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

The first reading is from the Book of Exodus 20.1–17;

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Hear the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Psalm 19 said by alternate half verse

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another;
and night to night communicates knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech or language,
nor are their voices heard.
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world;
and their words to the ends of the earth.
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun;
**which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.**
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise to the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, than honey that drips from the comb.

11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught;
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can know their own unwitting sins?
O cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Keep your servant from presumptuous sins,
lest they get mastery over me;
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The second reading is from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1. 18–25;

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Hear the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

The Lord be with you; and also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 2. 13-22; Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Faith Matters!! Cleansing your spiritual life.

In today's gospel, Jesus cleanses the temple. He cleanses the temple of things that are in the temple that were more about making money than helping people deepen their devotion to God. For example, the sheep were used as a way of offering atonement, yet where people could not afford the sheep, they were sold other animals that were cheaper like a dove, and so atonement was more about supporting the temple economy than the temple economy supporting atonement as it was prescribed by God. Jesus reminds us that we are the temple of God's Holy Spirit. Jesus says to the woman at the well that we will neither worship God in a temple nor on a mountain, but that we will worship in Spirit and truth. As Spirit and truth will reside in us, we are become the temple of God. In our journey to repentance we come to a point where we need to cleanse ourselves of the things that are not allowing us to have a full and complete relationship with God. Do we try and substitute, minimise or compromise the truth that Holy Spirit brings to us about our relationship with God? Do we live our lives expecting God to change so that we can live how we want to? Do you seek to change so that Spirit and truth reside in you and do it with zeal? Do you live your life with a transactional mindset bargaining with the Spirit to try and bend God's will? Jesus' zeal for the temple shows that he is not willing to compromise or bend his Father's commandments and will. Maybe we need to have the same zeal for ourselves so that we are not negotiating with whatever is stopping you have a full relationship with God. As Jesus got rid of things in the Father's house, so to we must act to get rid of it in ourselves as God's temple. *Blessings, Rev Rob.*