

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

Sunday	2nd. April	4.00 pm. Prayer, Praise and Proclamation service at St. Matthew's
Monday in Holy Week	3rd. April	1.30 pm. Connect group 'Guided Spiritual Meditation' at St. Matthew's <i>please bring cushion or rug, or both.</i> <i>This is an open group, not limited to 3 people. All welcome - contact: Glenda 0448 821 218</i>
Wednesday in Holy Week	5th. April	10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's, including Mother's Union Prayers
Maundy Thursday	6th. April	7.00 pm. Service at St. Linus' 7.00 pm. Service at St. Matthew's
Good Friday	7th. April	9.00 am. Service at St. Linus' 9.00 am. Service at St. Matthew's 10.30 am. Stations of the Cross at St. Matthew's 3.00 pm. Vigil Service at St. Matthew's
Easter Saturday	8th. April	3.00 pm. Vigil Movie - The Passion of Christ at St. Matthew's
Resurrection Sunday	9th. April	8.00 am. Service of the Light at St. Matthew's 10.00 am. Combined Parish Service at St. Matthew's with renewal of vows <i>Easter Egg hunt in garden of Wiseman House follows the service</i> 4.00 pm. Healing Service at St. Matthew's

## Prayer, Praise and Proclamation Service 02-04-2023

### 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



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with

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*This week*, Rev. Rob can be found at:  
St. Linus' - Mon. & Thurs. 9 am. to 3 pm.  
St. Matthew's - Wed. 9 am. to 3 pm.  
NOT available Tuesday.

PARISH WEBSITE - [www.matthewlinus.org.au](http://www.matthewlinus.org.au)

PARISH FACEBOOK - [www.facebook.com/matthewlinus](http://www.facebook.com/matthewlinus)

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**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:** At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2. 10-11;

**Collect:** Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race, you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross; in your mercy, enable us to share in his obedience to your will, and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*A reading from the book of Exodus 13.1-3; 13.7-9*

1 The Lord said to Moses: 2 Consecrate to me all the firstborn; whatever is the first to open the womb among the Israelites, of human beings and animals, is mine. 3 Moses said to the people, ‘Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the Lord brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten. 7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession, and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory. 8 You shall tell your child on that day, “It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.” 9 It shall serve for you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead, so that the teaching of the Lord may be on your lips; for with a strong hand the Lord brought you out of Egypt.

*Hear the Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God*

*Psalm 118:1-16 said by alternate verses;*

- 9 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:  
**his mercy endures for ever.**  
2 Let Israel now proclaim:  
**that his mercy endures for ever.**  
3 Let the house of Aaron proclaim:  
**that his mercy endures for ever.**  
4 Let those who fear the Lord proclaim:  
**that his mercy endures for ever.**  
5 In my danger I called to the Lord:  
**he answered and set me free.**  
6 The Lord is on my side, I shall not fear:  
**what can flesh and blood do to me?**  
7 The Lord is at my side as my helper:  
**I shall see the downfall of my enemies.**  
8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord:  
**than to trust to flesh and blood:**  
9 It is better to take refuge in the Lord:  
**than to put your trust in princes.**  
10 All the nations surrounded me:

**but in the name of the Lord I drove them back.**

11 They surrounded, they surrounded me on every side:

**but in the name of the Lord I drove them back.**

12 They swarmed about me like bees,  
they blazed like fire among the thorns:

**in the name of the Lord I drove them back.**

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell:

**but the Lord was my helper.**

14 The Lord is my strength and my song:

**and has become my salvation.**

15 The sounds of joy and deliverance:

**are in the tents of the righteous.**

16 The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:

**the right hand of the Lord raises up.**

The Lord be with you; **And also with you**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 12:20-32

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ 22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 27 ‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”?’ No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ 29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ 30 Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’

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

**Faith Matters!! Praise and proclamation, and then betrayal and death.**

In the one service we move from seeing how Jesus was praised and proclaimed as the Son of God, only to see that by before the next Sabbath would come, our Saviour would be dead on the cross.

Every year I read the entire passion narrative in the hope that more and more details sink in. There are very strong details of pain, torture and of course his final death. Then there are even more details about relationships that break down under pressure, being betrayed by people who do not see things the same way, humiliation, spiritual attack, isolation, powerlessness and victimisation.

If there is any detail to get it is to see that our Saviour went through everything we have known and then some. Our Messiah is someone that has walked our path and risen above everything that he had to endure because of His obedience to God the Father. As we come out of the journey of Lent this year, I encourage you to have confidence in what you have developed in your relationship with God our Father, during this time of Lent and to trust in God for he will make your path straight.

Blessings and peace as we move through the remainder Holy Week. Rev. Rob.