

## The Ode

*The Ode comes from "For the Fallen", a poem by the English poet and writer Laurence Binyon, and was published in London in 1914.*

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them. Lest we forget.

**ALL RESPOND: Lest we forget**

### Facing the west—Last Post

*Minutes Silence*

### Facing the east—The Rouse

#### Australian National Anthem

Australians all let us rejoice  
For we are one and free  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil  
Our home is girt by sea  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
Of beauty, rich and rare  
In history's page let every stage  
Advance Australia fair  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia fair

### Closing words and blessing.

Lord God, as we commemorate the ANZAC' heroes who have given their lives for our freedom, we ask that you bless their families and loved ones, and comfort them in their grief. We pray for the safety of our armed forces who continue to serve our country with honour and courage. May they be protected and guided in their duties, and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

**AMEN.**



*Please join us for morning tea and ANZAC biscuits.*



Parish Honour Roll as found at  
St Matthew's Worship Centre Glenroy.



## ANZAC SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

St Linus' Anglican Church  
On the St Linus Green  
23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023



**Welcome.**

**Hymn: Abide with me.**

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need your presence every passing hour;  
What but your grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like yourself my guide and strength can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with you at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, your victory?  
I triumph still, if you abide with me.

Henry Francis Lyte  
1793–1847 *alt.*

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**The ANZAC Story**

The ANZACs landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula at dawn on the 25th April 1915 and met fierce resistance. Instead of finding the flat beach they expected, they found they had been landed at an incorrect position and faced steep cliffs and constant barrages of enemy fire and shelling. Around 20,000 soldiers landed on the beach over the next two days. They faced a well organised, well armed, large Turkish force determined to defend their country.

Thousands of Australian and New Zealand men died in the hours and days that followed the landing at that beach. The surviving diggers, as the Australians called themselves, hung on waiting for reinforcements. The evacuation of the ANZACs occurred on 20 December 1915. By then, 8,141 had been killed or died of wounds and more than 18,000 had been wounded.

As this was the first great test of our young men in the horror of war, ANZAC day has become a focus for remembering those who have died and been injured in all wars. On this day we also remember the courage and effort of women and children whose contributions allowed the nation to survive. We also acknowledge the pain and suffering that affects all people in times of war.

ANZAC Day is a time for remembering and being thankful for those who helped our country remain a democracy. We acknowledge today that this freedom was bought at a price. We also pause to acknowledge our debt for the sacrifices that have been made during war.

Beyond that we have a legacy of responsibility. We must ensure that the legacy bought at so costly a price should not suffer in our hands. The word ANZAC does not merely commemorate an event, but rather is a standard of character, service and loyalty, which it is our duty to maintain at all times and in all places.

**Prayer for Peace**

God of Love, we give thanks for the selfless young Australians and New Zealanders who answered the call to serve at Gallipoli and who fought or nursed, but who gave the most they could, even their own lives, to preserve the freedoms and values we enjoy. We remember those from our honour roll (Names will be read out at this time). We place in your care all those who continue to fight to bring us a more peaceful world.

God of Peace

**ALL: Hear our prayer**

Let us remember all those who suffered as a result of war: the injured and disabled, and those whose faith in God was destroyed in the horror of warfare. There were men and women on both sides of the conflict, once young and full of life, who were changed utterly by war. Give them a safe home and holy rest with you,

God of Peace.

**ALL: Hear our prayer**

We call to mind the valiant nursing heroes on hospital ships and in repatriation hospitals who tended the wounded with compassionate care. We remember with thanks the self-sacrificing women and families who received back the human wreckage of war. When those around us cry with pain, may we respond as they did.

God of Peace.

**ALL: Hear our prayer**

We pray for ourselves that we may take fresh courage and inspiration from the selfless example of the ANZACS. They gave up their yesterday so that we may have our today. May we be worthy of their sacrifice and work throughout our parish and help our world become a safe and peaceful place for all.

God of Peace.

**ALL RESPOND: Hear our prayer**

We pray for all who will gather at dawn services around Australia, New Zealand and in Turkey on Tuesday to remember Anzac Day. May we all strive to bring peace to our world.

God of Peace.

**ALL: Hear our prayer**

*We now lay wreaths at the Cross and there will be a time to come forward to place poppies on the cross to remember the fallen.*