

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.*

DIARY THIS WEEK

Sunday	23rd. April	4.00 pm. Prayer Circle at St. Matthew's
Monday	24th. April	10.30 am. Reserved Sacrament at Craiggcare Aged Care Facility
Tuesday	25th. April	ANZAC DAY <i>public holiday</i> <i>MARK, EVANGELIST AND MARTYR</i>
Wednesday	26th. April	10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's
Friday	28th. April	10.30 am. Holy Communion at Colton Close Aged Care Facility 12.00 pm. Foodbank hampers distribution
Saturday	29th. April	<i>Catherine of Sienna, spiritual teacher (d.1380)</i>
Sunday	30th. April	9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus' <i>Fourth Sunday</i> 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's <i>of Easter</i> 4.00 pm. Prayer Circle at St. Matthew's

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 1st. May 1.30 pm. - Connect Meditation: 'Guided Spiritual Meditation' at St. Matthew's. Please bring cushion or rug, or both. This is an open group, All Welcome.
Enquiries - Glenda 0448 821 218

Wednesday 3rd May 7.00 pm. - Rev Rob's 1st Anniversary Pizza Meal and Fellowship at Wiseman House. A thank you from Rob to everyone for all the work that has been done in restoring, renewing and revitalising the parish. Lots more to do, but it is timely we celebrate and spend time together. ALL welcome. Rob will organise the pizza, BYO drinks and desserts.
RSVP Rev Rob by Sunday 30/4/2023 - 0493 384 108.

Sunday 28th May 10.00 am. - Combined service at St Matthew's for the start of Reconciliation Week. Our guest speaker will be by The Reverend Canon A/Prof Uncle Glenn Loughrey. He is visiting parishes throughout the Melbourne Diocese to speak about the referendum on The Voice to Parliament. He will speak during the service as well as being available for a Q and A session after the service. Uncle Glenn is one of the First Nation Cannons at St Paul's Cathedral as well as the appointed representative of Archbishop Philip on matters to do with the referendum and the Voice to Parliament.

Third Sunday of Easter 23rd. April 2023 and Anzac Day Remembrance



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
30 Widford St.
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Glenroy 3046

with

St. Linus'
21 Glyndon
cnr. Delta Aves.
Merlynston 3058



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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. & Fri. 9 am. to 3 pm.
NOT available Tuesday.*

PARISH WEBSITE - www.matthewlinus.org.au
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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.

Anzac Day Sentence: ‘No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends,’ says the Lord, ‘if you do what I command you.’

Anzac Day Collect: O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land, and for those who laid down their lives to defend them: We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles 2. 14a, 36–41;

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, ‘Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number

Her the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Psalm 116. 1–4, 11–18;

- 1 I love the Lord, because he heard my voice;
the voice of my supplication.
- 2 Because he inclined his ear to me;
in the day that I called to him.
- 3 The cords of death encompassed me, the snares of the grave took hold of me;
I was in anguish and sorrow.
- 4 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
‘O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me !’
 - 11 How shall I repay the Lord;
for all his benefits to me?
 - 12 I will take up the cup of salvation;
and call upon the name of the Lord.
 - 13 I will pay my vows to the Lord;
in the presence of all his people.
 - 14 Grievous in the sight of the Lord;
is the death of his faithful ones.
- 15 O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have unloosed my bonds.
- 16 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving;
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 17 I will pay my vows to the Lord;
in the presence of all his people.
- 18 In the courts of the house of the Lord;
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

A reading from the first letter of Peter 1. 13-25;

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy” If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. For “All flesh is like grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures for ever.” That word is the good news that was announced to you.

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 Luke 24. 13–35;
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ*

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ Jesus asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Faith Matters:

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!!! Alleluia! And today we see him appearing to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. To me, the disciples were not able to recognise Jesus because they had their own expectations. They could never expect to encounter Jesus in this way. We too cant recognise Jesus because we expect Him to bless us with, health, wealth and offer us success in every thing we do. The two disciples' teach us that Jesus has far too deep blessings for us to offer than we can think and imagine. He is the bread of Life from heaven for us. Amen! Every Blessing! Rev. Prashant.