

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	14th. May	4.00 pm. Healing Service at St. Matthew's
Monday	15th. May	MATTHIAS, APOSTLE and MARTYR
Tuesday	16th. May	7.30 pm. Men's Connect: Dinner Fellowship, at First & Last, Sydney Rd. Coburg North RSVP to Rev. Rob 0493 384 108 by 12th. May
Wednesday	17th. May	10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's
Thursday	18th. May	ASCENSION DAY
Friday	19th. May	Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury, teacher (d. 988)
Saturday	20th. May	10.30 am. ? Parish Council at St. Matthew's ?
Sunday	21st. May	9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
Ascension Sunday		10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's 4.00 pm. Choral Evensong at St. Matthew's

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 28th May 10.00 am. Combined Parish Eucharist at St Matthew's for the start of Reconciliation Week. Our guest speaker will be 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.

Monday 5th. June 1.30 pm. Connect Meditation: Guided Spiritual Meditation at St. Matthew's. Please bring a cushion or rug or both. This is an open group - All welcome. Enquiries - Glenda 0448 821 218

Wednesday 7th. June to Friday 9th. June Rev. Rob and Rev. Prashant will be away at Diocesan Ministry Conference.

Sunday 18th. June 10.00am. Combined Parish Eucharist at St. Linus' for Refugee Week. The service will be followed by our Annual International Lunch Festival. Please bring a plate of foods of your Country of origin.

Sixth Sunday of Easter 14th May 2023 and Happy Mother's Day!!



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
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Glenroy 3046

with

St. Linus'
21 Glyndon
cnr. Delta Aves.



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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.

Sentence: ‘Those who love me will keep my word,’ Jesus promises, ‘and my Father will love them, and will come to them and make our home with them.’
John 14. 23.

Collect: O God, you have prepared for those who love you, joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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 Acts 17. 22–31;

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Hear the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Psalm 66. 7–19;

- 7 O bless our God, you peoples;
and cause his praise to resound.
8 Who has held our souls in life,
who has not suffered our feet to slip.
9 For you have proved us, O God;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
10 You brought us into the net;
you laid sharp torment on our loins.
11 You let enemies ride over our heads, we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.
12 I will come into your house with burnt-offerings;
and will pay you my vows,
13 The vows that opened my lips;
that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble.
14 I will offer you burnt-offerings of fattened beasts; with the sweet smoke of rams;
I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats.
15 Come then and hear, all you that fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.
16 I called to him with my mouth;
and his praise was on my tongue.
17 If I had cherished wickedness in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me.

18 But God has heard me;
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

19 Praise be to God;
who has not turned back my prayer, or his steadfast love from me.

The second reading is from the first letter of Peter 3. 8-22;

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For ‘Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.’ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 14. 15-21; Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

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

Faith Matters: Jesus’ earthly ministry is characterised by his continual guiding, guarding and teaching his disciples. But now as he was going, he promised his disciples that the Spirit of God would come and dwell in them. Jesus told them that Holy Spirit would take the place of his literal presence. He called the Spirit “another Advocate”, making it evidently clear that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are of the same. How, then the Holy Spirit helps us? From what Jesus tells to his disciples of the works of the Holy Spirit, we understand that the works of Jesus are continued through the works of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit though, is not Jesus’ successor but the one who in essence re-presents Jesus. Holy Spirit Guides us through difficult and challenging circumstances of life, through good sense, with clarity of vision, to do right things (Acts 16:6-10). St. Paul says that in the time of suffering, as the groaning suppresses our words, the Holy Spirit intercedes between us and God while we pray, (Romans 8:26). The gifts of the Holy Spirit encourage the believers (Ephesians 4:11-12) and also matures humans (Ephesians 4:17-18). Thus, the gifts and works of the Holy Spirit encompass all our socio-cultural milieu. Let us remember that Jesus promised the Holy Spirit on the condition to keep his commandments (John 14:15) To love God and to Love one another in action as Jesus did. Dear beloved in Christ, in what way are we going to reflect Christ in our midst today, in these changing times, in our highly secularised societies and neighbourhoods? In what way are we to show forth Gods love for His people??? What role do we have to play as a caring community of the faithful??? Amen. Blessings !!! Rev. Prashant.