

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.

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

DIARY THIS WEEK

Sunday 4th. June 4.00 pm. Healing Service at St. Matthew's

Monday 5th. June 1.30 pm. Connect Meditation: Guided Spiritual Meditation at Boniface of Mainz, St. Matthew's. Please bring a cushion or rug or both, bishop and martyr (d.754) All welcome. Contact Glenda 0448 821 218

Please note:
Wed. Thurs. & Fri. Revs Rob & Prashant are attending the Diocesan Ministry Conference

Wednesday 7th. June 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's including M U prayers

Thursday 8th. June
THANKSGIVING FOR THE HOLY COMMUNION

Friday 9th. June 10.30 am. Reserved Sacrament at Colton Close Aged Care Facility 12.00 to 1.00 pm. Foodbank hamper distribution at St. Matthew's Columba of Iona, abbot and missionary (d.597)

Sunday 11th. June 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
Second Sunday 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
after Pentecost

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

Tuesday 20th. June 7.30 pm. Men's Connect group: Dinner Fellowship - We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 20/6/2023. Need someone to book and organise this. Rev Rob will be away on leave.

Wednesday 21st. June to Sunday 2nd. July

Rev. Rob is taking some of his Annual Leave and will be uncontactable. For ministry and worship enquires, please speak to Rev. Prashant or Glenda.

For matters to do with the buildings, property and equipment, speak to the Wardens
Connect with the Intimacy of God: An introduction to prayer focused spiritual exercises will be held in St Linus church on Friday 16th June, from 10.30am to 12. This meeting is to determine the interest and timing of the group. For further details, contact Margaret Chambers 0402124129



Trinity Sunday 04-06-2023

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



St. Matthew's
30 Widford St.
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with

St. Linus'
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This week, Rev. Rob can be found at:
St. Linus' - Mon. 9 am. to 3 pm.
St. Matthew's - not available, attending Diocesan Conference
NOT available Tuesday,

PARISH WEBSITE - www.matthewlinus.org.au

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Authorised Honorary Lay Minister
Glenda Owen 0448 821 218

Authorised Honorary Parish Reader
Kerryn Pratchett 0409 306 818



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: 'Proclaim the Name: 'The Lord, the Lord, a God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'
Exodus 34. 6;

Collect: almighty and everlasting god, you have given to us your servants, grace by the confession of true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty, to worship the Unity; keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

The first reading is from the book of Exodus 34. 1-8;

The LORD said to Moses, 'Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.' So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, 'The LORD.' The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.' And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth, and worshipped.

Hear the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

For the Psalm - The Song of Three

Blessed are you, the God of our forebears:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed is your holy and glorious name:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you, glorious in your holy temple:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you who behold the depths:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in the heights of heaven:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

The second reading is from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians 13. 11-13;

Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of 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 Matthew 28. 16-20; Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Faith Matters:

Some of us would wonder as just the Sunday before last that was celebrated as - Ascension Sunday - we had come across the same passage, in the Gospel. Our Focus then was to unpack the meaning of ascension to us. And we experience that Jesus' ascension does not take him into some remote heavenly dwelling, Jesus' ascension fills the Church - Gods' people - with Life and allows Jesus' Ministry to flourish in manifold ways. That's the good news of Ascension.

This comes to us in the light of the Gospel imperative to 'Go and make disciples' which is well reflected also in our Parish Mission Statement 'To live as disciples of Christ embracing his teaching of Love and Service to all'.

Today, on this Trinity Sunday, we take a look at the same gospel passage reaffirming our doctrinal basis in God manifest to us in the Holy Trinity - God the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. The three in one and One in three. Mystical as it is, we acknowledge our human limitation to comprehend God who is incomprehensible. We have grown up and nurtured our firm faith in and through simple words like: 'God is Love' reflecting the true nature of God or John 3:16. Further, we affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed which we have received after much struggle and deliberation that offers us a solid foundation, now on, to focus more on the work of Jesus on the Cross.

Curiously enough one may still ask why should the - great commission - missional Gospel come our way twice in two weeks? Apart from our lectionary design, as a growing community in Christ in this city it is important for us to us to realize that our God is a Missional God. The word Mission comes from the original Latin word *mittere* meaning send. God sends us because his nature innately is that of Sending. God the father Sends his son and God the son sends the Holy Spirit from the father to fulfill God's own mission into the world. Mission then is an attribute of God. Our God is a missionary God. Mission is a movement from God to the World. The Church is part of that mission. There is Church because there is mission. And not vice versa. To participate in mission is to participate in the movement of God's love towards people, since God is a fountain of sending love.

Dear all in Christ! In our vision statement we have affirmed 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'. The Doctrine of trinity affirms our resolve as we recognise God in three persons. Co-equal, co-eternal. Trinitarian and therefore Communitarian. We are Called to emulate our lives on to him. Fostering equality, offering hope, offering shared, open and inclusive spaces for our growth as a community of the faithful. We are earnestly called and invited by Jesus to participate into this movement of triune God in embracing the world in love as he, our high priest, Prays to the father '... that they all may be one'.

Let us then live out our own vision and Mission inviting everyone into this feast of participation in God's Love. Let all our activities, worship, prayer, meditations, connect groups, food bank, social equity, Justice and peace initiatives be channelised and propelled by the work of the holy spirit to offer people Hope and Joy, warmth and affinity, above all Justice, Peace and Love.

Reflection: In what way will I bring my gifts on the common table of prayer and fellowship to be part of this divine and real privilege with the Church in embracing people with love to grow together???

May God bless us all. Amen.
Rev. Prashant S Bhonsle.