

*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

Monday	4th. November	<i>Day for Anglicans and Roman Catholics to pray for one another</i>
Tuesday	5th. November	<i>Melbourne Cup Day holiday</i>
Wednesday	6th. November	10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's, including MU Prayers and Fellowship
Thursday	7th. November	10.00 am. Playgroup at St.Linus' 11.00 am. Holy Communion at Colton Close Aged Care Facility
Friday	8th. November	11.00 am. Gospel Reflection Group at St.Matthew's <i>Saints, martyrs, missionaries and teachers of the Anglican Communion</i>
Sunday	10th. November	9.00 am. Eucharist at St.Linus' 10.30 am. Eucharist at St.Matthew's,

### LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday **7th. December** - 10.00 am.to 2.00 pm. Christmas Market at St. Matthew's - Christmas items Stall, Craft / Bric-a-Brac, Secondhand Books, Sausage Sizzle

Glenroy Christmas Carols - Saturday **14th. December** - 7.00 - 9.00 pm. in the front grounds of Wiseman House  
An Ecumenical endeavour of combining with The Hope Centre, The Salvation Army, Baptist and Uniting churches

Christmas pageant will be held in the park at Merlynston as part of a Carols in the Park community event Saturday **21st. December.** 5.00 - 7.00 pm. Salvation Army will provide music.

## The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



St. Matthew's  
cnr. Widford St. &  
Melbourne Ave.  
Glenroy 3046

with

St. Linus'  
cnr. Glyndon Ave. &  
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Merlynston 3058



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**ALL SAINTS  
ALL SOULS  
SUNDAY**

**3rd. November  
2019**

### WELCOME

*Our service begins on page 119 of 'A Prayer Book for Australia' (green book)  
Hymns are found in 'Together in Song' (red book)  
The number of each hymn is clearly displayed in the Church.  
At St. Matthew's the service can be followed on the screens.  
Please join us for morning tea, following the service.*

During the 10.30 am. Service at St. Matthew's each Sunday, opportunity will be available to receive one-on-one prayer for any personal needs.

Please go to the Chapel area after you have received Communion

**Acknowledgement of Land**

( An act towards reconciliation by the Parish of Glenroy/ Hadfield / Merlynston )

For thousands of years indigenous people have walked in this land.  
Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives.  
We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation,  
for their stewardship throughout the ages.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS ARE AVAILABLE

If you require Gluten free wafer,  
please speak to the Lay Assistant or a Welcomer, BEFORE the Service,

**PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE  
PRIOR TO OUR SERVICE, DURING HOLY COMMUNION  
AND AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE**

**Catch up with one another in the Narthex or at Morning Tea**

**Sentence:** Blessed are you when people hate and revile and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven.  
Luke 6. 22-23.

**Collect:** We praise you, heavenly Father, that you have knit together your chosen ones in one communion and fellowship in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**Readings**

**Daniel 7. 1-3, 15-18;**

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: 'I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever – for ever and ever.'

**Psalms 149**

- 1 O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song;  
**O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.**
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him;  
**let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.**

*Gifts* *Handmade Cards*  
**SATURDAY 7th. DECEMBER**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**MARKET**  
10.00 am. to 2.00 pm.  
In the grounds of  
**WISEMAN HOUSE**  
Cnr. Widford St. & Melbourne Ave.  
Glenroy  
*Secondhand Books* *Craft*  
**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

*Pew Leaflet Notices:*

*Please give to, or phone Glenda Owen,  
Or e-mail: - gonana7@bigpond.com - by 7.00 pm. Wednesday*

**NOTICES**

**AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2020**  
**\$12. each**

A list is in the Narthex of each centre for orders.  
Please place your payment in an envelope marked 'Calendar'  
and your name, and amount, and place in Offertory bowl. *Thank You*

*Last Day for ordering will be 10th. November*  
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**ANGLICARE VICTORIA**  
**Toys and Food Christmas Appeal**

Gifts needed for teenagers - sporting equipment such as, footballs, soccer balls or  
cricket items; after-shave, make-up, perfume, jewellery  
Children - Arts and Crafts, Board Games, Lego, Dolls, Musical Instruments  
for babies - bottles, educational toys, bath toys

New items only, thank you, and unwrapped.

Because Anglicare need to distribute gifts to their clients during December, please  
bring your donations before **1st. December** for collection next day.

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**WE ARE INVITED**

**To attend Choral Evensong on Thursday 28th. November at 5.10 pm.**  
at St. Paul's Cathedral

when the Parish of St. Matthew's Glenroy/Hadfield  
with St. Linus' Merlynston will be upheld in prayer during the service from the Book of  
Common Prayer.

We are requested to send to the Dean of the Cathedral 2 or 3 items of concerns or  
thanks, to be included in the prayers during Choral Evensong.  
Please pass any thoughts on to Glenda Owen.

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**TRINITY COLLEGE**  
**Theological School**

**UNIVERSITY**  
**of DIVINITY**

**THE YEAR OF MATTHEW**  
**STUDY DAY**

A day for clergy and lay people to be enriched by the Gospel readings from Mat-  
thew for the forthcoming Church year, and to explore some of  
the Old Testament texts to be read at Eucharists in the Year of Matthew.

**SATURDAY 16th. NOVEMBER 2019**

10.00 am. - 3.30 pm., Old Warden's Lodge, Trinity College, Parkville  
\$40 / \$30 concession

For more information and to register: [www.trybooking.com/546413](http://www.trybooking.com/546413)  
Alternatively email: [theologyevents@trinity.edu.au](mailto:theologyevents@trinity.edu.au) or call 03 9348 7127

- 3 Let them praise him in the dance;  
**let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.**
- 4 For the Lord takes delight in his people;  
**he adorns the meek with his salvation.**
- 5 Let his faithful ones exalt in his glory;  
**let them sing for joy upon their beds.**
- 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouths;  
**and a two-edged sword in their hands,**
- 7 To execute vengeance on the nations;  
**and chastisement upon the peoples,**
- 8 To bind their kings in chains;  
**and their nobles with fetters of iron;**
- 9 To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed;  
**such honour belongs to all his faithful servants.**

**Ephesians 1. 11-23;**

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**GOSPEL Luke 6. 20-31;**

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

3rd. November 2019

## ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS

It was one of the strangest funerals I have ever done. I was called out by a family member to do a funeral on the property of their loved one's hunting cabin. That aspect was not so strange, this is Pennsylvania after-all. It was the funeral itself that was strange. As I arrived, I walked toward a great tent, put up in a yard next to a stream and small cabin. Hiding away from the rain sat and stood family members who were talking, laughing, and jabbing one another, regarding me with sideways glances and slightly worn and stained, beer themed T-shirts. A stereo blared 80s hair music and an old outhouse stood next to the tent; its front wall and toilet removed; the whole covered by a sheet of plywood and a microphone replacing the wall.

A very nicely dressed woman in heels, sinking in the mud, greeted me with kind words, a nice smile, and the man's baptism date...obviously somewhat out of place considering the surroundings. She pointed out her children who sat at the edge of the tent in their nice shoes, ties, and fine black jackets. They were dressed for a funeral...they obviously were not dressed for this funeral, but they were dressed for a funeral.

A man with a beer in his hand yelled, "Sis, let's get this thing over with," and with that I was handed the microphone and directed to stand on the only non-muddy surface around; that is right, in the outhouse. The toilet paper roll still clung to the wall, missing its estranged toilet friend. Settling into the dry, but cramped space, I mentioned into the microphone something about gathering together now to remember the life and death of the individual, and declaring as we always do, "the Lord be with you." That gathering statement usually prompts a smile and response of "and also with you," but this time around, it prompted a brief exodus of about half the congregation to the cooler in the back of the tent to grab a beer. I could see that they were settling in for the long haul. Pops and fizzes accented the words of the Prayer for the Day and people raised their beers high during the Prayers of the Church. A roasting hog stared at the congregation from behind me, representing either the saints who had gone before us and the sacrifice of Christ, or more likely representing the meal that was being held up by the pastor standing in the outhouse. At one point, a friend of the dead man wanted to share his remembrance, so he joined me, in the outhouse, pressed against me in one of the more awkward five minutes of my life.

After the service, the man walked up to me, looked me up and down in my cleric and nice dress and said, "You know, he would have never have wanted this," pointing to me in particular. I said in return, "I'm pretty sure you are right, he probably would have never wanted this."

However, I am not so sure that God did not want it this way. I looked over the crowd as we ate and this is what I saw: rich and poor, finely dressed and not, kind and gruff, young and old, outright sinners and refined righteous, all eating and talking together, drawn together under one tent as a community of the saints. It was a perfect image of the community of saints. The pretensions of moral perfection were not in attendance that day. Instead, it was a gathering of sinners. It was a gathering of those God cares about. It was a gathering of those who are blessed by God. Yes, the poor were there, feasting in their torn beer stained T-shirts; blessed are the poor. Yes, the hungry were there as the two nicely dressed children were finally

allowed nourishment, not being allowed to partake in the feast of drink during the service; blessed are the hungry. Yes, those who weep were there, an unshaven grown man cowering in a corner of the hunting cabin, being consoled by another man; blessed are those who weep. Yes, those who are hated, excluded, and reviled on account of the Son of Man were there; the sinners, the out-of-town righteous, and the out of place pastor. We were all there gathered together to remember the resurrection of the Lord; and to have a beer.

Do not get me wrong, I love regular funerals. Pulpits are nice, pulpits are very, very nice to stand in and preach in, but there was something very real about that funeral. That funeral conveyed a truth about God that you just cannot capture in the majesty of a church building. The saints of God are not exclusive to the cleaned up and righteous of the world. The admission price to sainthood is not moral perfection, or even the striving to get there. The admission price to sainthood is simply this: being loved by God. Are you poor, then you are a saint...blessed are you. Are you hungry, welcome...blessed are you. Do you weep? Are you excluded? Are you made fun of? Are you disliked? Well, rejoice and be glad because none of that matters; you are loved by God...blessed are you. You are a saint.

So, I ask, how do you respond to a yard full of mourners with beers in their hands? You respond the same way that you would respond to any other saint of God, with love. "Do to others as you would have them do to you," right? Saints of God, it is not in righteousness that we have been found, Saints of God, in grace we have been found.

*Pastor Jira*



### PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday 17th. November at St. Linus'**

**Electoral Roll**— no changes can be made after today, 3rd. November

**Nominations for Parish Council close at 9.00 am. Sunday 10th. November.**

**Reports** - Please send or give your reports for Annual Meeting, to Glenda,  
**TODAY**

so that they can be compiled, photocopied, collated, for distribution to parishioners on Sunday 10th. November.

The following are required -

St. Matthew's and St. Linus' Hall Hire  
St. Linus' Kindergarten  
Synod 2019

St. Linus' Playgroup  
Chaplaincy in Schools  
St. Linus' Hall Committee