

CHILD SAFETY

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 27th. January Australia Day Public Holiday
Thomas Aquinas, theologian (d.1274)

Wednesday 29th. January **NO** service at St. Matthew's
Charles, King of England (d.1649)

Friday 31st. January 10.45 am. Reserved Sacrament at Craigcare
Aged Care Facility
11.00 am. Reflection group at St. Matthew's

Saturday 1st. February **10.00 am. Book and Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's**

Sunday 2nd. February 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
Fourth Sunday 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
after Epiphany

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday 1st. March - World Day of Prayer at St. Linus' - 6.00 pm.

Saturday 2nd. March - Craft and Book rooms open at St. Matthew's

Tuesday 5th. March - Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 6th. March - ASH WEDNESDAY

Saturday 6th. April - Craft and Book rooms open at St. Matthew's

Sunday 14th. April - PALM SUNDAY

Thursday 18th. April - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Friday 19th. April - GOOD FRIDAY

Sunday 21st. April - EASTER DAY

Pew Leaflet Notices:

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

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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WELCOME

*At St. Linus' the service begins on page 119 of 'A Prayer Book for Australia' (green book)
Hymns are found in 'Together in Song' (red book)
At St. Matthew's the service can be followed on the screens.*

Please join us for morning tea, following the service.

AUSTRALIA DAY

26th. January 2020



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

Acknowledgement of Land

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

While we gather to worship God, we do so first acknowledging the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are gathered and pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.

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

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS ARE AVAILABLE

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

AUSTRALIA DAY

Collect: Bounteous God, we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land, a land of despair and hope, a land of wealth and abundant harvests, a land of fire, drought and flood. We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to all injustice. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

Deuteronomy 8. 5-14a:

Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the LORD your God disciplines you. Therefore keep the commandments of the LORD your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,

Psalms 125: A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Those who put their trust in the LORD shall be as Mount Zion;
which cannot be shaken, but endures for ever.
- 2 As the mountains stand about Jerusalem,
so stands the LORD about his people,
from this time forward for evermore.
- 3 For the sceptre of wickedness shall have no sway
over the land apportioned to the righteous,
lest the righteous set their hands to do evil.
- 4 Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
to those that are upright in heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways
let the LORD lead them away with the evildoers.
and in Israel let there be peace.

Hebrews 11. 8-16;

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were

heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Matthew 5. 1-12:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



Australia Day Reflection

On Australia Day we remember the arrival of the first fleet to Australia and the subsequent occupation of Australia by the settlers.

It is an opportunity to celebrate the courage, energy, generosity and wisdom shown in the development of Australia. It is also an opportunity to remember the loss suffered by the first owners of the land, the brutality of their dispossession, and their bravery, endurance and persistence in the face of disadvantage. Those two conflicting aspects of our founding story mean that Australia Day can never be an occasion of un mindful celebration. It is a time for reflection on who we are as Australians and what matters to us.

The way we shape our Australian future must be based on the conviction that each human being is precious and that the human dignity of each is equally to be respected whatever their racial origin, their religion or their wealth. In our history people have struggled long to change discriminatory laws, economic relations and customs. Much work remains to be done.

Australia's future must also be shaped by hospitality to one another, to people who claim our protection and our natural environment. The beginnings of European occupation were characterised by conquest, not by hospitality. A land, seen as inhospitable, was cleared and exploited. Its first owners, seen as savage, were expelled and made marginal. People from our region were seen as potentially hostile and excluded.

Australia Day is an opportunity to celebrate our growth in our acceptance of the need for reconciliation with the first owners of our land, our past hospitality to refugees, and our growing recognition that our environment is fragile, is at risk from climate change and needs nurturing.