

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.*

STEWARDSHIP GIVING

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

DIARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 17th. January
Antony of Egypt, abbot (d.356)

Wednesday 18th. January 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's
CONFESSION OF PETER

Saturday 21st. January
Agnes, martyr at Rome, virgin (d.304)

Sunday 22nd. 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
Third Sunday 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
after Epiphany

LOOKING AHEAD

Please collect a summary sheet with all Holy Week Services from the Narthex.

Sunday 29th. January 2023 Australia Day Service

9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'

10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

12.00pm. Australia Day Parish fellowship BBQ.

Please bring sausages and/or bread to share.

Also, Foodbank parcels will be distributed, and a free 'snag' available to Foodbank recipients, this is an opportunity to welcome people in need.

Second Sunday after Epiphany 15-01-2023

WELCOME

The service booklet and song sheet can be found in the Narthex at St Linus' worship centre.

The service at St Matthew's worship centre 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 at each worship centre.

Please join in our fellowship time.

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield with Merlynston



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with

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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: God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
1 Corinthians 1.9;

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed, to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

First reading is from the book of Isaiah 49. 1-7;

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength. The LORD says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

Psalms 40. 1-14; said by alternate half verses;

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord;
and he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He brought me up from the pit of roaring waters, out of the mire and clay;
and set my feet upon a rock, and made firm my foothold.
- 3 And he put a new song in my mouth;
even a song of thanksgiving to our God;
- 4 Many shall see it and fear;
and shall put their trust in the Lord.
- 5 Blessed are those who have made the Lord their hope;
who have not turned to the proud, or to those who wander in deceit.
- 6 O Lord my God, great are the wonderful things which you have done,
and your thoughts which are towards us;
there is none to be compared with you.
- 7 Were I to declare them and speak of them;
they are more than I am able to express.
- 8 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
but my ears you have marked for obedience.
- 9 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required;
then said I, Lo, I come.
- 10 In the scroll of the book it is written of me, that I should do your will;
O my God, I long to do it, your law delights my heart.
- 11 I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation;
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, and that you know.

- 12 I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and of your salvation.
- 13 I have not kept back your loving-kindness and your truth;
from the great congregation.
- 14 O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me;
let your loving-kindness and your truth ever preserve me.

Second reading is from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1. 1-9;

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 1. 29-42;

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The next day, John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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

Faith Matters!! Bringing people to Christ so that Jesus can connect with them.

Have you ever spoken about something you have loved or a group you thought was fantastic and when asked what real difference has it made to you life, you could not really explain? In today's gospel, John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the Messiah and two of John's disciples follow him. After meeting Jesus, Andrew goes back to find his brother Peter. Andrew saw no miracle, he heard no public preaching and he was not convinced that Jesus was the Messiah through any powerful reasoning. He told Peter that he had found the saviour simply by being in Jesus' presence the soul was renewed and his heart was stirred into a deeper connection to God.

This week we are called to not only name that Jesus is our Messiah, but also to go to other and ask them to abide in Jesus. We need not talk about miracles, parables or go into great theological discussions. We just need to sit with someone, ask them to close their eyes with you, and call Jesus to surround us and keep us. The presence of the divine is enough to bring joy to the heart and peace to the soul. Peter was drawn out of the world and joined Christ through someone sharing the stirring of their heart and soul. Could you be that person for someone else? Could we as a parish be a place where someone can come and sit and abide in Christ to feel Jesus in their heart and soul? Let's be here to hold the space so that the Messiah can bring people to God through the Holy Spirit.