

*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 Gods' 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.*

**EMERGENCY FOOD DONATIONS at ST. MATTHEW'S**  
**Please remember the August challenge, proposed by Penni Diffey.**

**Bring your donations when lockdown is over. Thank You.**

**Please Note - TRIVIA AFTERNOON**  
to support Glenroy College Chaplaincy Fund  
**postponed to**

**Sunday 17th. October 2021 - 2.00 pm.**

in Wiseman House at St. Matthew's Anglican Church  
Cnr. Widford St. and Melbourne Ave. Glenroy 3046  
BYO nibbles Tea & Coffee provided



#### DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Wednesday 8th. September  
*Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord*

Saturday 11th. September  
*Mother Esther, CHN, founder of the Community of the Holy Name, Melbourne (d.1931)*

Sunday 12th. September 10.30 am. Online Service at [www.matthewlinus.org.au](http://www.matthewlinus.org.au)  
*16h. Sunday after Pentecost*

#### AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2022

The order form will be on the Noticeboard at St. Linus' and St. Matthew's  
Australia Post has raised postage charges this year, therefore Calendars will Cost **\$14. each**  
Please order by 24th. October 2021

#### TO DONATE TO ST. LINUS' WINDOW FUND



By Internet Transfer -

Account name - St. Matthew's with St. Linus' Designated Funds Account  
BSB - 703 122 Account Number - 05009906

A form is available at each Church for other ways of donating  
The Stained Glass window will be in Memory of Lois Erickson and The Rev'd Jo-Anne Wells

## The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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

with

St. Linus'  
cnr. Glyndon  
& Delta Aves.  
Merlynston 3058



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#### WELCOME

**The Service today will be online, on Parish website**  
**Wherever you go, please register using the QR Code,**  
**Face masks must be worn indoors and outdoors**  
**Keep Safe Keep Well Keep Active**



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY**  
**after**  
**PENTECOST**

**5th. September**  
**2021**



### Acknowledgement of Land

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

We acknowledge 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, past, present and emerging.

**Sentence:** So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

*James 2. 13;*

**Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope and love, and, that we may receive all you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

OR

O God, whose word is life, and whose delight is to answer our cry: give us faith like that of the woman who refused to remain an outsider, so that we too may have the wit to argue and demand that our children be whole, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### Readings

**Proverbs 22. 1–2, 8–9, 22–23;**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

**Psalms 125:**

- 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 the wicked shall 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.**

**James 2. 1–10, 14–17;**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you

commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**GOSPEL Mark 7. 24–37;**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'



### A PRAYER AT THE TIME OF CHOOSING AN INCUMBENT

Bountiful God, bring to this parish, a faithful pastor,  
who will speak your word, and minister your sacraments;  
an encourager who will prayerfully equip your people for ministry,  
enabling all within this parish to fulfil their calling.  
May those who will choose, do so with wisdom, discernment and patience,  
and to us give warm and generous hearts.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

### PARISH ANNUAL MEETING 2021

Parish Council have set aside Sunday 7th. November for this years' Annual Meeting,  
at St. Linus' Please put this date in your Diary NOW.  
However, Covid restrictions might change this date and venue.  
For parishioners who need to submit a report, please start thinking about this.