

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

Sunday 26th. February 4.00 pm. Prayer Circle at St. Matthew's

Monday 27th. February 10.30 am. Reserved Sacrament at Craigcare P.V. Aged Care
George Herbert, parish priest, poet (d.1633)

Wednesday 1st. March 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's, including Mothers' Union prayers
David, bishop of Menevia, Wales (d.601)
11.00 am. Lenten Study at St. Matthew's

Thursday 2nd. March
Chad, bishop of Lichfield, missionary (d.672)

Friday 3rd. March **6.00 pm. World Day of Prayer at St. Linus'**

Saturday 4th. March 10.00 am. to 12.00 pm. Book Room at St. Matthew's open for sales

Sunday 5th. March 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
Second Sunday in Lent 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
4.00 pm. Praise, Prayer and Proclamation service at St. Matthew's (non Communion)

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 6th. March 1.30 pm. Connect: 'Guided Spiritual Meditation at St. Matthew's
All Welcome, this group is not limited to 3 people. *Please bring a cushion and/or rug/blanket.*

Wednesday 15th. March 1.30 pm. Connect: Journalling at St. Matthew's

Tuesday 21st. March 7.00 pm. Connect: Men's Group

Please Note: Tuesday 7th. to Thursday 9th. March - at the request of Bp. Kate Prowd, Rev. Rob & Rev. Prashant will be attending a Conference. Rev. Rob will not be available at St. Matthew's Wednesday 8th., at St. Linus' Thursday 9th. March

First Sunday in Lent 26th. February 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: We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Matthew 4. 4;

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin; give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your will, that, as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, 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 Genesis 2. 15-17, 3. 1-7;

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Hear the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Psalm 32; said by alternate half verse

- 1 Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven,
whose iniquity is put away.
- 2 Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame;
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue;
my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.
- 4 Your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and my iniquity I did not hide.
- 6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord';
and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.
- 7 For this cause shall everyone that is faithful, make their prayer to you in the day of trouble;
and in the time of the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.
- 8 You are my a place to hide me in, you preserve me from trouble;
you will surround me with deliverance on every side.
- 9 'I will instruct you and direct you in the way that you should go;
I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.
- 10 'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding;
whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.
- 11 Great tribulations remain for the ungodly;
but whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them on every side.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad;
and shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The second reading is from the letter of Paul to the Romans 5. 12-21;

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through 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 Matthew 4. 1-11; Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ
Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on Jesus.

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

Faith Matters!!

The temptation of Jesus is a such a powerful passage where we learn that when Jesus was famished and completely exhausted, after forty days of fasting in the wilderness, he was tempted by the devil. Jesus was able to maintain his personal integrity and respond to the temptation of being fed, being heroic or being loathed with earthly prosperity. In his utmost physical and therefore mental weakness we find Jesus not simply resisting passively but responding actively to every test of the tempter. We find Jesus gathering his energies to recollect, refer and respond from the scriptures. Jesus quotes from the book of Deuteronomy. The people of Israel in the Deuteronomic times were in Exile. Their Exile was the result of their own wrong doings, idolatry, injustice and disobedience. The Deuteronomic community is encouraged to avoid repeating the scenario by being obedient, practicing Justice and worshipping the living God. Jesus, fulfills the work of ushering in the realm of God through his utmost obedience, assuring us that faithfulness leads to the Reign of God. Hence, one of the many deeper insights from the Passage of Jesus' temptation is to reckon the sufferings in this world: wars, nuclear threats, division in society where Jesus and the devil come face to face. The Church must choose the reign of God than the way of the devil. The Church-the people of God-must emulate Jesus and in the power of the holy spirit live faithfully. By participating in the struggles of the people and confronting the evil in the world the Church would be able to realise justice, peace and abundant life for the whole humanity and the entire created order. Amen.

Blessings and Peace, Rev Prashant.