

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.*

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Please consider the continuation of your Stewardship giving
By Direct Debit - BSB 703122 Indue Ltd. Account 05004414
The account is in the name of St. Matthew's Glenroy/Hadfield with St. Linus' Merlynston

DIARY THIS WEEK

Monday 30th. November
ANDREW, APOSTLE and MARTYR

Wednesday 2nd. December 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's, including
Frances Perry, M U prayers
founder of the Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne (d.1892)

Thursday 3rd. December
Francis Xavier, priest and missionary (d.1552)

Friday 4th. December
Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, man of prayer (d.637)

Saturday 5th. December 10.00 am. Book and Craft Rooms open at St. Matthew's

Sunday 6th. December 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
ADVENT 2 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,
Nicholas of Myra,
bishop and Philanthropist (d.c.342)

CHRISTMAS BOWL

The Christmas Appeal of Act for Peace, the International Aid Agency
of the National Council of Churches in Australia.
Donation Envelopes available at each Church OR www.actforpeace.org.au

CHRISTMAS in the PARISH

Thursday 24th. December - 5.00 pm. All Age Christmas Eve service
with a Eucharist, at St Linus'

Thursday 24th. December - 11.30 pm. Midnight Mass at St Matthew's

Friday 25th. December - 9.30 am. Christmas Day Eucharist at St Matthew's.

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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

with

St. Linus'
cnr. Glyndon Ave. &
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THANK YOU

Grant and Penni Diffey for their time and expertise in keeping us in touch, with the Sunday recorded services, Zoom morning tea and Wednesday Morning Prayer via Zoom

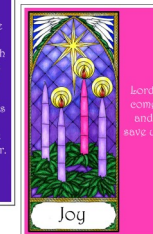
WELCOME

*Our service begins on page 119 of 'A Prayer Book for Australia' (green book)
Or in the Green Booklet which is available.*

Prayer Books and Booklets are not to be shared.

*Booklets can be taken home, but please bring it with you next Sunday.
MASKS MUST BE WORN at all times, except when leading during the service.*

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT 29th. November 2020



**PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE
PRIOR TO OUR SERVICE, DURING HOLY COMMUNION
AND UNTIL THE SERVICE HAS CONCLUDED**

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,

Advent 1 – Hope

Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope.
(Light Candle)

We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation. We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD. We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God.
We light this candle in Hope.

On this day, we remember to hopefully look for the coming of Christ.

Sentence: ‘Heaven and earth will pass away, ‘says the Lord, ‘but my words will not pass away.’
Mark 13. 31;

Collect: Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths: renew us in faith and hope, that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts, and claim our love; to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

From today the READINGS are from Year B of the 3 year cycle

Isaiah 64.1–9 ; A reading from the book of Isaiah
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80.1–7, 17-19;

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that lead Joseph like a flock;
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory.
- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh;
stir up your power, and come to save us.
- 3 **Restore us, O Lord of hosts;**
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts;
how long will you be angry at your people’s prayer ?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
and given them tears to drink in good measure.
- 6 You have made us the victim of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 **Restore us, O Lord of hosts;**
show us the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.
- 17 Let your power rest on the man at your right hand,;
on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.
- 18 And so we shall not turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call upon your name.
- 19 **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;**
show us the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

1 Corinthians 1.1–9; A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 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.

GOSPEL Mark 13. 24–37;

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’