

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

Tuesday 5th. March 6.00 pm. Pancake night at St. Linus'
SHROVE TUESDAY

Wednesday 6th. March 10.00 am. Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist
ASH WEDNESDAY at St. Matthew's
1.00 pm. Lenten Study group at St. Linus'
5.00 pm. Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist
at St. Linus'

Thursday 7th. March 10.45 am. Reserved Sacrament at Colton Close
Aged Care Facility

Friday 8th. March 11.00 am. Lenten Study group at St. Matthew's

Sunday 10th. March 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
FIRST SUNDAY 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
IN LENT 12.30pm. Lenten Study group at St. Matthew's

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 16th. March - Working Bee at St. Matthew's

Saturday 6th. April - Secondhand Books & New Craft items for sale
at St. Matthew's

Saturday 13th. April - Working Bee at St. Matthew's to prepare for Palm Sunday
& Easter

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 8 pm. Tuesday

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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

St. Linus'
Cnr. Glyndon &
Delta Aves.
Merlynston



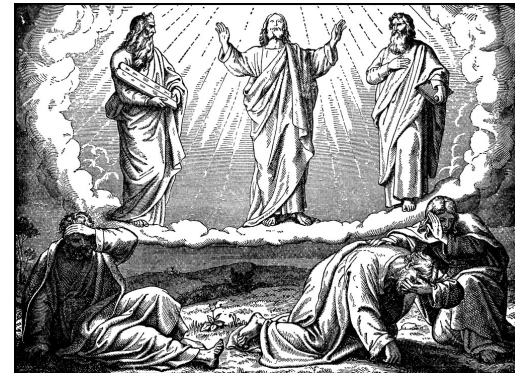
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Last Sunday
after
Epiphany

TRANSFIGURATION

3rd. March
2019

WELCOME

Our service begins on page 119 of 'A Prayer Book for Australia' (green book)
Hymns are found in 'Together in Song' (red book)
The number of each hymn is clearly displayed in the Church.
At St. Matthew's the service can be followed on the screens.
Please join us for morning tea, following the service.

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

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.

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

Catch up with one another in the Narthex or at Morning Tea

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS ARE AVAILABLE

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

Prayer of the Week until Ash Wednesday

Almighty God, you have given your only Son, to be for us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavor to follow, the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Sentence; And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John 1. 14;

Collect: O God, glorious and faithful, you reveal the beauty of your face, to those who seek you with a sincere heart: strengthen us in faith, to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transforming power, so that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Exodus 34. 29–35;

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.



LENT 2019



SHROVE TUESDAY - PANCAKE NIGHT

ALL WELCOME to Pancake Night at St. Linus' Hall

Join us on 5th. March, from 6.00 pm.

Please bring Savoury or Sweet toppings

DAILY DEVOTIONAL & GROUP REFLECTION

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, this year on 6th March. What would you say to someone who asked, 'What is Lent?' The simple response is that it is a season of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self examination and reflection. It is the forty days, counting Sundays, that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. However, I think Lent invites us to so much more.

This year I am inviting everyone in the parish to undertake a daily lenten devotion or study. There are numerous devotionals available but I have chosen 'The Sanctuary for Lent' by Juan Huertas. The paper edition is \$4 (due to difficulty in obtaining copies, there is a price increase from that of last week) There is also a kindle edition I have to share – when I work out how ! If you would like a copy of this book in either form please put your name on the sheet in the narthex.

Each day has a verse and a thought provoking reflection that relates to our every day lives. You may know someone for whom this may be helpful so you may also consider giving one as a gift.

Oftentimes these types of devotionals give us pause to think and we find ourselves asking questions.

I am always available to talk about your thoughts and/or your journey.

Group studies are always an opportunity to learn from others. This year, studies will be offered at -

St Linus' 1.00 pm. Wednesdays in St. Linus' Church

St Matthew's 11am Fridays (1hr only)

St Matthew's following church on Sundays at 12.30 and/or at a local café

Each group will determine time for the study but I will attempt to restrict to 1hr 30min. Material will be provided for the group sessions.

Please put your name on the list if you would like to participate in one of the groups. I hope to see all of you enter Lent 2019 with a purpose and a passion. Let us journey this year together.

Rev'd Jo-Anne

The March issue of TMA (the Melbourne Anglican) is available today.
Please take a copy home with you today, and read the many interesting articles

From Anglican Overseas Aid - an Armchair Pilgrimage

LENT, A TIME OF SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

Pilgrimage is a time honoured way to gain deeper self-awareness and spiritual insight. The pilgrim will take time out of their usual routine to go on a journey - usually alone and on foot - to a shrine, church or some other sacred place. Around the world there are a number of well-known pilgrimages within Christian traditions. Common to all of them is that the end destination is less important than the insights gained through the journey itself.

Undertaking a pilgrimage can be a very rewarding process. For many people, however, it is logistically difficult to trek highways and byways in search of some ancient monastery or hilltop. Even so, it is possible to apply some of the ideas surrounding pilgrimage to a stationary, inward journey. And Lent is an especially appropriate time for that kind of critical self-reflection.

During Lent many followers of Jesus Christ undertake an intentional spiritual preparation before Easter. This involves personal self-examination, penitence, and a renewed commitment to Christian discipleship.

The culmination of the Lent Journey is the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday and the period of confusion that follows on Holy Saturday. On the cross Jesus lays his life down in the ultimate act of service to humanity. Then, on Easter morning, Jesus takes up new life in his resurrection, symbolizing a renewed hope and the prospect of personal transformation.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - URGENTLY PLEASE



**to assist Primary age children at a new Homework Club
which will commence at St. Matthew's
on Wednesday 6th. March,
3.30 - 4.30 pm.
during School term.**

The more people who offer to assist, the less often you will be required.

**For further details, Please speak with Bev. Lacock
9309 2775 0409 255 443**



**Your involvement with this new venture will be a step toward
raising the profile of this Parish within the wider Community.**

MORNING TEA AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Because there are insufficient people willing to take a turn on the roster, a request has been put forward, that those not on the roster please donate packets of biscuits to have 'on hand' for those days when no one is available to do the duty of Morning Tea.

The Urn is usually switched on to heat prior to 10.30 am. service commencing, which enables most people to make Tea or Coffee for themselves.

Psalm 99;

- 1 The Lord is king; let the nations tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion;
he is high above all nations.
- 3 Let them praise your great and terrible name;
for Holy is the Lord.
- 4 The mighty one is King, and loves justice;
**you have established equity,
you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.'**
- 5 *O exalt the Lord our God;*
and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name,
they called upon the Lord and he answered.
- 7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;
they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.
- 8 You answered them, O Lord our God;
**you were a forgiving God to them,
And pardoned their wrongdoing.**
- 9 *O exalt the Lord our God;*
**and bow down towards his holy hill,
For the Lord our God is holy.**

2 Corinthians 3. 12 – 4.2;

Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

GOSPEL Luke 9.28-36,

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

TRANSFIGURATION
Last Sunday after Epiphany
3rd. March 2019

Exodus 34. 29-35. The intriguing thing about Moses coming down the mountain with his face shining was that *Moses himself did not know*. He had simply been talking with God: it was only when Aaron and the others met him that Moses realized from their reaction, that he had been transformed. He was shining unwittingly with God's glory, and the terrified Israelites requested that Moses wear a veil. The story became popular in later Jewish legend, and, with a bizarre misunderstanding, in medieval art: the Hebrew word for 'shining' was mistranslated as 'horned', and several artists painted small horns on the forehead of Moses, giving him, to our later eyes, a decidedly sinister appearance. The story in Exodus is itself already somewhat comic, with Moses putting on and taking off his veil by rotation.

In **2 Corinthians 3**, Paul seems to assume that Moses wore the veil when speaking the law to the people; Paul also suggests that the real veil lay, not on Moses' face, but on his hearers hearts (not 'minds' as in NRSV). His talk about reflecting God's glory is exciting, but the argument is dense and difficult. The key is to realize that Paul is drawing a contrast, not between himself and Moses, but between Moses' hearers and his own. Moses failed to 'get through' because the Israelites' hearts remained hardened against the glorious revelation; but the Spirit of Christ has written God's new covenant on the hearts of believers (3. 3-6), giving them 'the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ' (4. 6) As a result, when Paul addresses a group of Christians, he does so with boldness and freedom, because the glory of the gospel, which he is revealing to them, is also shining back at him from his hearers. When they look at one another, they are all gazing, as in a mirror, at the glory of the Lord. Answer: when you face a congregation of new covenant people, you can tell it like it is. 'By the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.' Christians must learn to see, by faith, the glory of God shining in one another. Here, then, is part at least of the meaning of the Transfiguration. This time, the God whom Moses met on the mountain was the incarnate one, on his way to accomplish the new Exodus (Luke 9. 31) This time, the glory was to be put into action in challenging the forces of sickness and darkness. This time, the word goes out to all people: 'This is my Son, my Chosen: listen to him.' The hearts, lives and perhaps even the faces of those who hear and obey will be transformed, whether they realize it or not.

N. T. Wright

We often do not understand what God is doing and we put our own interpretation on the signs that he gives. Faith requires patience, being ready to wait until the full meaning is revealed.

Luke 9. 28-36; In the story of the transfiguration we are told of the failure of the disciples to understand what was happening when they saw the figure of Jesus radiant with an unearthly splendor. It is not so much a story about lack of faith or the inability of the mind to comprehend the meaning of an event, as a story about the failure of the imagination. Only the exercise of that power could have enabled the disciples to discern the reality of the experience and make some kind of coherent response to the vision that they had received. The gospels are full of expels of this kind of failure. Again and again there are instances of the people around Jesus failing to understand the parables or the purpose of the Lord. They have been given all the information they need but while 'they may indeed see' they 'do not perceive, and may indeed hear but do not understand'


(Matthew 4. 12.) It is the same with our apprehension of a work of art. The failure to respond is a failure of the imagination. It is not the inability to understand, intellectually, the meaning of the words or the pattern of sounds or colours: one can grasp the 'content' of the thing (the 'information' supplied by the object) and remain 'outside' the work, not discerning the glory.

Brian Horne

REFLECTION

Lord, we do not know how to pray as we should,
 but we know that you receive our words and use them according to your will.
 Save us from the self-assurance
 that makes us want to follow the way that seems immediately right,
 and teach us to wait upon you until the true way is made plain.
 In all our speaking with others, save us and them
 from the results of our speaking running before our thinking.

P	E	R	T	E	T	E	P	I	N	JESUS	PETER	JAMES
E	F	A	N	E	C	F	E	S	A	JOHN	MOUNTAIN	FACE
H	A	J	I	L	E	L	T	U	I	SUN	MOSES	ELIJAH
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NOTICES

TODAY - SUNDAY 3rd. March at 5.00 pm. to 6.00 pm.

Informal service at St Linus'
 corner Delta Ave & Glyndon Ave, Merlynston

No church experience necessary!
 Includes a light meal in our community hall.
 and 1st. Sunday of each month



WORKING BEE AT ST. MATTHEW'S
9.00 am. Saturday 16th. March

Please come and help with shrub trimming, weeding,
 cleaning windows and more, much more
 or whatever you see that needs attention

Morning Tea provided

