

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.*

PLEASE, CAN YOU HELP

At St. Matthew's, there are many chores to be attended to.

- # Each Sunday the rubbish bins need to be checked, then put on the nature strip to be emptied early Monday morning.
- # Robyn Panopoulos will appreciate assistance with trimming plants and weeding in Vicar age and Wiseman House gardens.
- # Cobwebs on external walls of buildings swept down.
- # Leaves swept up from Wiseman House veranda and other paths & much, much more

THANK YOU to Haris Perera for purchasing the Copy-paper for Parish Office.

DIARY THIS WEEK

Wednesday 17th. February 10.00 am. Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist
ASH WEDNESDAY at St. Matthew's

7.00 pm. Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist
at St. Linus

Thursday 18th. February 1.30 pm. Holy Communion at Colton Close Aged Care Facility

Saturday 19th. February
William Grant Broughton, first bishop of Australia (d.1853)

Sunday 21st. February 9.00 am. Eucharist at St.Linus'
FIRST SUNDAY 10.30 am. Eucharist at St.Matthew's,
IN LENT

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 22nd. February - Parish Council meeting at St. Matthew's

Friday 5th. March - World Day of Prayer 10.30am. at St. Matthew's Glenroy
6.00 pm. at St. Linus' Merlynston

Saturday 6th. March - Book and Craft / Bric-a-brac rooms, at St. Matthew's, open for sales

Sunday 14th. March - Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday) Mothering Sunday

Sunday 28th. March - Palm Sunday, Sunday of the Passion

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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

with

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



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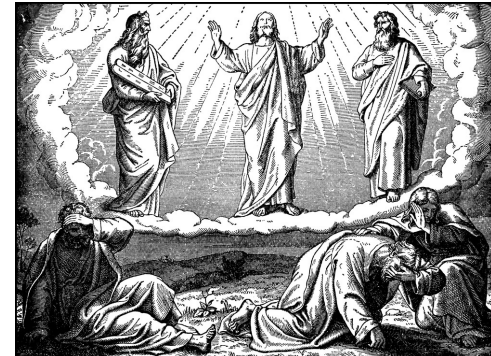
WELCOME

If you have your own Prayer Book, service begins on page 119

Prayer Books and Booklets are not to be shared.

*Masks must be worn at all times, especially while singing.
except for people leading during the service.*

PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS



TRANSFIGURATION

LAST SUNDAY
after
EPIPHANY

14th February
2021

PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE
PRIOR TO OUR SERVICE, DURING THE SERVICE and HOLY COMMUNION
and UNTIL THE SERVICE HAS CONCLUDED. Thank You.

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: It is the God who said, 'let light shine out of darkness,; who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4.6;

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty, before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace, we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 endeavour 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.**

Readings

2 Kings 2. 1–12;

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Psalms 50. 1–6;

- 1 The Lord our God, the Mighty one has spoken;
and summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting in the west.
- 2 From Zion, perfect in beauty;
God has shone out in glory.
- 3 Our God is coming, he will not keep silent;
before him is devouring fire, and tempest whirls about him.

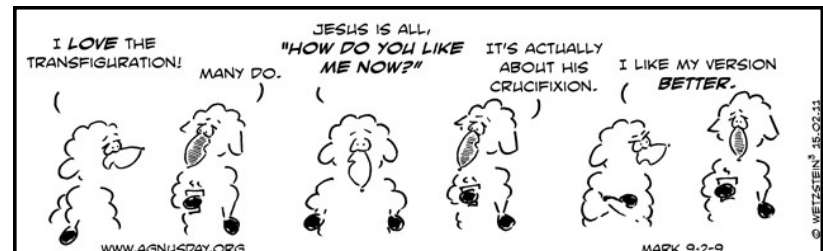
- 4 He calls to the heavens above;
and to the earth, so he may judge his people.
- 5 'Gather to me my faithful ones;
those who by sacrifice made a covenant with me.
- 6 The heavens shall proclaim his righteousness;
for God himself is judge.

2 Corinthians 4. 3–12;

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you

GOSPEL Mark 9. 2–9;

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



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 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