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 WEEEK

Sunday 22nd. July Mary Magdalene

Wednesday 24th. July 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's JAMES, APOSTLE and MARTYR

Thursday 26th. July 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus' *Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary* 

Friday 27th. July 10.45 am. Reserved Sacrament at Craigcare Aged Care Facility 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection Group

Sunday29th. July9.00 am. Eucharist at St.Linus'Pentecost 1010.30 am. Eucharist at St.Matthew's,<br/>noonCatered Lunch at St. Matthew's

#### LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 4th. August - Book & Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's	
Saturday 11th. August - High Tea at St. Matthew's	
Saturday 1st. September - Produce & Plant Market, Books & Craft t St. Matthew's	
Sunday 23rd. September - Patronal Festivals - St. Linus & St. Matthew	
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#### 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

with



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





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### PLEASE <u>TURN OFF</u>YOUR MOBILE PHONE <u>BEFORE</u> THE START OF THE SERVICE. Thank You



Mary Magdalene & ( Ninth Sunday after Pentecost )

> 22nd.July 2018

#### 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.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS ARE AVAILABLE If you require Gluten free wafer, please speak to the Lay Assistant or a Welcomer, BEFORE the Service,

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#### 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

**Sentence:** The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all, so that those who live might live not for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. *2 Corinthians 5. 14-15'* 

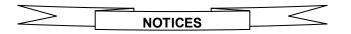
**Collect:** Almighty God, whose Son called Mary Magdalene to be a witness of his resurrection: mercifully grant that by your grace, we may be forgiven and healed, and may know you in the power of your Son's risen life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### Readings

### 2 Samuel 7. 1–14a;

When David was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now. I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stavs in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with vou.' But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed



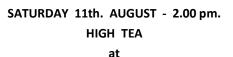


THANK YOU

to Robyn, Michael, Bev, Colleen, Lois, Marie, Faye and others for their great work at Bunnings 'sausage sizzle' on Friday 13th. July.

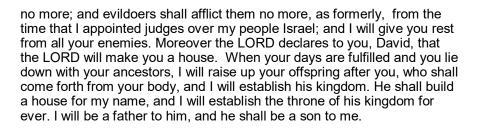
\$595 was raised toward Wiseman House Community Garden.





ST. MATTHEW'S

Please bring family and friends - \$35 per person Includes a large variety of delicious foods and entertainment



# Psalm 23;

- The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
   He will make me lie down in green pastures and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 He will refresh my soul;
  and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
  - for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## Ephesians 2. 11–22;

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision' – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

#### Mark 6. 30–34, 53–56;

The apostles returned from their mission. They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.



### MARY MAGDALENE 22nd. July 2018

Saint Mary Magdalene, sometimes called simply the Magdalene, was a Jewish woman who, according to the four canonical gospels, travelled with Jesus as one of his followers and was a witness to his crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. She is mentioned by name twelve times in the canonical gospels, more than most of the apostles. Mary's epithet Magdalene most likely means that she came from the town of Magdala, a fishing town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. The Gospel of Luke 8:2-3 lists Mary as one of the women who travelled with Jesus and helped support his ministry "out of their resources", indicating that she was probably relatively wealthy. The same passage also states that seven demons had been driven out of her, a statement which is repeated in the longer ending of Mark. In all four canonical gospels, she is a witness to the crucifixion of Jesus and, in the Synoptic Gospels, she is also present at his burial. All four gospels identify her, either alone or as a member of a larger group of women, as the first witness to the empty tomb, and the first to testify to Jesus's resurrection. For these reasons, she is known in many Christian traditions as the "apostle to the apostles". Mary is a central figure in later apocryphal Gnostic Christian writings, including the Dialogue of the Saviour, the Pistis Sophia,

, the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Philip, and the Gospel of Mary. These texts, which scholars do not regard as containing accurate historical information, portray her as Jesus's closest disciple and the only one who truly understood his teachings. In the Gnostic gospels, Mary Magdalene's closeness to Jesus results in tension with the other disciples, particularly Simon Peter.

During the Middle Ages, Mary Magdalene was conflated in western tradition with Mary of Bethany and the unnamed "sinful woman" who anoints Jesus's feet in Luke 7:36-50, resulting in a widespread but inaccurate belief that she was a repentant prostitute or promiscuous woman. Elaborate medieval legends from western Europe tell exaggerated tales of Mary Magdalene's wealth and beauty, as well as her alleged journey to southern France. The identification of Mary Magdalene with Mary of Bethany and the unnamed "sinful woman" was a major controversy in the years leading up to the Reformation and some Protestant leaders rejected it. During the Counter-Reformation, the Catholic Church used Mary Magdalene as a symbol of penance.

In 1969, the identification of Mary Magdalene with Mary of Bethany and the "sinful woman" was removed from the General Roman Calendar, but the view of her as a former prostitute has persisted in popular culture. Mary Magdalene is considered to be a saint by the Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, and Lutheran churches—with a feast day of July 22. Other Protestant churches honour her as a heroine of the faith. The Eastern Orthodox churches also commemorate her on the Sunday of the Myrrh bearers, the Orthodox equivalent of one of the Western Three Marys traditions. Speculations that Mary Magdalene was Jesus's wife or that she had a sexual relationship with him are regarded by most historians as highly dubious.

#### REFLECTION

Most merciful Father, whose compassion was revealed to Mary of Magdala in transforming power: cast out from our hearts all that is evil and make us new in Christ; and grant us such gratitude for your love that we, like Mary, may minister to the needs of your people and be witnesses to our risen Lord. Amen.

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For those Parishioners who were not at the 10.30 am. service last Sunday, news was received that The Rev'd John Corby, a former Vicar of St. Matthew's Glenroy with St. Martin's Hadfield, died on Tuesday 10th. July 2018.