

*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 Gods' 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.*

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#### DIARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 29th. September  
**MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS**

Wednesday 27th. September  
*Jerome, priest and biblical scholar (d.420)*

Saturday 3rd. October **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS COMMENCES -**  
**Please turn your clocks FORWARD one hour before going to bed.**

Sunday 4th. October  
*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*



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Please give to, or phone Glenda Owen,  
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#### WELCOME

*During this time of online services  
Please feel free to follow along if you have a Prayer Book at home.  
The service begins on page 119 of 'A Prayer Book for Australia' (green book)*



Patronal  
Feast  
Day  
of  
**Linus**  
Bishop of Rome  
(23rd. September)

**27th. September  
2020**

**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.

**Sentence**

The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*2 Timothy 4 : 18*

**Collect**

Heavenly Father, loving shepherd of your people, we thank you for your servant Linus, who was faithful in the care and nurture of your flock; and we pray that we may follow the good of his example and grow into the fullness of the stature of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

**Readings**

**Micah. 6. 6-8;**

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high ? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old ? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil ? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul ?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God ?

**Psalms 65 ;**

**R You crown the year with your goodness, O Lord.**

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out. **R**
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away. **R**
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. **R**
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase. **R**
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing. **R**

**2 Timothy 4 : 16 - 22;**

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his

heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen. Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. Erastus remained in Corinth; Trophimus I left ill in Miletus. Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers and sisters. The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

**GOSPEL John 21. 15-19;**

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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**SAINT LINUS**

**Pope Saint Linus** (died c. 76) was, according to several early sources, Bishop of the Diocese of Rome after Saint Peter. This would make Linus the second Pope. According to other early sources Pope Clement I, was the Pope after Peter. Linus is the only person specifically mentioned in the New Testament, other than Peter, considered by the Catholic Church to have held the position of Pope. Saint Linus was converted in Rome in the days when Saint Peter was preaching the Gospel there. This nobleman, originally from the city of Volterra in Tuscany, left his father and renounced his heritage, to practice with greater perfection the doctrine of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He soon gave admirable proofs of his zeal, learning and prudence, and the first Vicar of Christ employed him in preaching and the administration of the Sacraments.

He crossed into Gaul, and became the bishop of the city of Besançon. The number of the faithful increased daily by the conversion of many idolaters. The Saint one day attempted to turn some of those away from the celebration of a festival in honor of their gods, telling them that these idols were but statues without breath or sentiment, and represented only human beings whose vices were public knowledge. He exhorted them to turn to the unique God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, to whom alone man owes the homage of sacrifice. A prodigy followed his words; a column of their temple crumbled and caused the fall of an idol, which broke into a thousand pieces. The worshipers, unmoved by this, drove the Saint out of the city of Besançon, as the city's tradition still attests.

He returned to Rome and was there when the prince of the Apostles was martyred. He wrote an account of the double martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul, and was himself judged worthy to replace the first Vicar of Christ. The register of his reign records the creation of fifteen bishops and eighteen priests. The Roman breviary says that the faith and sanctity of this blessed Pope were so great that he drove the demons from many possessed persons.

He had governed the Church for scarcely a year before he, too, shed his blood for his Saviour. His body was buried in the Vatican near that of Saint Peter. It was only in the 17<sup>th</sup> century that his tomb reappeared, marked *Linus*, when Pope Urban VIII had the work on the *Confession of Saint Peter* completed in the Basilica bearing his name.

Some historians / theologians do not agree that St. Linus' was a Martyr.

However, what is attributed to Saint Linus is the decree,  
*'that women wear a head-covering when in Church'*