

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

Monday 21st. January
Agnes, martyr at Rome, virgin (d.304)

Tuesday 22nd. January
Vincent, deacon and martyr (d.304)

Wednesday 23rd. January NO service at St. Matthew's

Thursday 24th. January
Companions of Paul, including Timothy, Titus and Silas
CONVERSION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

Friday 25th. January 10.45 am. Reserved Sacrament at Craigcare Aged Care Facility
6.00 pm. Parish Council meeting at Vicarage
7.00 pm. Parish Council Thank you Dinner

Saturday 26th. January **AUSTRALIA DAY**

Sunday 27th. January 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY
10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

Monday 28th. January - Australia Day public holiday

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 2nd. February - Books & Craft at St. Matthew's

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

Friday 1st. March - World Day of Prayer

Saturday 2nd. March - Books & Craft at St. Matthew's

Tuesday 5th. March - Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 6th. March - ASH WEDNESDAY

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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**Second Sunday
after
Epiphany**

**20th. January
2019**

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE BEFORE THE SERVICE COMMENCES. THANK YOU

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,

Sentence: Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. John 2. 11;

Collect: Bountiful God, whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee: help us to believe and obey, so that, as our Saviour promised, we may be filled with the wine of new life, and show forth his joy and love; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Isaiah 62. 1-5;

The LORD says this: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalms 36. 5-10;

- 5 Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens;
and your faithfulness reaches to the cloud
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
**and your justice as the great deep,
you, O Lord save both man and beast.**
- 7 How precious, O God, is your enduring kindness;
the children of Adam shall take refuge, under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They shall be satisfied with the good things of your house;
and you will give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life,
and in your light shall we see light.
- 10 O continue your merciful kindness toward those who know you;
and your dealing to those that are true of heart.



**TODAY IS YOUR LAST
OPPORTUNITY**

**PLEASE CHECK THE DRAFT OF THE 2019 PARISH DIRECTORY,
which is in the Narthex at each Church
AND NOTE AMENDMENTS REQUIRED,
IN PREPARATION FOR 2019 DIRECTORY.**

**IF YOUR DETAILS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS DIRECTORY, PLEASE
COMPLETE THIS FORM and give to Glenda Owen.**

THANK YOU

***The completion of this form gives the Parish your consent for
your details from this form to be included in the Parish Directory***

Surname

Christian name

Spouse (if applicable)

**Children
living at
home**

Address

..... **Post Code**

Phone no.

Mobile no.

Email:

Pew Leaflet Notices:

*Please give to, or phone Glenda Owen,
or e-mail: - gonana7@bigpond.com - by 8 pm. Tuesday*

MISSION NEWS

Continuing Projects from ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION and other Agencies -

AUSTRALIA 'NORTHERN TERRITORY DISCIPLESHIP TRACK -

Christian leaders in Aboriginal communities face formidable challenges. They are isolated from the broader Church in remote places which are expensive to travel in and out. They stand in the tensions between their traditional cultures and the Church, working in communities where English is a second or third language and where material disadvantage is prevalent.
\$25,000 needed in 2019

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER MISSION GRANTS -

The purpose of AMB's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants is to support mission activities that benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
\$100,000 needed in 2019

ENCOUNTER PROGRAM -

ABM's Encounter Program aims to facilitate two-way learning between a visitor from an overseas partner Anglican Church and the Australian church communities they visit.
\$15,000 needed in 2019

HOLY LAND - AL-AHLI ARAB HOSPITAL, GAZA

This year ABM aims to continue to support the Diocese of Jerusalem to address the early nutrition needs of underweight children and babies in Gaza, through the work of Al-Ahli Arab Hospital.
\$27,00 needed in 2019

GENERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

This year ABM aims to undertake 2 project evaluations, support 2 ecumenical disaster preparedness and response networks, and fund 2 meetings with Pacific Anglican Alliance Partners to further the advocacy work of the Anglican Community.
\$129,242 needed in 2019

Within the above Fund - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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| includes - | |
| No Poverty | Zero Hunger |
| Good Health and Well-Being | Quality Education |
| Gender Equality | Clean Water and Sanitation |
| Affordable and clean energy | Reduced Inequalities |
| Decent Work and Economic Growth | Climate Action |
| Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure | Life Below Water |
| Sustainable Cities and Communities | Life on Land |
| Responsible Consumption and Production | |
| Peace, Justice and strong Institutions | |
| Partnerships for the Goals | |

1 Corinthians 12. 1-11;

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

GOSPEL John 2. 1-11;

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



SECOND SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

20th. January 2019

SIGNS OF CELEBRATION

In both the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament we find evidence of God's love for the people being shown through signs and miracles. The image of marriage is used to describe the covenant relationship between Creator and humankind. The relationship is grounded deeply in God's love, and demonstrated clearly through the exercise of spiritual gifts.

Focus scripture:

John 2:1–11 The first miracle reported in the gospel of John occurred at Cana of Galilee in gentile territory. John used the word “sign” rather than “miracle” to reinforce his belief that signs demonstrate faith and faith glorifies God. John describes signs as emerging from God’s will and not from someone’s need or want. A sign, then, points to something other than itself. Weddings are common metaphors for God’s reign in scripture, such as in Isaiah 62:5. It seems fitting that Jesus’ first sign should occur at a wedding. Jesus, some disciples, and Jesus’ mother attended a wedding at which the supply of wine gave out. Weddings of the era were typically happy, festive, and long – sometimes a week or more. To run out of wine at a wedding would result in humiliation for the groom’s family in the “shame culture” of the day. If Jesus’ mother were a kinswoman of the groom, the shame would extend to her and to her son. Maybe she was not a family member at all, but a loyal friend. In any case, she approached her son with the request to fix the situation. Jesus’ initial response was to question the request’s validity: “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me?” Her response to the question was to direct the household servants to do whatever Jesus tells them. While Jesus’ use of “woman” in his question might sound harsh, it may only be a way of stepping back from the request. His mother does not seem offended. Jesus instructs the servants to fill with water six empty Jewish ceremonial washing jars that stood empty. Each jar held somewhere around 100 litres/25 gallons of water. Hebrew law required various ceremonial cleansings before eating. The servants obeyed and Jesus acted. Water was turned into wine – the best wine at the feast, abundant quantities of wine. Wine was the normal beverage at meals and festivals. Wine is the symbol of the joyous arrival of God’s new age. The disciples believed that the glorious act they saw was a sign. This sign differs from Jesus’ typical miracles which generally happened in public places, in plain sight. We are left wondering if the guests ever knew there was a miracle happening.

Isaiah 62:1–5 describes God’s “kin-dom.” It compares Israel’s future joy to a wedding celebration in which a bridegroom rejoices over his bride. Psalm 36:5–10 is a hymn of praise for God’s attributes. In the brief passage God is described as extending steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, judgment, refuge, abundance, delight, and salvation. The gifts are described as being for humans and animals; they bring abundance to one’s house.

The reading from **1 Corinthians 12:1– 11** attests to the abundance of spirit-given gifts and services provided to followers of the Christ. The author reminds us that each follower has a specific set of gifts which differ from others, and that these gifts are poured out upon all for the sake of the common good, not for individual desires. Different gifts are associated with different manifestations of God. Only the Spirit activates the gift.

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This week’s readings invite us to trust in the God, revealed in the Christ, who provides abundantly for life’s needs. Where, and in what ways, have you experienced the extravagance of God’s love for you and all creation? How might you celebrate God’s extravagant love this week

REFLECTION

**We have heard of your great works, creating God,
and of the miracles and signs that were part of Jesus’ life.
May we, as part of your creation,
be attuned to the signs and miracles of our times. Amen.**

NOTICES

SUNDAY 27th. January, Morning Tea at St. Matthew’s will again be ‘serve yourself’

**Unless two people will offer to take a turn on the roster.
Thank You.**



THANK YOU

To all who helped at the Working Bee yesterday at St. Matthew’s,
Much was achieved, but there is, as usual, much more to be done .

Such as listed below -

- GARDEN -** Trim trees & shrubs, Deadhead Roses
Water garden and trees
Mow (grass) lawns
Pick up Rubbish
Sweep paths etc.
- CHURCH -** Damp dust pews & woodwork
Mop floors
Vacuum carpets
Clean windows & glass doors
Tidy bookshelves, cupboards & tables
Mop Narthex floor
- CHOIR LOFT -** Damp dust pews & ledges
Mop floor & stairs
Dust Organ & surrounds
- MEETING ROOM -** check, clean & stack
crockery cupboard
Refill dishwashing supplies
Check tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits supplies
Mop floor
Vacuum rug
Tidy tables and chairs
Clean windows0.
- VESTRY -** Empty bin & recycle bag
Tidy table
Vacuum floor
Check table cloths and Wash when required
Wipe over photocopier
- KITCHEN -** Clean refrigerator
Clean & tidy Drawers & Cupboards
Clean Stove & Oven
- OFFICE -** Tidy cupboards
Vacuum floor & dust
Paper Shredding