

CHILD SAFETY

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	9th. March	Labour Day Public holiday <i>Sister Emma SSA, superior of the Society of the Sacred Advent, Queensland (d.1939)</i>
Wednesday	11th. March	10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's 2.00 pm. Lenten Study at Merlynston 3.00 pm. Lenten Study at home of Lauren & Isabel Dale
Thursday	12th. March	11.00 am. Reserved Sacrament at Plumpton Villa Aged Care Facility
Sunday	15th. March	9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus' <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i> 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's 12.30 pm. Lenten Study at Vicarage

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 21st. March - from 9.00 am WORKING BEE at ST. MATTHEW'S

Robyn will appreciate if those who can come

PLEASE BRING A SHOVEL TO HELP MOVE THE MULCH HEAP

Wednesday	25th. March	- Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary (M U Lady Day 2020 service - 22nd. March 2,30 pm. at St. Paul's Cathedral)
Saturday	4th. April	- Book & Craft / Bric-a-Brac rooms open for sales 10.00 am. to Noon
Sunday	5th. April	- PALM SUNDAY
Thursday	9th. April	- MAUNDY THURSDAY
Friday	10th. April	- GOOD FRIDAY
Sunday	12th. April	- EASTER DAY
Saturday	9th. May	- 'Sausage Sizzle' at Bunnings, Coburg North for Wiseman House Community Garden, many helpers will be required, please

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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

with

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



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WELCOME

*At St. Linus', the service begins on page 119 of 'A Prayer Book for Australia' (green book)
Hymns are found in 'Together in Song' (red book)
At St. Matthew's the service can be followed on the screens.*

Please join us for morning tea, following the service.



**Second Sunday
in
Lent**

**8th. March
2020**

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

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.

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

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: God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3. 16;*

Collect: God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive; grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Genesis 12.1–4a;

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalms 121;

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
but where shall I find help ?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord,
who has made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble;
and he who watches over you will not sleep.
- 4 Be sure he who has charge of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself is your keeper;
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand,
- 6 The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor shall the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord will defend you from all evil;
it is he who will guard your life.
- 8 The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in,
from this time forward for evermore.

Romans 4. 1–5, 13–17;

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is the law but null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law,

neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

GOSPEL John 3. 1-17;

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

This has always been a question faced by the church and an apt title for the parish Lent study for 2020 from ABM. There are three opportunities to join with others -

Wednesdays at 2.00 pm St Linus'

Wednesdays at 3.00 pm at the home of Lauren & Isabel Dale (address is in the directory)

Sunday afternoons at St Matthew's Vicarage 12.30 pm.

OR to participate in the quiet of your home.

The study can be found online at:
https://imags.com.au/published/where_do_we_go_from_here/

OR
www.abmission.org/lent

A limited number of printed copies have been ordered.

The study groups commence Wed 4th March & Sunday 8th March
Please consider joining a group and experiencing Lent this year, getting closer to God.
As the prophet Joel reminds us on Ash Wednesday -
'Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart.....'

Pew Leaflet notices
Please give to, or phone, Glenda Owen
or email - secretary@matthewlinus.org.au by 7.00 pm. Wednesday