

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.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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

DIARY THIS WEEK

Monday 7th. December

Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher (d. 397)

Tuesday 8th. December

The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Richard Baxter, pastor and spiritual writer (d.1691)

Wednesday 9th. December 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's

Sunday 13th. December 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'

THIRD SUNDAY

10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

of ADVENT

PARISH COUNCIL 2020-2021

Churchwardens
Avril Salter
Beverly Lacock
Grant Diffey

Parish Council members
May Admans
Tim Erickson
Trevor Leach
Glenda Owen
Robyn Panopoulos
Kerryn Pratchett

One or two appointments might be made by Rev'd Carmel, in coming weeks

CHRISTMAS in the PARISH

Thursday 24th. December - 5.00 pm. All Age Christmas Eve service
with a Eucharist, at St Linus'

Thursday 24th. December - 11.30 pm. Midnight Mass at St Matthew's

Friday 25th. December - 9.30 am. Christmas Day Eucharist at St Matthew's.

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



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WELCOME

Our service begins on page 119 of 'A Prayer Book for Australia' (green book)
Or in the Green Booklet which is available.

Prayer Books and Booklets are not to be shared.
Booklets can be taken home, but please bring it with you next Sunday.

MASKS MUST BE WORN at all times, except when leading during the service.

Peace



Second Sunday
of
Advent

6th. December
2020

PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE

PRIOR TO OUR SERVICE, DURING HOLY COMMUNION
AND UNTIL THE SERVICE HAS CONCLUDED

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,

Advent 2 – Peace

Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace.

(Light Candle).

God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too. We dream of a peaceful world full of wolves and leopards and lions eating and sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids, and calves. We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table.

We light this candle in Peace.

**On this day, we remember the Lord of All
who brings peace surpassing all understanding.**

Sentence: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together. *Luke 3.4; Isaiah 40.5a;*

Collect: Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Isaiah 40.1–11; Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalm 85. 1–2, 8–13;

- 1 O Lord, you were gracious to your land,
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sin.
- 8 I will hear what the Lord God will speak;
**for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.**
- 9 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,
and his glory shall dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will also give us all that is good;
and our land shall yield its plenty.
- 13 For righteousness shall go before him,
and tread the path before his feet.

2 Peter 3. 8–15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

GOSPEL Mark 1. 1–8;

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,"' John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'