

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 29th. April  
*Catherine of Siena, spiritual teacher (d.1380)*

Tuesday 30th. April  
*MARK, EVANGELIST AND MARTYR (transferred from April 25)*

Wednesday 1st. May 10.00 am. Morning Prayer, including M U prayers,  
*PHILIP AND JAMES,* and fellowship at St. Matthew's  
*APOSTLES AND MARTYRS*

Thursday 2nd. May 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus'  
*Athanasius,* 10.45 am. Holy Communion at Colton Close  
*Bishop of Alexandria* Age Care Facility

Friday 3rd. May 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew'

Saturday 4th. May 10.00 am. Book & Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's

Sunday 5th. May 9.00 am. Eucharist at St.Linus'  
10.30 am. Eucharist at St.Matthew's  
5.00 pm. Newcomers Church at St. Linus'

### LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 4th. May - New Craft and Second-hand Books for sale at St. Matthew's

Saturday 18th. May - Working Bee at St. Matthew's  
- Hand-made Card making Workshop at St.Matthew's

Sunday 19th. May - St. Matthew's Care Groups leaders meeting

Saturday 25th. May - Parish Council at St. Matthew's

Saturday 1st. June - New Craft and Second-hand Books for sale at St. Matthew's

Sunday 9th. June - PENTECOST

## The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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Cnr. Widford St. &  
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**Second Sunday  
of  
Easter**

**28th. April  
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 said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe. John 20. 27;

**Collect:** Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart locked: draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ, and touch his wounds where they bleed in others: This we ask through Christ our savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Readings

#### Acts 5. 27–32;

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

#### PSALM 118.14–29;

- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song;  
**and has become my salvation.**
- 15 The sounds of joy and deliverance;  
**are in the tents of the righteous.**
- 16 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty things;  
**the right hand of the Lord raises up.**
- 17 I shall not die, but live;  
**and proclaim the works of the Lord.**
- 18 The Lord has disciplined me hard;  
**but he has not given me over to death.**
- 19 Open me the gates of righteousness;  
**and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**



### PRAY FOR SRI LANKA

**Come and spend some time in Prayer and Reflection  
TODAY**

**Sunday 28th. APRIL 2019 at 4.00 pm.**

St.Aidan's Anglican Church

Cnr. Arena Square and Wallarano Drive, Noble Park 3174

### MISSION NEWS

### ANGLICARE VICTORIA

The Autumn edition of the 'Imagine' newsletter, highlights some of the amazing work made possible with the generous financial support from Parishes. Such as helping young people continue their education, despite the challenges they face in their lives. The notable achievements made over the past few months, of the transformative power and experience through the Buldau Yioohgen program, and the highly successful Peaceful Warrior program.

To donate - [www.anglicarevic.org.au](http://www.anglicarevic.org.au)

### NUNGALINYA COLLEGE

2019 is the United Nations Year of Indigenous Languages.

This is a significant acknowledgement of the vital role that 'First Languages' play across the globe, and is especially important for our ministry at Nungalinga College. Students come from over 100 communities to study at the College, and represent many different Indigenous languages.

This incredible diversity is a reminder of our heavenly hope.

In Revelation 7. 9; the apostle John records - *'there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands'*

To donate on line - [www.nungalinga.edu.au/donate](http://www.nungalinga.edu.au/donate)

### ANGLICAN OVERSEAS AID

Good and Faithful Servants

Through financial support from Parishes, people such as these have been assisted to help others in their Community.

Ethel - I see it as my business to help people, especially women, come to a level where their living standards are increased so they enjoy the same fulfilment in life that they are supposed to.

Millicent - My inspiration for my work comes from John 10. 10; 'that they may have life and have it abundantly' It is the will of God to have life, safety, justice, and access to basic needs. This is my driving force.

#### Pew Leaflet Notices:

Please give to, or phone Glenda Owen,  
or e-mail: - [gonana7@bigpond.com](mailto:gonana7@bigpond.com) - by 8 pm. Tuesday



### CARD MAKING WORKSHOP

**Saturday 18th. May - 10.00 am. to Noon**

In front room of Wiseman House at St. Matthew's Anglican Church

Concertina / Multi-fold card will be demonstrated

Kit to make your own will be available for \$5.

**RSVP to Marie Brennan 0438 098 613, to reserve your kit**

*If interest is sufficient, future workshops will include -  
Knitting, Crochet, Smocking, Macrame*



### WORKING BEE AT ST. MATTHEW'S

**9.00 am. Saturday 18th. May 2019**

**Please come and help with shrub trimming, weeding,  
cleaning windows and more, much more,  
or whatever you see that needs attention**

**Morning Tea provided**



Please join us for a  
**TRIVIA AFTERNOON**

to support

**GLENROY COLLEGE CHAPLAINCY**

on

**SUNDAY May 26th.**

**@ 2.30 pm.**

St. Matthew's Anglican Church

Cnr. Widford St. & Melbourne Ave.

Glenroy

BYO Nibbles ( and friends )

Tea / Coffee supplied

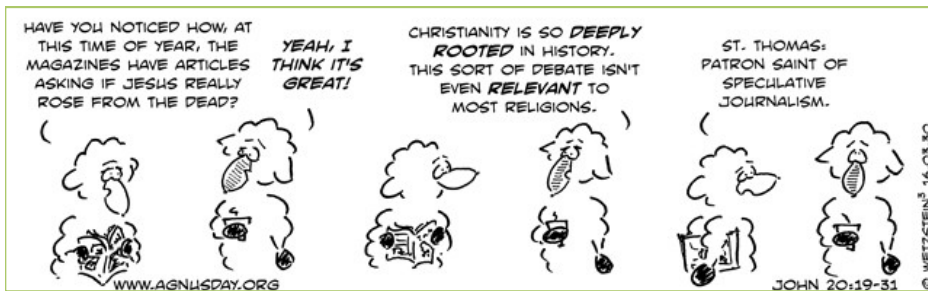
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord;  
**the righteous shall enter it.**
- 21 I will praise you, for you answered me;  
**and have become my salvation.**
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected;  
**has become the head of the corner.**
- 23 This is the Lord's doing;  
**and it is marvellous in our eyes.**
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- 25 O Lord, save us we pray;  
**O Lord, send us prosperity.**
- 26 Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord;  
**from the house of the Lord, we bless you.**
- 27 The Lord is God, and he has given us light;  
**guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.**
- 28 You are my God and I will praise you;  
**you are my God, I will exalt you.**
- 29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**and his mercy endures for ever.**

### Revelation 1. 4-8;

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

### GOSPEL John 20. 19-31;

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



**2nd. SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**28th. APRIL 2019**

Speak Out The second Sunday of Easter is also known as Low Sunday as it comes at the end of Easter week, but rather than a Sunday to retire from and fold away the alleluias, it is a Sunday that speaks of bolder confidence and assurance from the disciples. On Easter Day the disciples are in the upper room afraid and unsure. This week the focus passage has them proclaiming confidently of Christ Jesus risen

**Focus scripture**

It is an interesting way to begin the Season of Easter, with Peter and the apostles having been brought to court for breaking the orders on them not to proclaim Jesus Christ risen. **Acts 5:27–32** is a short moment in a much longer story of the early church growing, moving out, and continuing in its success in spreading the news of Christ's resurrection. Yet the author of the gospel of Luke, who also wrote Acts, continues his sleight on the Jewish authorities who never seem to "get it," and are portrayed as standing in the way of the spread of the gospel. This story is about Jews speaking to Jews; no one has called anyone "Christian" yet. This is a struggle of one part of a movement against a nother. What moved for or in the apostles that moved them from the uncertainty of the upper room to the confidence of preaching openly of the resurrection of Christ, against the Sanhedrin's orders? The whole context of Acts, the steady growth through the retelling of the story of Jesus, may be the reason for their increased confidence. The story is attractive and powerful and as confidence builds through its retelling and growing familiarity the apostles trust it more and more, which leads them to stand against the authorities. This is a story that is repeated around the world as persecuted believers speak out about their faith. It offers a story of real boldness that also speaks into situations of our time: taboo issues, abuse, secrets that authorities have been frightened to name. In many ways it is a story of an ideal where the faithful few find they have a new authority to speak out on the side of truth and faith and justice. For the faith community today, from where does that boldness come? The passage perhaps can be summed up in one phrase: What would you say if the tape came away from your mouth? There is a confidence found in **Psalms 118:14–29** that can encourage us. Here the writer has found the strength to witness to the deeds of God. Perhaps this is where the confidence comes, for it is not about self but about the acts of God. This is the truth we rely on and offers us the faith to find ourselves in unexpected places proclaiming the good news. **Revelation 1:4–8** offers us a formulaic piece that proclaims a God of past, present, and future. It calls us to trust this God who was faithful in the past and therefore will be faithful in the future. Therefore, be bold and live out our faith today as those who were faithful in the past lived their faith. But the present can be the more difficult time to believe, especially after a very intense set of stories of God who seems to have gone quiet now, as Thomas finds in **John 20:19–31**. It is as if Thomas is saying: I know the

stories of the past, but what about today, how can I believe today? Thomas needed something to witness in order to witness, and Jesus met him in that need.

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There is our call as a faith community, to grow in the story and witness to what we know. In the repeated retelling of the story of resurrection there is a time when the fear moves over and confidence begins. May we be sent out in that confidence where we rest on the authority of the faith rather than the world, as we become "witnesses to these things."

**REFLECTION**

**Grant us a voice, O God, that breaks into all silence and speaks out in your name. May we clear our throats and find the gospel words that speak into poverty and for justice, that proclaim heaven's authority and love's agenda. And when others wish to silence the good news, may we shout it even louder. Amen.**



**COME BROWSE COME BUY**

**Saturday 4th. May 10.00 am. to Noon**

**Secondhand Books & New Craft / Bric-a-brac**  
**in Wiseman House at St. Matthew's cnr. Widford St. & Mel-**



**SUNDAY 5th. May 2019 at 5.00 pm. to 6.00 pm.**

Informal service at St Linus'  
corner Delta Ave & Glyndon Ave, Merlynston  
No Church experience necessary  
Includes a light meal in our Community Hall.

ALL WELCOME



**SUNDAY 19th. May 2019**

**9.00 am. Pageant**  
**Presented by the Children**

at St Linus' - corner Delta Ave & Glyndon Ave, Merlynston  
Service followed by Morning Tea

ALL WELCOME

