

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

Wednesday 20th. February 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,
William Grant Broughton, first bishop of Australia d.1853)

Thursday 21st. February 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus'
10.45 am. Holy Communion at Colton Close
Aged Care Facility

Friday 22nd, February 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew's

Saturday 23rd. February 10.00 am. Parish Council Planning Day
*Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna,
Martyr (d.c.155)*

Sunday 24th. February 9.00 am. Eucharist at St.Linus'
SEVENTH SUNDAY
10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
AFTER EPIPHANY

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday 1st. March - World Day of Prayer

Saturday 2nd. March - Books & Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's and GARAGE SALE ?

Tuesday 5th. March - Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 6th. March - ASH WEDNESDAY

Saturday 16th. March - Working Bee at St. Matthew's and Craft Classes,
learn to knit or crochet, card making etc.

Pew Leaflet Notices:

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

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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**Sixth Sunday
after
Epiphany**

**17th. February
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: Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man.
Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Luke 6. 23;

Collect: Righteous God, you challenge the powers that rule the world, and you show favour to the oppressed: instil in us a true sense of justice, that we may discern the signs of your kingdom, and strive for right to prevail; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Jeremiah 17. 5–10;

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse – who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Psalms 1;

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly,
**nor followed the way of sinners,
nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.**
- 2 But their delight is in the law of the Lord;
and on that law will they ponder day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted beside streams of water;
that yield their fruit in due season.
- 4 Their leaves also shall not wither;
and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

**Saturday 2nd. March 2019
10.00 am. to 4.00 pm.**

**Hosted by The Salvation Army
828 Sydney Rd. Coburg North (at end of tram line, enter via Headley St.)**

Join together with Christian leaders and Churches of all denominations to pray and celebrate the National Day of Prayer and Fasting

*Pray for a National Awakening for Australia and pray for millions to find Jesus.
Take part in the 40 day Prayer Relay
Initiate a Bible Reading marathon and take part in a live webcast on the day.*

40 Day Prayer Relay
6th. March - 14th. April

Let our Father's heart for the lost, move you to:
Walk together in love and unity, 'one Father of all, over all, through all and in all.
Encourage each other as 'sons' and 'fathers' so many receive Jesus.
Pray with others from your area and join the 40 day Prayer relay

Register now: www.40DayRelay.org.au

**TRINITY COLLEGE
Theological School**

**UNIVERSITY
of Divinity**

TODAY'S MUSIC FOR TODAY'S CHURCH

Saturday 2nd. March 2019 10,00 am. to 4.30 pm.

Trinity College, Old Warden's Lodge, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville.

\$40 adult; \$30 concession



For more information and to register:

www.trybooking.com/340836

OR

Email: theologyevents@trinity.edu.au

OR Call 03 9348 7127

SUNDAY 3rd. March 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.

and 1st, Sunday of each month



NOTICES

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST 27th FEBRUARY 2019

There will be no Eucharist at St Matthew's this day.

Everyone is invited to St Oswald's Glen Iris.

Fr Glenn Loughrey has written a liturgy that is sensitive to the Indigenous connection to land and creation.

He offers it each Wednesday at St Oswald's where he is Vicar.

We will provide transport via car for anyone interested in coming along.

The service begins at 10am. We will depart Glenroy at 9am in case traffic is heavy that day. If traffic is light we can grab some refreshment before the service.

St Oswald's offer morning tea and discussion following the service.

Please put your name on the sheet in the narthex if you would like to come along. I will advise St Oswald's should there be more than a few.

Rev'd Jo-Anne



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1st. March

10.30 am. at Glenroy Uniting Church, Wheatsheaf Rd. Glenroy
Glenroy/Pascoe Vale area

6.00 pm. at St. Linus' Anglican Church, cnr. Glyndon & Delta Aves.
Merlynston (North Coburg)
Coburg area

Service prepared by the people of SLOVENIA
Theme 'Come - Everything is ready'

HELP NEEDED

A Midwife on Thursday Island and has put out a plea for specific clothing and baby goods. Pregnant Women from PNG are flown down to Thursday Island with nothing. They can be village girls - or just emergencies, but arrive with absolutely nothing. Thursday Island Hospital is the Air Evac. Hospital for them and the women come to them with nothing.

" they arrive with NOTHING. No change of clothes, no bras, no baby clothes... "Sometimes the women are with us for a few weeks before being able to go home to their families. All donations of baby clothes, bras gratefully accepted. Please we're desperate for bras. ***Mainly baby clothes 00000 through to size 1 for maternity and sick babies that get retrieved, baby wraps*** ... we are really short on. Baby socks and ANY other baby clothing."

Please post items - c/Therese Kefford
Thursday Island Hospital. Qld 4875.

- 5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them;
they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.
- 6 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement;
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 7 For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous,
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

1 Corinthians 15. 12-20;

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

GOSPEL Luke 6. 17-26;

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said -

'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.'



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

17th. February 2019

Jeremiah 17. 5-10; Jeremiah speaks the Lord's words about who is cursed and who is blessed. The nature images of a barren bush and a tree rooted near water describe the two types of people. The bush bears no fruit, and the tree is eternally green, even during times of drought. Where one's heart resides makes the difference. May our heart be in the Lord and our strength be in him.

Psalms 1; The psalm includes the imagery of the tree planted beside running water as found in the passage from Jeremiah and contrasts the yield of this tree with the wicked, whom the wind blows away like chaff. The psalmist's words encourage us to follow the law of the Lord rather than take counsel with the wicked. Why? Because the blessed are those who place their hope in the Lord.

This second reading comes from the climactic chapter of **1 Corinthians 15**, in which Paul responds to those who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead. With a teacher-like conditional statement Paul simply states that if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ himself has not been raised.

If Christ has not been raised, then the dead have perished. May we place our hope in Christ, whose Resurrection is the hope of our own resurrection.

Luke 6. 17-26; today we begin to proclaim the Gospel reading from Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Both Jesus' disciples and a large crowd gather to hear him teach, but in Luke it seems that Jesus directs the Beatitudes most immediately toward his disciples, raising his eye toward them before he begins stating blessings and woes. Today he teaches us the Beatitudes, and we have the opportunity to hear them anew, connecting them to our earthly life of discipleship.

REFLECTION

**Loving Lord Jesus Christ, source of all healing,
may we feel your power to heal both body and spirit.**

**When our hope and faith are broken,
make them whole and draw us closer to you.**

**Give us the grace to see your love
in those who do not know you as you are
and to help them understand that all love and life rest in you. Amen.**

NOTICES

LENT 2019

DAILY DEVOTIONAL & GROUP REFLECTION

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, this year on 6th March. What would you say to someone who asked, 'What is Lent?' The simple response is that it is a season of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self examination and reflection. It is the forty days, counting Sundays, that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. However, I think Lent invites us to so much more.

This year I am inviting everyone in the parish to undertake a daily lenten devotion or study. There are numerous devotionals available but I have chosen 'The Sanctuary for Lent' by Juan Huertas. The paper edition is \$2, there is also a kindle edition I have to share – when I work out how! If you would like a copy of this book in either form please put your name on the sheet in the narthex.

Each day has a verse and a thought provoking reflection that relates to our every day lives. You may know someone for whom this may be helpful so you may also consider giving one as a gift. Oftentimes these types of devotionals give us pause to think and we find ourselves asking questions.

I am always available to talk about your thoughts and/or your journey.

Group studies are always an opportunity to learn from others. This year, studies will be offered at -

St Linus' 11.30am on Thursdays or possibly at The Green Pepper

St Matthew's 11am Fridays (1hr only) and St Matthew's following church on Sundays at 12.30 and/or at a local café.

The group will determine time for the study but I will attempt to restrict to 1hr 30min. Material will be provided for the group sessions.

Please put your name on the list if you would like to participate in one of the groups.

I hope to see all of you enter Lent 2019 with a purpose and a passion. Let us journey this year together.

THE
SANCTUARY
FOR LENT
2019



JUAN HUERTAS



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED YESTERDAY
NEXT WORKING BEE AT ST. MATTHEW'S
9.00 am. Saturday 16th. March**

