

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.

STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Please consider using Direct Deposit for your Stewardship giving.

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The account is in the name of - St. Matthew's Glenroy/Hadfield with St. Linus' Merlynston

DIARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 24th. January

Companions of Paul, including Timothy, Titus and Silas

Wednesday 25th. January 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's
CONVERSION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

Thursday 26th. January *Public Holiday*
AUSTRALIA DAY

Friday 27th. January 10.30 am. Holy Communion at Colton Close
John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople, teacher (d.407)

Saturday 28th. January
Thomas Aquinas, theologian (d.1274)

Sunday 29th. January 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's.
12.00 to 2.00 pm. Australia Day Parish Fellowship BBQ
as well distribution of Foodbank parcels. Please bring
Bread, sausages and cans of drink to share.
This is a community meal and all are welcome to share.

LOOKING AHEAD

Please pick-up a copy of "Our Journey 2023", the service times for Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Holy Week and Easter Services in the Narthex of each worship centre.

Pew Leaflet Notices:
please email gonana7@bigpond.com
by 4.00 pm. Wednesday

Third Sunday after Epiphany 22nd. January 2023

WELCOME

The service booklet and song sheet can be found in the Narthex at St Linus' worship centre.

The service at St Matthew's worship centre can be seen on the screens during the service.

Please see one of our welcomers if you would like to use the complete prayer book.

Morning tea will follow the service at each worship centre.

Please join in our fellowship time.

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield with Merlynston



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30 Widford St.
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with

St. Linus'
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PARISH PRIEST: The Reverend Robert Koren

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This week, Rev. Rob can be found at:

St. Linus' - Mon. 9 am. to 3 pm.

St. Matthew's - Wed. & Fri. 9 am. to 3 pm.

NOT available Tuesday.

PARISH WEBSITE - www.matthewlinus.org.au

PARISH FACEBOOK - www.facebook.com/matthewlinus

PARISH PODCAST - www.buzzsprout.com/1974085

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The Reverend Prashant Bhonsle 0457 876 622

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Kerryn Pratchett 0409 306 818



Acknowledgement of Country

From time immemorial the Wurundjeri people have cared for this land, nurtured it, depended on it and given honour and thanks to the Creator.

As we acknowledge their faithful custodianship of the land, and the sacred stories they have told; as we offer our respect to their elders, past, present and emerging, guide us Lord in caring for them, this land, and each other with the help of the Holy Spirit of Dreaming.

Sentence: Jesus went through Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. *Matthew 4. 23;*

Collect: Loving God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you; help us to know you, that we may truly love you, and so to love you, that we may faithfully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

First reading is from the book of the prophet Isaiah 9. 1-4;

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Hear the word of the Lord,; thanks be to God.

Psalms 27. 1-10;

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?
the LORD is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?
2. When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, come upon me to devour me;
they shall stumble and fall.
3. If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid;
and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.
4. One thing I asked from the LORD, which I will require
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life.
5. To see the fair beauty of the Lord;
and to seek his will in his temple.
6. For he will hide me under his shelter in the day of trouble;
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent, and set me high upon a rock.
7. And now he will lift up my head;
above my enemies round about me.
8. And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation;
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.
9. O Lord, hear n^y voice when I cry;
have mercy upon me and answer me.
10. My heart has said of you, 'Seek. his face';
your face, Lord, I will seek.

The second reading is from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1:10-18;

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also

the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Hear the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God

*The Lord be with you and also with you
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 4. 12-25;
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ*

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

This is the Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Faith Matters!! Doing good wherever we go!

In the gospel reading today we see the beginnings of Jesus ministry. The light has come into the world to dispel the fog that the Pharisee, Sadducees and Scribes have put over the community in how they worship and connect with their God. God's priests and holy people were teaching the law instead of grace, worshipping and teaching as a closed community rather than reaching into the world and wanting to be right instead of kind. So what does Jesus do to help clear the air between the chosen people and their God?

Jesus called on people to repent from living a life in the law to living a life through a personal relationship with God. By calling on us to repent, Jesus is asking each of us to have a personal relationship with God and look at what is helping or harming our relationship with God. Jesus calls on us to go deeper than focusing on a list of things. He calls on us to query our hearts and repent where our hearts are not accepting God's righteous prompting. If we are doing good wherever we go, well it starts with going into our hearts to make a holy and righteous connection with God.

Jesus is noted as going into a Galilee - particularly in the areas of Capernaum, Naphtali and Zebulun. These were rough areas. These were areas where most people were defiled by their occupations as many of the occupations were associated with fishing and butchery. The constant spilling of animals blood meant that these people were defiled under the law and could not worship in the temple. Jesus goes to the people that have been told they are not able to worship God or be in God's presence. If we are doing good wherever we go, then we have to make sure we are prepared to go to all places and spaces to make sure that everyone knows that nothing on heaven and earth, no angel or demon can keep them from the love of Jesus.

The way that Jesus showed care and compassion for the people he was with was through mercy and kindness. Our Lord went about doing good by healing the sick and casting out demons in the places which were not the priority of the religious leaders. We must remember as it was then and is now, Jesus is just as able to save, is just as willing to receive all and is just as ready to help us in our mission as he was when he was walking in Galilee. Let us be the face, hands and feet of Jesus sharing how Jesus is willing to save, receive and help everyone to all we come across wherever we go. Do good by sharing mercy and grace wherever you go!