CHILD SAFETY

As a Christian community, meeting together to worship God, we affirm 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

Please consider the continuation of your Stewardship giving
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 25th. January
CONVERSION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

Tuesday 26th. January Public Holiday

AUSTRALIA DAY

Wednesday 27th. January 10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople, teacher (d.407)

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

Saturday 30th. January Charles, King of England (d. 1649)

Sunday 31st. January FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 9.00 am. Eucharist at St.Linus' 10.30 am. Eucharist at St.Matthew's

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 6th. February - Book & Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's

Tuesday 16th. February - Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 17th. February - ASH WEDNESDAY

Monday 22nd. February - Parish Council meeting at St. Matthew's

Friday 5th. March - World Day of Prayer 10.30am. at St. Matthew's

Saturday 6th. March - Books & Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's

Sunday 14th. March - Fourth Sunday in Lent, (Laetare Sunday) Mothering Sunday

Sunday 28th. March - Palm Sunday, Sunday of the Passion

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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with

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We extend a warm welcome to those who are visiting or are new to the area.

Please make yourself known to a welcomer who can assist you.

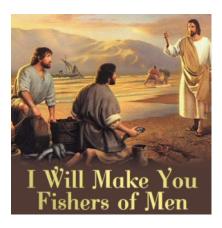
Prayer Books and Booklets must not be shared

If you have your own prayer book, the service begins on page 119

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PLEASE register your details, use Hand Sanitizer and OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING, sitting 1.5 m. apart, except for people who live in same household.



THIRD SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

24th. January 2021

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

Acknowledgement of Land

(An act towards reconciliation by the Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston)

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are gathered and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS ARE AVAILABLE If you require Gluten Free wafer

Please speak to the Lay Assistant or Welcomer, BEFORE the service.

Sentence: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.

Mark. 1. 15;

Collect: Bountiful God, through your son you have called us to repent of our sins, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom; teach us, like Christ's first apostles, to hear the call to discipleship, and, forsaking old ways, to proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world; through our Lord ad Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Australia Day:

Bounteous God, we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land, a land of despair and hope, a land of wealth and abundant harvests, a land of fire, drought and flood. We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to all injustice. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

Jonah 3. 1-10;

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh. according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Ninevah, he rose from his throne, removed his robe. covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Ninevah: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them: and he did not do it

Psalm 62. 5-12;

- 5 Nevertheless, my soul, wait in silence for God;
 - for from him comes my hope.
- 6 He only is my rock and my salvation;
 - my strong tower, so that I shall not be moved.

- 7 In God is my deliverance and my glory; God is my strong rock and my shelter.
- 8 Trust in him at all times, O my people;

pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

- The children of Adam are but breath, the children of earth are a lie; place them in the scales and they fly upward; they are as light as air.
- 10 Put no trust in extortion, do not grow worthless by robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.
- 11 God has spoken once, twice have I heard him say;
 - that power belongs to God.
- 12 That to the Lord belongs a constant goodness;

for you reward each one of us according to our works.

1 Corinthians 7. 29-31;

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

GOSPEL Mark 1. 14-20;

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.



A PRAYER AT THE TIME OF CHOOSING AN INCUMBENT

Bountiful God, bring to this parish, a faithful pastor, who will speak your word, and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will prayerfully equip your people for ministry, enabling all within this parish to fulfil their calling.

May those who will choose, do so with wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.