

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.*

ANGLICAN OVERSEAS AID - LENTEN REFLECTIONS Colours of Lent

GREEN: Jesus says en route to his crucifixion: 'If people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?' (Luke 23.31) Jesus' life was exemplified by grace and purity. Here was a man truly innocent and full of love. And yet he was crucified all the same. Jesus' question indicates that there is no limit to the cruelty and brutality that can infect the human heart.

More happily, green is the colour of palm branches waving in festive welcome of Jesus. The colour green also suggests images of new life and eternal rest. One of the most beloved verses from all Scripture comes from Psalm 23: 'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want, he makes me lie down in green pastures.'

In Lent we are both shocked by the terrible savagery of this world, but are also assured by the promise of life to come. We again recall from the Psalms that a righteous person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither (Psalm 1.3)

May each of us be that person

DIARY THIS WEEK

Monday	8th. March	<i>Labour Day holiday</i>
Tuesday	9th. March	2.00 pm. Ecumenical service at Federation Village <i>Sister Emma SSA, superior of the Society of the Sacred Advent, Queensland (d.1939)</i>
Wednesday	10th March	10.00 am. Morning Prayer at St. Matthew's 3.30 pm. for 4.00 pm. Lenten Study, in Meeting Room at St. Matthew's
Sunday	14th. March	9.00 am. Eucharist at St.Linus' <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> 10.30 am. Eucharist at St.Matthew's, <i>Mothering Sunday</i> <i>Laetare Sunday</i>

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 28th. March - Palm Sunday 9.00 am. St. Linus' & 10.30 am. St. Matthew's
Thursday 1st. April - Maundy Thursday 7.30 pm. at St. Matthew's
Friday 2nd. April - Good Friday 10.00 am. Stations of the Cross
with Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord at St. Linus'
*Daylight Savings ends - please turn your clocks back, one hour,
before you go to bed Saturday night*
Sunday 4th. April - Easter Day 6.00 am. at St. Matthew's
9.00 am. at St. Linus' 10.30 am. at St. Matthew's

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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with

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WELCOME

If you have your own Prayer Book, service begins on page 119

Prayer Books and Booklets are not to be shared.

**MASKS must be worn at all times while singing, other times are optional.
except when leading during the service.**

PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS



**THIRD SUNDAY
in
LENT**

**7th. March
2021**

PALM CROSSES FOR PALM SUNDAY

Shall we have a Palm Cross folding workshop in the meeting room at St. Matthew's ?
If so, when ?

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.

Sentence: God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20. 1;

Collect: Lord our God, by your Holy Spirit, write your commandments upon our hearts, and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross, so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness, we may become a living temple of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

Exodus 20.1–17;

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Psalm 19;

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another,
and night to night communicates knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech or language,
nor are their voices heard.
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world;
and their words to the ends of the earth.
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun;
**which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.**
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
**the command of the Lord is true,
and makes wise to the simple.**
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart;
**the commandment of the Lord is pure,
and gives light to the eyes.**

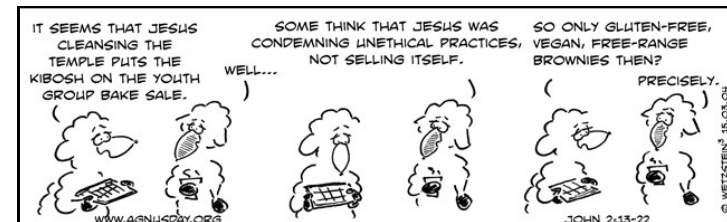
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever;
**the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,
and righteous every one.**
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, than honey that drips from the comb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught;
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can know their own unwitting sins?
O cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Keep your servant from presumptuous sins,
lest they get mastery over me;
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
- 14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

1 Corinthians 1. 18–25;

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. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL John 2. 13–22;

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



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.**