

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

Tuesday 18th. December 10.45 am. Reserved Sacrament at Craigcare Aged Care Facility

Wednesday 19th. December 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,

Thursday 20th. December 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus'
10.45 am. Holy Communion at Colton Close Aged Care Facility

Friday 21st. December
THOMAS, APOSTLE and MARTYR

Sunday 23rd. December 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
Fourth Sunday of Advent 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,

CHRISTMAS in the PARISH

Sunday 23rd. December - 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'

Sunday 23rd. December - 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

Monday 24th. December - 5.00 pm. All age Christmas Eve service with a Eucharist, at St Linus'

Monday 24th. December - 11.30 pm. Midnight Mass at St Matthew's

Tuesday 25th. December - 10.00 am Christmas Day Eucharist at St Matthew's.

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



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cnr. Widford St. &
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Glenroy 3046

with

St. Linus'
cnr. Glyndon Ave. &
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Merlynston 3058



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16th. December 2018



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.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS ARE AVAILABLE

If you require Gluten free wafer,
please speak to the Lay Assistant or a Welcomer, BEFORE the Service,

**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

Sentence: Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.

Collect: Almighty God, you sent your Son into a world, where the wheat must be winnowed into chaff, and evil clings even to what is good; let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption, so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him, whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Readings

Zephaniah 3.14–20;

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

ACT for PEACE - CHRISTMAS BOWL

Bible Study Guide for Advent - Joy (Gaudate`)

The readings today reflect upon Promise, Preparation and Joy. Sometimes we get it all wrong ! Promise and preparation are reduced to relatively trivial events of every day, while joy, surely has little to do with the troubles of our time.

But consider Mary's song (which is one of the readings for Advent 4) the Magnificat recorded in Luke ch. 1; Her joy is obvious and overflowing , but it is clearly related strongly to problems and injustices of every age. The reason for her rejoicing was not in what she herself might do, but in that which might be done by him who was to be born of her.

The earliest Church saw the Magnificat as the kind of salvation God wrought through Jesus. Then, as now, joy comes with engagement.

Let us ensure that the true meaning of God's coming in Christ is reflected in our lives throughout the year: and to that end, let us commit ourselves to God in the days that are to come in our Christmas preparation.

The Christmas Bowl is the Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the International Aid Agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia.



Please come and join us

TODAY at **7.00 pm.**

at

St. Matthew's Anglican Church

cnr. Widford St. & Melbourne Avenue

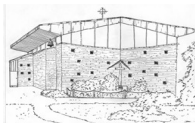
Glenroy

for

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS



PARISH DIRECTORY 2018



**PLEASE CHECK THE 2018 PARISH DIRECTORY,
which is in the Narthex at each Church
AND NOTE AMENDMENTS REQUIRED,
IN PREPARATION FOR 2019 DIRECTORY.**

**IF YOUR DETAILS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS DIRECTORY,
PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM and give to Glenda Owen, or email
to
gonana7@bigpond.com THANK YOU**

***The completion of this form gives the Parish your consent for
your details from this form to be included in the Parish Directory***

Surname

Christian name

Spouse (if applicable)

**Children
living at
home**

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..... **Post Code**

Phone no.

Mobile no.

Email:

For the Psalm - **The CANTICLE, A Song of Isaiah** (12. 2-6) p.391 APBA.

'Behold, God is my salvation:

I will trust and will not be afraid;

**'For the Lord God is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.'**

**With joy you will draw water;
from the wells of salvation.'**

On that day you will say:

'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

**'Make known his deeds among the nations:
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

**'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously:
let this be known in all the world.**

**'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'**

Philippians 4. 4-7;

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL Luke 3. 7-18;

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

