

*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 Gods' 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.*

**EMERGENCY FOOD DONATIONS at ST. MATTHEW'S**  
**Please remember the August challenge, proposed by Penni Diffey.**

**Bring your donations when lockdown is over. Thank You.**

**Please Note - TRIVIA AFTERNOON**  
to support Glenroy College Chaplaincy Fund  
postponed to

**Sunday 17th. October 2021 - 2.00 pm.**

in Wiseman House at St. Matthew's Anglican Church  
Cnr. Widford St. and Melbourne Ave. Glenroy 3046  
BYO nibbles Tea & Coffee provided



**DIARY FOR THIS WEEK**

Tuesday 24th. August  
BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE AND MART

Friday 27th. August  
Monica, mother of Augustine (d.387)

Saturday 28th. August ? 10.00 am. ? Parish Council meeting ?  
Augustine of Hippo, bishop and teacher (d.430)

Sunday 29th. August 10.30 am. Online Service at [www.matthewlinus.org.au](http://www.matthewlinus.org.au)  
14h. Sunday after Pentecost

**COULD BE A LONG XMAS EVE...**



**The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston**



St. Matthew's  
cnr. Widford St.  
& Melbourne Ave.  
Glenroy 3046

with

St. Linus'  
cnr. Glyndon  
& Delta Aves.  
Merlynston 3058



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PARISH FACEBOOK - [www.facebook.com/matthewlinus](http://www.facebook.com/matthewlinus)

Honorary Lay Pastoral Minister  
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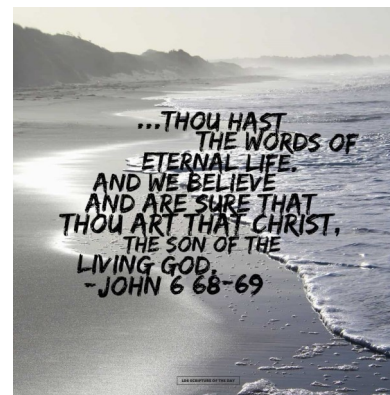
Honorary Lay Parish Readers  
Bev. Lacock 9309 2775  
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**WELCOME**

**The Service today and Sunday 29th. August will be online, on Parish website**

**Wherever you go, please register using the QR Code,  
Face masks must be worn indoors and outdoors**

**Keep Safe Keep Well Keep Warm Keep Active**



**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
after  
PENTECOST**

**22nd. August  
2021**

**Pew Leaflet Notices:**

Please give to, or phone Glenda Owen,  
or e-mail: - [gonana7@bigpond.com](mailto:gonana7@bigpond.com) - by 5 pm. Wednesday

### 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:** Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.'  
*John 6. 63;*

**Collect:** Everliving God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified,; hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called them, each may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Readings

#### 1 Kings 8. 22-30, 41-43;

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there," that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive. Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name – for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm – when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.'

#### Psalm 84;

- How lovely is your dwelling place;  
**O Lord of hosts!**
- My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;  
**my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- The sparrow has found her a home,  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;  
**even your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**
- Blessed are those who dwell in your house;  
**they will always be praising you.**
- Blessed are those whose strength is in you;  
**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**
- Who going through the valley of dryness,  
find there a spring from which to drink;  
**till the autumn rain shall clothe it with blessings.**
- They go from strength to strength,  
**they appear, every one of them, before the God of gods in Zion.**
- O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
**give ear, O God of Jacob.**
- Behold, O God; him who reigns over us;  
**and look upon the face of your anointed.**

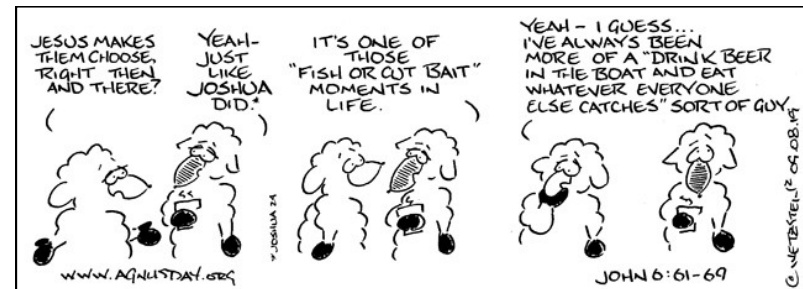
- One day in your courts is better than a thousand;  
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God,  
**than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.**
- For the Lord God is a light and a shield,  
the Lord gives favour and honour;  
**and no good thing will he withhold from those who walk in innocence.**
- O Lord God of hosts,  
**blessed are those who put their trust in you.**

#### Ephesians 6. 10–20;

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

#### GOSPEL John 6. 56–69;

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'



#### 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.**