

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

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

DIARY THIS WEEK

Sunday 19th. February 4.00 pm. Choral Service at St. Matthew's (non communion)

Monday 20th. February

William Grant Broughton, first bishop of Australia (d.1853)

Tuesday 21st. February 6.00 pm. Parish Pancake Fellowship Gathering at St. Matthew's

Help need please, to bring pancake mixture and toppings, and to cook pancakes.

7.00 pm. Connect: Men's Group at My Mates Pizza,
847 Pascoe Vale Rd. Glenroy

Wednesday 22nd. February 10.00 am. Ash Wednesday Service at St. Matthew's

6.00 pm. Ash Wednesday Service at St. Linus'

7.00 pm. Ash Wednesday Service at St. Matthew's

Thursday 23rd. February

Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, martyr (d.c.155)

Friday 24th. February

MATTHIAS, APOSTLE and MARTYR

Sunday 26th. February 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'

First Sunday 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

in Lent 4.00 pm. Prayer Circle at St. Matthew's

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 1st. March 11.00 am.- 12.00 pm. Lenten Study at St. Matthew's

'Seven Words of Jesus on the Cross'

Friday 3rd. March 6.00 pm. World Day of Prayer at St. Linus'.

Contact Elizabeth Berridge for more details—9354 5817

Monday 6th. March 1.30 pm. Connect: Guided Spiritual Meditation at St. Matthew's

Please bring a cushion or rug, or both. This is an open group, not limited to 3 people.

Please note: Tuesday 7th. to Thursday 9th. March - at the request of Bp. Kate Prowd, Rev. Rob & Rev. Prashant will be attending a Conference. Rev. Rob will not be available at St. Matthew's Wednesday 8th., at St. Linus' Thursday 9th.

Transfiguration

Last Sunday after Epiphany 19th. February 2023

WELCOME

The services within our parish 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.

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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This week, Rev. Rob can be found at:
St. Linus' - Mon. & Thurs. 9 am. to 3 pm.
St. Matthew's - Wed. & Fri. 9 am. to 3 pm.
NOT available Tuesday.

PARISH WEBSITE - www.matthewlinus.org.au

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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: Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him !' *Matthew 17. 5;*

Collect: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith, by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children; make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

First reading is from the book of Exodus 24: 12-18;

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Hear the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Psalm 2; said by alternate half verse

- 1 Why are the nations in tumult;
and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream ?
- 2 The kings of the earth rise up, and the ruler conspire together;
against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,
3 'Let us break their bonds asunder;
let us throw off their chains from us.'
- 4 He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn;
the Lord will hold them in derision.
- 5 Then will he speak to them in his wrath ,and terrify them in his fury;
'I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.'
- 6 I will announce the Lord's decree, that which he has spoken;
'You are my son, this day have I begotten you.
- 7 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance;
the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.
8 'You may break them with a rod of iron;
and shatter them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
- 9 Now therefore be wise, O kings;
be advised, you that are judges of the earth.
- 10 Serve the Lord with awe, and govern yourselves in fear and trembling;
lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.
11 For his wrath is quickly kindled;
blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.

The second reading is from 2 Peter 1: 16-21;

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from 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 17. 1-9; Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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

Faith Matters!! When you are transfigured in Christ.

I think of so many times in my life where I would love to be able to press pause or put my life on loop. Those moments where everything just seems to go well and you just don't want to move on. The gospel reading retells a story like this, where Peter sees Jesus in all his glory and wants to press pause or stay in a permanent loop and bask in this moment. Yet as quickly as Jesus' glory is shining around all that are there, it is gone and they are going back down the mountain. As hard as it is to let go, Peter follows the Lord down the mountain to follow Jesus in his ministry. It is hard to let go of those amazing moments in our personal or parish life. As a parish, it is hard to let go of things that that we did that once brought God's glory into the church. I am sure everyone thinks of a time when St Matthew's and St Linus' were on fire for the Lord and the kingdom was at hand with people filled with the Holy Spirit. There were lots of people to talk to, and everyone was involved in mission at every level.

In our worship tents at St Matthew's and St Linus' , it seems as though we have pressed pause and tried to stay in that moment holding onto mission and worship as it was then. Today's gospel reminds us that we can never really pause in a moment. If Peter built his tents as he wanted to, Jesus would have kept moving and Peter would have been left behind. God moves in the world through the Holy Spirit, and we have to be careful that our tent does not become a static spiritual place, but a vibrant, healthy, chaotic and Spirit led church that is ready to move and adapt as Jesus would like us to.

The glory days of our parish at either tent, were not the best of what was to be for the parish. The glory days were the beginning of a revival that was to bring all people to God.

Jesus is calling us, as he calls all His disciples, to be the light of the world. If we are to be the light of the world then we have to keep moving in the Spirit, seeking God's prompting in the Spirit and enliven our faith as without the Holy Spirit we will run out low on fuel and our light will be dim.

In readings the gospel I was left with two options for us as a parish: be still and gather dust, or march forward with God and enjoy the chaotic and life giving release of the kingdom of God in the lives of the people around us. I know which path I would like to be on.

The beginning of the revival in the parish is not over. We have pressed pause on moving in the Spirit, and when we all press "Go" on being disciples releasing the kingdom, God will continue our journey and we will move forward in the most amazing ways.