

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

Week of Prayer for Reconciliation

27th. May (Census Day) to 3rd. June (Mabo Day)

Wednesday 30th. May 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's

Thursday 31st. May 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus'
THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH
THANKSGIVING FOR THE HOLY COMMUNION

Friday 1st. June 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection group at St. Matthew's
Justin, martyr at Rome (dc. 167)

Saturday 2nd. June 9.00 am. **CAR BOOT SALE, GARAGE SALE,**
BOOK & CRAFT Rooms open at St. Matthew's

Sunday 3rd. June 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
Pentecost 2
10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
12.30 pm. Confirmation Preparation at Vicarage

MISSION NEWS

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National Reconciliation Week Resources

Visit our website for resources to celebrate National Reconciliation Week - 27 May to 3 June. Part 1 of a new ABM Study Guide 'A Voice in the Wilderness: Listening to the Statement from the Heart' is now available. The full guide will be free to download from 26 May, 2018.

Abundant Justice & Prophetic Imagination Conference

If you are interested in joining us at this gathering in Brisbane from 16-18 July, 2018, please register now while places are available. There will be lectures, liturgy, creative spaces, and open dialogue with special guest speakers including artist, poet and cartoonist Michael Leunig.

The Anglican Parish of Glenroy / Hadfield / Merlynston



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

with

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



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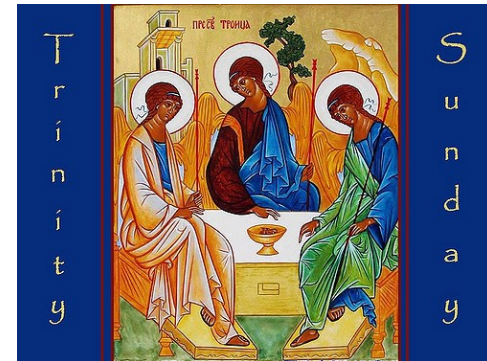
PARISH WEBSITE - www.matthewlinus.com *please note the change*

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**PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE BEFORE
THE START OF THE SERVICE.**

Thank You



27th. May 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: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. Isaiah 6. 3;

Collect: O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the Maker of all things, seen and unseen, the Saviour of all, both near and far; by your Spirit enable us so to worship your divine majesty, that with all the company of heaven, we may magnify your glorious name, saying, Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. **Amen.**

Readings

Isaiah 6. 1-8;

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Please clean out your cupboards, garage, shed,

Book a space for the Parish

CAR BOOT SALE

\$15. per car boot

To reserve a spot for your car, please phone Colleen

0438 673 779

OR

**Donate goods to the
GARAGE SALE**

OR

**Come Browse, Come Buy
BOOKS and CRAFT
at ST. Matthew's**

SATURDAY 2nd. JUNE 2018

THIS IS A PARISH FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY

PARISH FUNDRAISING and FELLOWSHIP 2018

7th. JULY	Book and Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's
29th. JULY	LUNCH at St. Mattherw's (Catered)
4th. AUGUST	Book and Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's
11th. AUGUST	HIGH TEA
1st. SEPTEMBER	Book and Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's PRODUCE and PLANT MARKET
23rd. SEPTEMBER	Patronal Festivals at St. Linus' and St. Matthew's LUNCH at ST. LINUS' (Catered)
6th. OCTOBER	Book and Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's
13th. OCTOBER	ST. MATTHEW's FAIR
3rd. NOVEMBER	Book and Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's
1st. DECEMBER	Book and Craft rooms open at St. Matthew's
8th. DECEMBER	ST. LINUS' CHRISTMAS FAIR
16th. DECEMBER	NINE LESSONS & CAROLS
30th. DECEMBER	Movie Afternoon ?



NOTICES

TODAY— NEWCOMERS CHURCH

SUNDAY 27th. May at 5.00 pm.

Informal service at St Linus'

corner Delta Ave & Glyndon Ave, Merlynston

No church experience necessary!

Last Sunday of the month 5-6 pm.

Includes a light meal in our community hall.

For questions or more information, contact

The Rev'd Jo-Anne Wells Mobile: 0414 822095

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Letters will be available to all people of the Parish informing them of important information with regard to Wiseman House. Letters for those at St. Matthew's will be placed in their folders, so please check your folders, as 'you have mail'

Letters will be addressed to ensure all parishioners of the Parish receive this information

BISHOP'S VISIT

**24th June 2018 10.00 am. at St. Matthew's
including Confirmations**

This will be Bishop Philip's last visit to the parish prior to his retirement later in the year.

Please bring a plate of goodies for refreshments after the service .

If you need transport to St. Matthew's please ask one of the Wardens

Pew Leaflet Notices:

Please **give to**, or **phone Glenda Owen**,
or **e-mail**: - gonana7@bigpond.com - **by 8 pm. Tuesday**

Psalms 29;

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven;
ascribe to the Lord glory and might.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord is upon the great waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord divides the lightning flash;
**the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.**
- 8 The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth tree,
and strips bare the forest;
in his temple all cry 'Glory!'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
- 10 The Lord will give strength to his people;
the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

Romans 8. 12-17;

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL John 3. 1-17;

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or

where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'



TRINITY SUNDAY 27th. May 2018

WHAT WE SEE

With Trinity Sunday, which synthesizes three ways we may know God – as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer – we begin the Season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time. Inviting us into truthful and loving relationship with God and neighbour, God calls us to lives of purpose. Today's scripture lessons speak to us about different ways faithful people hear and respond to God's call.

Focus scripture

Isaiah 6:1–8; Uzziah became king of Judah, the Southern Kingdom, when he was only 16 years old and, according to 2 Chronicles (26:1–5, 16–21), he did what was right in the sight of God. Uzziah prospered and became a popular and well-liked sovereign and reigned for 40 years as a powerful military leader. Only King Solo-mon's reign was considered more glorious than Uzziah's. But Uzziah became proud, so proud that he felt that he had the right to enter the temple to offer incense to God, even though only priests descended from Aaron were allowed to make such offerings. The priest Azariah confronts Uzziah saying, "Go out of the sanctuary, for you have done wrong." Uzziah protests in rage, but immediately contracts

leprosy, and from that day until the day of his death in the year 742 BCE, he never again enters the temple. King Uzziah's death inaugurates the call of Isaiah of Jerusalem. The death of one monarch who was forbidden to enter the temple leads Isaiah to the recognition of another monarch – God – the hem of whose robe fills the temple, who sits on a throne, in the holy of holies, the place where only the high priest could enter, and only once a year. Seraphim, with their lion-like bodies, human faces, and wings, act as messengers and guards; they are visible but hidden, their wings covering their faces. Smoke fills the temple, revealing the divine presence, yet smoke also conceals. God is thus both veiled from and revealed to Isaiah: he sees that just as the hem of God's robe fills the temple, and smoke fills the whole house, God's glory fills the whole earth. Isaiah, overwhelmed by this experience of a deity, confesses his sin, his unclean lips, which the seraphim purify. Isaiah hears God's question, God's call, "Whom shall I send?" and immediately he volunteers himself: "Here am I, send me." It should be noted that Isaiah is not commissioned for a pleasant task, but to prophesy to a people who cannot understand his warnings, a people of dull minds and stopped ears and shut eyes. Such is the anguish of the prophet: to tell the truth, not to be believed, and yet continue to speak God's truth. Just as the seraphim in the Isaiah passage sing, "Holy, holy, holy," the poet of **Psalm 29** calls the heavenly court to worship and sing God's praises in this hymn glorifying God's majesty and power. The singers recognize God as sovereign over heaven and earth, and the source of humanity's strength and peace. Like Isaiah, Paul believes that sin inhibits people from faithful service, yet in **Romans 8:12–17** he instructs the Roman church about the mighty power of God's Spirit, which liberates all people to become "children of God." God grants us a "spirit of adoption," and we become heirs to God's promises along with the Christ. The Spirit of God speaks to the spirit within us, assuring us that God transforms us into members of God's family. In the story of Nicodemus in **John 3:1–17**, Jesus speaks of coming into relationship with God. Nicodemus, a respected teacher, comes to a young rabbi, Jesus, at night, admitting his struggle to understand the signs he's witnessed. We share that struggle: what does it mean to be "born from above," or "born anew"? How are we to understand that somehow, when we encounter God, we become new people?

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The Bible reminds us that we encounter God in a vast assortment of ways – from a majestic temple vision, to a mighty voice commanding nature, to a mystical spirit that assures of our place as God's children and offers us new life. God is all this and more. What are some of the ways you have experienced God? How do we listen to God's call as our life's story unfolds?

REFLECTION

Almighty and ever-present God, you have gifted us with sight and smell and touch and taste and hearing.

Through all our senses, you come to us, calling us to know you and love you, and to live for you. Help us hear your call and grant us wisdom to respond with understanding and courage to your will. Amen.