

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 WEEEK

Monday 13th. August
Jeremy Taylor, bishop and spiritual writer (d.1667)

Tuesday 14th. August 2.00 pm. Ecumenical service at Federation Village
Twentieth Century martyrs,
including
Grand Duchess Elizabeth of Russia (d.1918)
Maximilien Kolbe, friar (d.1941)
Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian (d.1945)
Maria Skobtsova (d.1945)
Martin Luther King, worker for civil liberties (d.1968)
Janani Luwum, archbishop of Uganda (d.1977)
Oscar Romero, archbishop of San Salvador (d.1980)

Wednesday 15th. August 10.00 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's
MARY, MOTHER of our LORD

Thursday 16th. August 10.00 am. Playgroup at St. Linus'
10.45 am. Holy Communion at Colton Close Aged
Care Facility

Friday 17th. August 11.00 am. Gospel Reflection Group

Sunday 19th. August 9.00 am. Eucharist at St. Linus'
Pentecost 13 10.30 am. Eucharist at St. Matthew's,

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 1st. September - Produce & Plant Market, Books & Craft
at St. Matthew's

Sunday 23rd. September - Patronal Festivals - St. Linus & St. Matthew

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 3058



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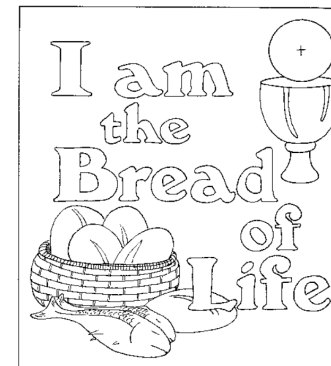
PARISH WEBSITE - www.matthewlinus.com please note the change

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

Thank You



**Twelfth Sunday
after
Pentecost**

**12th. August
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: Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. *Ephesians 5. 1-2;*

Collect: Grant O Lord, that we may see in you the fulfilment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction, to feed on the true and living bread, that you have given us in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

2 Samuel 18. 5-9, 15, 31-33;

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.' The king said to the Cushite, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' The Cushite answered, 'May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.' The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!'



Have you excess vegies or fruit in your garden ?

**Produce and Plant
Market**



**Saturday 1st. September
2018**

9.00 am. to 12 noon

**In the front grounds , along the driveway
of
Wiseman House
at
St.Matthew's Anglican Church
Cnr. Widford St. & Melbourne Ave. Glenroy**

*Call Colleen on 0438 673 779
Book a site - \$20.
Hire a table extra \$10.*

*Also, BOOK and CRAFT rooms open
for sales in Wiseman House,
for the usual 1st. Saturday of each month*

Pew Leaflet Notices:

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

NOTICES



WORKING BEE at ST. M ATTHEW'S

Sunday 19th. August 2018

Following Morning Tea, after the 10.30 am. service

Then soup and rolls lunch will be available for those who participate in the working bee

There are many chores to do



Linus Ensemble Winter 2018

If you missed out on seeing this year's Linus Ensemble concerts you have one more chance:

Saturday, August 18, 5:00 pm

St Linus' Anglican Church

21 Glyndon Avenue, Coburg North, Victoria

With [Marianne Rothschild](#) (violin/bass violin), [Katherine Rawlings](#) (composer/arranger) [Luca Vanags-Smith](#) (horn)
[Amy Valent Curlis](#) (marimba/vibraphone), [Karina Di Sisto](#) (cello)

Program

Katherine Rawlings *Blue Carnation* for solo violin; Evelin Szilvasi *Hawk Honey-moon* for horn and vibraphone; Ludovico Einaudi *I Giorni* for violin and cello
Vincent Persichetti *Parable VII* for solo horn; Katherine Rawlings *Humorous* for bass violin and cello; Frédéric Duvernoy *Sonata no. 1* for horn and cello
Katherine Rawlings *Rain Dancing* for marimba; Evelyne Glennie *A little Prayer* for marimba, violin and cello

Ticket's sold at the door \$25/ \$20/ \$10 (cash only)

Please stay for a cup of tea/coffee and have a chat with us after the concert

MISSION NEWS

Recently, Parish Council approved a donation of \$500, from Parish Mission Fund, to Bush Church Aid.

Bush Church Aid have responded with their grateful thanks for our donation, which has come at a time when people in remote areas are facing drought and hardship.

Psalm 130;

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice.
- 2 O let your ears consider well;
the voice of my supplication.
- 3 If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong;
who then O Lord, could stand?
- 4 But there is forgiveness with you;
so that you shall be feared.
- 5 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
and in his word is my hope.
- 6 My soul looks for the Lord, my soul waits for him;
**more than watchmen for the morning,
more , I say, than the watchmen for the morning.**
- 7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;
and with him is ample redemption,
- 8 He will redeem Israel;
from the multitude of their sins.

Ephesians 4. 25 – 5. 2:

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL John 6. 35, 41-51;

Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'



PENTECOST 12
12-08-2018

WHAT WE CLAIM

Living and loving like Jesus is hard. Many of us struggle to live in ways that are worthy of God's call. Today's readings show that living faithfully is complicated because we live in a broken world. In particular, anger can cause people both to sin and to be harassed for justice. Even in times of anger, we are called to live in sacrificial love.

Focus scripture

Ephesians 4:25—5:2; Last week's focus scripture, Ephesians 4:1–16, invited us to reflect on how believers-in-Christ are to live together in the world. The focus scripture for this week confronts us with a list of expectations for what not to do. These expectations prompt a question: what was happening in the faith community that received this letter?

Most scholars believe the letter was not written by Paul, but by an imitator of Paul, one who was likely a member of one of Paul's churches. Perhaps the letter was written in response to a crisis in a church, and took Paul's name as a means of claiming authority. In the earliest Greek manuscripts, the letter is not addressed to a specific community, so it may have been sent to a number of congregations. It is likely that a copyist added the greeting to the church in Ephesus. Perhaps several churches faced similar problems; indeed, many of the exhortations in this passage are important instructions for churches today.

This passage directs people of faith to live in ways that distinguish themselves from the rest of society. One might imagine that they lived in a world of dishonesty, slander, frustration, and anger. The writer begins by telling people to be truthful because, "we are members of one another" (Ephesians 4:25). Together, they are members of one body. The writer says that it is okay to be angry – God makes space for anger in our world. But we must be mindful of how we respond to our anger. This is an allusion to Psalm 4:4: "When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent." The writer of Ephesians takes it in a new direction, telling believers not to go to bed angry so as not to allow evil to take root in their lives.

The list continues: Those who steal must find honest work, and share earnings with those in need. All must be thoughtful about what they say, making sure they limit their words to that which will build up the community and give grace. The phrase "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God" (Ephesians 4:30) is a reference to Isaiah 63:10, but it has a new meaning for baptized Christians. They are already

recipients of God's promise; to show their respect and gratitude, they should conduct themselves in ways that will not produce pain for God. Instead, they should let go of their grievances against one another just as God has let go of their sins, and be gentle and forgiving of one another, as Christ has been gentle with, and forgiven, them.

The people are called to imitate God. The family metaphor from Ephesians 1:5 appears again – not only are they adopted, but they are also beloved. Therefore they should live in love as Christ loved them. The passage ends with a reflection on Christ's love through his death, describing it in the sacrificial language of the Hebrew Scriptures.

2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33 tells the wrenching story of Absalom's death and his father's grief. In this story, David's love for Absalom mirrors God's love for us. **Psalm 130** reminds us that God is present with us, even in times of despair. Jesus reminds his disciples that he is the bread of life in **John 6:35, 41–51**, and models the true life lived in God.

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The readings this week together reveal an honest account of the struggles of life, along with the hope and grace that come with a life lived in love.

The writer of Ephesians tells us that it is okay to be angry, but that we must not allow anger to cause us to hurt others or to act against God's will. Rather, we are called to discipline ourselves by practicing kindness and love toward one another, harnessing our anger in ways that lead to love. The nuance in this passage is important because it provides validation to those who are victims of pain and injustice that their anger is legitimate. It offers space for reflecting on faithful expressions of anger and pain. This week's Hebrew Scripture texts give voice to the pain of the people, while the gospel reading provides a deeper reflection on what it means to love as Christ loved us: we are to become the bread of life for one another, by sustaining each other in hardship and reconciling with each other in times of conflict. This work requires sacrifice of self, even as sometimes the sacrifice involves calling others to justice. In what ways does the church inspire and challenge lives lived as imitators of God?

REFLECTION

**Patient One, may your peace fill our minds and hearts
like an ever-flowing stream.**

**Wash away pain that expresses itself through slander,
dishonesty, and frustration. Show us how to use our anger,
not as a weapon, but as a tool for justice. Amen.**

FRIDAY 24th. AUGUST - 7.30 pm.

to support GLENROY SCHOOLS CHAPLAINCY FUND

TRIVIA NIGHT

at Holy Trinity Anglican Church
cnr. Pleasant and Gyles Sts. Pascoe Vale

\$10. admission

Tea and Coffee provided, Please bring your own nibbles