# Anglican Parish of Grovely

ACLODIC

**Turrbal and Jagera Country** 

Parish Vision: To personally and corporately know God in our lives more deeply and to live truthfully, creatively, honestly and lovingly.

If you are visiting today, please make yourself known to the Priest and Welcomers; they will be able to help you with information about the parish.

 Holy Communion is available for all those whose practice it is to receive the sacrament, whatever denomination.

# From Fr Stephen

As people of faith we are called to attend to all parts of our lives, material, intellectual and spiritual, that being part of the reason we come together as Church. We come together in a space where we physically, emotionally and communally, experience Jesus in our midst—the singing of a hymn which stirs deep emotions, sharing of the Gospel, the greeting of peace, a hug for which we may have waited all week, the breaking of bread and sharing of the cup. We are to come so that the deep parts of our inner selves can be moved anew, so our disposition towards grace can be rejuvenated

and our anxieties quelled as the world again finds place and meaning and Easter comes again and again and again.

Blessings Fr Stephen





# **News & Notices**

# Please take your Pew Sheet with you after the service



## A GENTLE REMINDER WORSHIP AT 9 AM SERVICE

At around 3 minutes before 9 am, a bell will be rung and we ask for silence in the church after the bell, as we intentionally prepare to be present to our Lord.



#### **APRIL**

- 4 Service at Bellevue Nursing Home
- 7 Cake Stall
- 10 Parish Council Meeting
- 13 Trivia Night at All Saints
- 16 Service at Madonna Villa
- 17 MU Meeting
- 20 Working Bee @ All Saints
- 23 Service at Regis Nursing Home
- 25 ANZAC DAY

Matt Siggins and family invites parishioners to attend the Interment of Ashes for Sheila on 3 April after the 10 am service at St Matthews.



Mothers Union's next gathering is on Wednesday 17 April, Commencing with

Church Service at 10.00 am followed by morning tea and fellowship. Hear the MU Members tell you about the different umbrellas of Mothers Union. All Welcome.



Next week after the 9 am service.

## Statement on Peace in the Holy Land.

We, the Bishops of the Anglican Church of Australia, gathered at Bendigo on Thursday 21st March, 2024, unanimously affirm the following statement.

As we enter into Holy Week, we lament the suffering due to the ongoing war in the Holy Land. In the spirit of Jesus Christ who said, "Blessed are the peacemakers" we pray for a just and lasting peace, for the release of all hostages, and for urgent aid to be delivered to civilians in Gaza.

In praying for peace in the Holy Land, we particularly pray for strength for our Christian brothers and sisters in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank who, under the shadow of war, prepare to commemorate the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour. Jesus Christ.

Anglicans across Australia are already praying for peace in this time. We know that this prayer will be shared in every church this Holy Week and Easter.

As we lament the ongoing suffering, we condemn antisemitism and anti-Muslim sentiment which is on the rise in our own society. We appeal to all Australians to treat others as they would like to be treated, and we commit ourselves to work with other faith leaders for the common good for all Australians.

# **Around the Parish**

ALL SAINTS ROSTER	31 March	7 April	14 April
LAs	Peter H	Gordon D	Stuart M
Welcomers	Julie B	Melissa B	Julie B
1st Reader	Kathryn L	Andrew S	Kathryn L
2nd Reader	Pam M	Lynn R	John D
Sidesperson/s	Ros T & Helper	Peter M & helper	Ros T & Helper
Intercessions	Danny A	Deborah H	Julie B
Sacristan	John D	Peter M	Jan D
Counters	Kathy F & Narelle B	Simon L & Narelle B	Kathy F & Danny A
Morning Tea	Kathryn L & Helper	Trish S & helper	Narelle B & helper
Friday Helper	TBC	Office Closed (12/4)	Office Closed (12/4)

ST MATTHEWS ROSTER	31 March	7 April	14 April
LA	Melanie D	Melanie D	Arian M
Welcomers	Dale G	Sue H	Harold G
1st Reader	Melanie D	Melanie D	Arian M
2nd Reader	Harold G	Arian M	Cheryl P
Intercessions	Melanie D	Melanie D	Arian M

# Offerings

# Account details for Grovely Parish Electronic transfers:

**BSB:** 704-901 **Account:** 00000910

## ST MATTHEW'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

Available for the interment of ashes of loved ones. Inquires to the Priest.

### PARISH FOOD BANK

If you are aware of someone in need of a meal please contact the Parish Office.

#### **CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE**

We collect containers with the 10c recycle note on the bottle or can for funds towards our projects account. Please leave these in the marked containers at both churches.

#### **STAMPS FOR ABM**

ABM sells used stamps to assist community projects in Australia and overseas. Boxes at All Saints and St Matthews are provided to collect them.

#### RECYCLING

Spent batteries, *CFL's* and ink cartridges, pens, including casings, texters and pencils can be left at both churches for recycling.

# Prayer Space



Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.







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## Don't forget your keep-cup for morning tea



## Australia's Overshoot Day Liturgy

All are welcome to attend a short liturgy where we will toll the church bells and light candles, and pray for more people to see the ecological imbalance in our midst and for 'ecological conversion' on:

## Friday 5 April 2024 11am @ St John's Cathedral

With so many vulnerable communities including farmers

in Queensland already experiencing the impact of the damaged climate we as Christians can be part of the solution by living more sustainably. Climate change and biodiversity loss are just some of many tragic warning signs of our broken relationship with God's Creation – we are losing sight of our interrelationship with all living things. These are all signs that the Earth's ecosystems are under enormous strain. We can make a difference by making better choices.



