

Anglican Parish of Grovely

THE COMMUNITY OF ST MATTHEW'S & ALL SAINTS'



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

It is only the cross of Jesus Christ that can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace have the power to heal and to save us from further destruction. As we struggle with the issues of this seemingly broken world, we know the power of Christ's redeeming love and mercy not for us only, but those who despise us or would do us harm. It is a love contrary to our own inclinations and only plausible because Christ gives us the strength to answer hurt with forgiveness.

With this reflection in mind I draw your attention to the prayer space within this Pew Sheet.

*Peace and all good,
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.



FEBRUARY

- 23 AGM—All Saints after 9 am service
- 26 Deanery Meeting at All Saints
- 28 Service at Regis Nursing Home



Annual General Meeting
THIS MORNING
@ ALL SAINTS

MU NOTICES:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

will be held at Keperra Baptist Church
980 Samford Road, Keperra on
Friday 7 March at 10.00 am.
Morning tea and fellowship to follow.

Lenten Studies will be held on
Wednesday mornings from 5 March
at 11 am St Matthews and
Sunday afternoons from
9 March at 3 pm All Saints.
Please see p 7 for more details on our
study this lent. Please indicate your
attendance on the list in the foyer.



Cake Stall next Sunday
2 March at All Saints
after the 9 am service.



*Ash Wednesday services
will be on 5 March
10 am St Matthews
7 pm All Saints*

*Quiet Morning at All Saints
Saturday 8 March
7:45 am for 8 am start.
Finish at 9 am.*



Our next Parish Brunch
will be on Sunday 9
March after the 9 am
service at All Saints.
Please RSVP on the list in
the foyer.

NEED A NEW NAME BADGE?
Order form for new Name
Badges are in the back of the
church. Order will be submitted
at the end of February.

Around the Parish



ALL SAINTS ROSTER	February 23	March 2	March 9
LAs	Danny A & Norm H	Gordon D & Kathy F	Danny A
Welcomers	Melissa B	Julie B	Ann E
1st Reader	Clare C	Kathryn L	Pam M
2nd Reader	Kathleen C	Peter H	Zoltan E
Sidesperson/s	Kathleen C & Helper	Kathleen C & Helper	Peter M & helper
Intercessions	Hugh B	Danny A	Deborah H
Sacristan	Peter M	Jan D	John D
Counters	Gordon D & Stuart M	Danny A & Tara P	Bev R & Kathy F
Morning Tea	Trish S & helper	Narelle B & helper	Wendy M & Helper
Friday Helper	Bev R (28/2)	Ann T (7/3)	Sue H (14/3)

ST MATTHEWS ROSTER	February 23	March 2	March 9
LA	Stuart M	Melanie D	Glen G
Welcomers	Harold G	Dale G	Melanie D
1st Reader	Stuart M	Melanie D	Glen G
2nd Reader	John P	Harold G	Armando R
Intercessions	Stuart M	Melanie D	Glen G
Cleaning	Merle & Jackie (1/3)	Bonnie (8/3)	Nina (14/3)

Account details for Grovelly Parish

Electronic transfers:

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

Parish Projects

Electronic transfers:

BSB: 704-901 **Account:** 00015552

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.

ST MATTHEW'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

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

ST MATTHEW'S GRAVEYARD

Grave plots for burials and interments of ashes are available. Enquires to the Priest.

PARISH FOOD BANK

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

RECYCLING

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

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

We collect containers with the 10c recycle sign. Remove lids and leave these in bags in the containers at both churches.

Prayer Space



For Nurses and those whose vocation is caring for others

On 16 February 1942, 21 Australian Nurses who dedicated their lives to helping others were murdered in the horrific Banka Island Massacre. Sister Vivian Bullwinkle although shot in the back was the only nurse to survive, to then be captured and held as a POW for the remainder of the war. We give thanks for their courage and sacrifice in service to others. "We will remember Them, Lest we Forget."

Over the last few weeks we have heard of the horrific threats made by two would be nurses against any Israeli patients whom they should have been duty bound to treat. In support of all nurses and medical staff who make it their calling in life to help, support and heal those who are injured or sick we offer the following prayer of support in the knowledge that many are grieving, angry and deeply saddened by the hateful language and threats made by those two former nurses.

*God of wholeness, we humbly seek Your wisdom and discernment
for doctors and nurses who make critical decisions
in the lives of their patients.*

*Grant them clarity of mind and keen insight as they diagnose
illnesses and determine treatment plans.*

May Your divine guidance direct their thoughts and actions.

*Fill their hearts with empathy and compassion, that they may truly
understand the needs of those under their care.*

*Lord, guide their steps as they navigate complex medical cases, and
grant them the wisdom to make the right choices.*

*Help them to navigate through ethical dilemmas with
integrity and sound judgment.*

*May their decisions reflect Your wisdom and bring healing
and wholeness to their patients.*

We entrust them to Your guidance and pray for their discernment.

Amen.



Don't forget your keep-cup for morning tea



“LIKE FINDING GOLD”

Critically endangered plains-wanderers have been found living in Melbourne’s west for the first time in more than 30 years.

Notoriously elusive and difficult to spot, the rare birds were detected on two pockets of remnant grassland by Zoos Victoria, with the help of AI.

Zoos Victoria’s threatened species program coordinator, Chris Hartnett, said the result was “like finding gold”. The organisation would work with landowners and managers to protect the birds, she said.

Once abundant across south-eastern Australia, plains-wanderer populations have radically declined due to the loss of their grassland habitat and now number between 250 and 1,000 wild birds.



Last week Fr Stephen was able to visit Barbara and Win. Both are doing well and send their love to the parish family.



Our Lenten study Hope25 will start on Wednesday 5 March and Sunday 9 March

Hope25 Lenten Studies 2025 is designed to inspire contemplation of the hope we have in Jesus as we journey through the Lenten season towards the joyous celebration of his resurrection on Easter Day. This programme will function as a precursor to the 'Hope25 – Hope in an Uncertain World' project, which seeks to empower Australian Anglican parishes and communities in an intentional season of Parish-based evangelism, sharing hope in Jesus from Easter to Pentecost in 2025.

The Lenten study book comprises 47 commentaries written by Australian bishops, with accompanying reflection, based around the bible reading for each of the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day. The study programme is divided into six themes centred on the hope we have as Christians, confirmed by a biblical source; each one culminating with a testimony from an Anglican parishioner on finding 'Hope in Jesus', followed by a set of questions for a group study.

Hope25

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2025**

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This Week Around the Parish

SUNDAY 23

7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews
9:00 am Sung Eucharist - All Saints
10:30 am Parish AGM - All Saints

MONDAY 24

SIRACH 1.1-10 *Fr Stephen's day off*
PSALM 93 *Parish Office Open*
MARK 9.14-29

TUESDAY 25

SIRACH 2.1-11
PSALM 37.35-41
MARK 9.30-37

WEDNESDAY 26

SIRACH 4.11-19 *Parish Office Open*
PSALM 119.161-168 **10:00 am** Eucharist - St Matthews
MARK 9.38.40 **12:00 pm** Deanery Meeting—All Saints

THURSDAY 27

SIRACH 5.1-8
PSALM 1
MARK 9.41-50

FRIDAY 28

SIRACH 6.5-17 *Parish Office Open*
PSALM 119.17-24 **3:00 pm** Service at Regis Nursing Home—Ferry Grove
MARK 10.1-12

SATURDAY 1

SIRACH 17.1-15 **6:00 pm** Vigil Eucharist - St Matthews
PSALM 103.15-18
MARK 10.13-16

SUNDAY 2

EXODUS 34.29-35 **7:00 am** Eucharist - St Matthews
PSALM 99 **9:00 am** Sung Eucharist - All Saints
2 CORINTHIANS 3.12-4.2 *Cake Stall at All Saints*
LUKE 9.28-36