

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.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT — HOPE

Priest: Today is the first Sunday in the season of Advent. Advent means 'coming' and in this season, we prepare for the coming of Christ. One of the ways we can celebrate Advent is by making an Advent Wreath and lighting its candles to remind us of the gifts Christ brings to the world.

LA: The Advent wreath includes many symbols. The wreath is in the shape of a circle, showing there is no beginning and no end to God and that God's love and caring for us never ends. The green branches are a sign of new life. The Candles tell us of the light which came into the world with Jesus Christ. The purple colour of the Advent candles symbolizes hope and anticipation. The third Sunday of Advent can be pink, because pink symbolizes joy, the joy that Jesus is almost here. The white candle which we light on Christmas Eve signifies the coming of Christ.

Priest: Today we light the first candle, the candle of Hope. (LA lights the candle)

LA: The people of Israel heard of God's promises through the prophets. The prophet Jeremiah spoke words of hope to Israel. He proclaimed the coming of a leader through whom God's promise of Shalom (peace) would be fulfilled. We too hope and pray for a world of peace and harmony.

Priest: Hope is like a light in a dark place. As we light this candle, we celebrate the hope of Israel, and the hope that we have in Jesus Christ.

All: **We continue to live in the hope of God's promise that Christ will come again to fill our lives and the life of the world with Love, Joy and Peace. Thank you God for the Light of Hope. As we prepare for Christ's coming, help us to share and hope with others.**

Sing "Long ago, prophets knew" TIS 283 – Verse 1 & Refrain Sung Twice



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.



Grovelly Parish Christmas Services

17 December

Carols by Torchlight—St Matthews

24 December

7:00 am St Matthews 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 am All Saints 4th Sunday of Advent

6:00 pm All Saints Christmas Family Service

10:30 pm All Saints Carols

11:00 pm All Saints Midnight Mass

25 December

7:00 am St Matthews Christmas Eucharist

9:00 am All Saints Christmas Eucharist

DECEMBER

- 3 Cake and Craft stall
- 6 Healing Service at St Matthews
- 7 Service at Bellevue Nursing Home
- 13 Fr Stephen Eucharist at Cathedral
- 13 Parish Council Meeting
- 16 Working Bee—All Saints
- 19 Service at Madonna Villa
- 24 Christmas Eve Services
- 25 Christmas Day Services

ALL SAINTS ROSTER	3 December	10 December	17 December
LAs	Danny A	Stuart M	Norm H
Welcomers	Ann E	Julie B	Melissa B
1st Reader	Jeanette R	Andrew S	Kathryn L
2nd Reader	John D	Lynn R	Pam M
Sidesperson/s	Les M & Helper	Ros T & Helper	Peter M & helper
Intercessions	Hugh B	Julie B	Judy S
Sacristan	Peter M	John D	Jan D
Counters	Les M & Danny A	Bev R & Clay B	Simon L & Tara P
Morning Tea	Narelle B & helper	Trish S & helper	Wendy M & Helper

ST MATTHEWS ROSTER	3 December	10 December	17 December
LA	Melanie D	Glen G	Barb B
Welcomers	Dale G	Melanie D	Sue H
1st Reader	Melanie D	Glen G	Barb B
2nd Reader	Dawn S	Cheryl P	Harold G
Intercessions	Melanie D	Glen G	Barb B

Today's Worship



SENTENCE

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.'

Mark 13.31

COLLECT

Eternal God,
through long generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit
you still bring light to illumine our paths:
renew us in faith and hope
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts
and claim our love;
to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

HYMNS *(Together in Song)*

Introit 283 V1 Refrain sung twice

Gradual 217

Offertory 686

Communion 779

Recessional 276



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.