

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

During Lent we are to pay particular attention to what the wilderness can teach us, how it shapes us and helps us to be more Christ like on our life's journey; to be better Christians. We enter the wilderness to see what God has in store for us, to learn from the experience and strengthen our passion to continue to follow. Importantly we need to appreciate that time in the wilderness is finite: it does not continue indefinitely. Jesus came out of the wilderness after forty days ready to fulfil his incarnational purpose. Follow Jesus into the wilderness we must but we must also follow him out. Jesus emerges to fulfil his ministry, he does not stand still in the face of temptation, he moves forward pushing aside that which troubled him. He cleared a path so to speak so that he can get on with God's mission in the world by calling all to Repent and believe the Good News. During Lent we are called to Repent and hear the Good News afresh.

Blessings
Fr Stephen



18 February 2024 - First Sunday in Lent- Year B



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

- 18 **Parish AGM**
- 20 Service at Madonna Villa
- 20 Lent Study—All Saints
- 21 MU Meeting
- 21 Lent Study—St Matthews
- 27 Service at Regis Nursing home

Lenten Studies *"Sacred Space for Lent*
Tuesday 20 Feb at 7 pm and at 11 am
on Wednesday 21 February. Please
indicate which study you would like to
attend and to order a study booklet at
\$14.50.

MU NOTICES: The first MU Meeting for
the year will be held on Wednesday 21
February. Commencing with the church
service at 10.00 am. Morning Tea to
follow. All are welcome to join us.
Date Claimer: Wed 17 April Invitation to
join MU.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Is being hosted by the Uniting
Church Cnr. Cycas St. and
Alstonia St, Arana Hills Friday 1
March at 10.00 am. Parking: driveway off
Cestrum Street This is your chance to pray
for the women of Pakistan with other
Christian's in the district.

"Fingerprints of God" Art workshop
facilitated by Formation student and
Professional artist, Arian Miller. Sacred
geometry is the perfect blend of Art and
Mathematics and plays a role in our
understanding of the universe. Fingerprints
of God is an exploration of the Sacred
Geometry found in nature and the Christian
art and architecture based on its principles.
All who would like to learn more about this
fascinating practice and would like the
opportunity to produce their own Sacred
Geometric artwork are most welcome. All
materials will be supplied. 2, 16 & 23 March
9.00 - 11.00 am All Saints, Children's Chapel
Please put your name on the list if your
interested in attending.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Around the Parish



ALL SAINTS ROSTER	18 February	25 February	3 March
LAs	Barb B	Norm H	Danny A
Welcomers	Ann E	Margaret B & Kathryn L	Melissa B
1st Reader	Andrew S	Arian M	Lynn R
2nd Reader	Lynn R	Kathryn L	John D
Sidesperson/s	Peter M & Helper	Ros T & Helper	Les M & Helper
Intercessions	Julie B	Hugh B	Julie B
Sacristan	John D	Peter M	Jan D
Counters	Danny A & Clay B	Gordon D & Simon L	Les M & Danny A
Morning Tea	Wendy M & Helper	Trish S & helper	Narelle B & helper

ST MATTHEWS ROSTER	11 February	18 February	3 March
LA	Glen G	Barb B	Melanie D
Welcomers	Harold G	Dale G	Dale G
1st Reader	Glen G	Barb B	Melanie D
2nd Reader	Dawn S	Harold G	Harold G
Intercessions	Glen G	Barb B	Melanie D

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.



Jesus, dear Savior,
during these days of Lent,
I want to fast,
to repent and to pray.
Above all else I want
to stay in the circle
of Your love.
Walk with me and
surround me with
Your light; lead me and
guide me in Your footsteps.
During this season of Lent
help me to follow You
and imitate Your love.
May this cross remind me today
and throughout Lent of
Your great love for me.

Amen.



**PROTECT
BEAUTIFUL
QUEENSLAND**

From the rolling red sand dunes of the Simpson Desert to mangrove-ringed atolls of the North Queensland coastline; the rocky escarpments of the scenic rim and the infinite horizons of the outback savannah, there's a truly staggering array of landscapes to discover.

However, since European settlement; deforestation, rampant development and inadequate land management practices have seen many of the vast, diverse landscapes that make up Queensland changed forever. Just 8.3% of Queensland is currently designated as protected area – the lowest percentage of any state in Australia. **It's time to turn this around, and protect the green spaces that all Queenslanders love to explore and relax in. Find out more and how to get involved at protectqueensland.org.au**



CAR BOOT SPACE or a **TABLE** indoors **Saturday, March 9th from 7 am to 12 pm**
St. Matthew Church

Pre booking your space is essential.

Please contact us at events.grovelyanglican@gmail.com Payment of \$25 in advance will guarantee your space.

The cake stall on Sunday 4 February raised a total of \$211.40 Thanks to all who supported the cake stall this month.



Thank you Grovely Parish. I would like to thank you all for your love and generosity as Ross and I marked our last official day in the parish last Sunday. We first came to Grovely in 2015 to St Matthew's and from that beautiful little church we got a sense of the prayerful ministry that is the essence of this parish. We then began worshipping at All Saints – a different feel to St Matthews but just as warm, welcoming and spirit-led. The decision to retire to the Sunshine Coast has been made with a sense of God's gracious love and indeed God's timing. I feel so very blessed to have journeyed with each of you over the years and I hope that I have been able to play a small part in the enlivening spirit that enfolds this community.

There are many people to whom I am indebted for their friendship, advice, care, wisdom and encouragement and it is impossible to mention everyone by name. To everyone (from parish council and church wardens to welcomers, readers, Liturgical Assistants and students who have come along, Sunday school teachers, people who do the flowers, care for the grounds and go on roster for morning tea, musicians, members of MU and other groups– the list goes on) – everyone who steps up to contribute to this community – God's grace is there amongst it all and you are all appreciated so much. My thanks also goes to Elizma and all she does in the office. Thank you for the gracious assistance you have given me. And of course, I want to acknowledge and thank publicly, the clergy of this parish. I can't forget Rev'd Jenny for her warm, thoughtful welcome to this parish. To Fr Robert and Rev'd Deborah – thank you for being part of the ministry team, your contribution is invaluable in many ways. Lastly, to Fr Stephen, a huge thank you. I am so very grateful for your support, guidance, wisdom and friendship along the way. As I think I remarked to you, 'Grovely is in good hands'.

May God continue to bless this parish - each one of you - now and always.

*Peace and blessing,
Rev'd Judy*



This Week Around the Parish

SUNDAY 18

7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews
9:00 am Sung Eucharist and Sunday School - All Saints
10:30 am AGM—All Saints

MONDAY 19

LEVITICUS 19.1-2, 19.11-18
PSALM 19.7-14
MATTHEW 25.31-46

Fr Stephen's day off
Parish Office Open

TUESDAY 20

ISAIAH 55.10-11
PSALM 34.11-18
MATTHEW 6.7-15

10:30 am Service at Madonna Villa Nursing home
7:00 pm Lenten Study—All Saints

WEDNESDAY 21

JONAH 3.1-10
PSALM 51.6-9
LUKE 11.29-32

Parish Office Open
10:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews
10:45 am MU Meeting—St Matthews Hall
11:00 am Lenten Study—St Matthews

THURSDAY 22

ADDNS TO ESTHER 14.3-14
PSALM 138.1-3
MATTHEW 7.7-12

7:30 pm Choir Practice

FRIDAY 23

EZEKIEL 18.21-28
PSALM 130
MATTHEW 5.20-26

Parish Office Open

SATURDAY 24

DEUTERONOMY 26.16-19
PSALM 119.1-8
MATTHEW 5.43-48

6:00 pm Vigil Eucharist - St Matthews

SUNDAY 25

GENESIS 17.1-7, 17.15-16
PSALM 22.24-32
ROMANS 4.13-25
MARK 8.31-38

7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews
9:00 am Sung Eucharist and Sunday School - All Saints