

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

Sometimes we can make religion about rules because they are easier to enforce or amend than showing compassion and forgiveness. Of all the disciples that followed Jesus, and there were many, only the chosen twelve were willing to remain by Jesus' side. Jesus though did ask them if they too wanted to go away and Peter answered, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." In that very moment Peter realized that despite the confronting images, despite the hard path, he is ready to give up some control in order to go home, in order to accept the gift of life. The moment we fully ingest Jesus, when we abide in him and he abides in us – we choose life. When we give up the notion we are in control, fear no longer has the upper hand. At that moment we understand that we are no better than anyone else but that we are all loved children of God.

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.



AUGUST

- 27 Service at Regis Nursing Home
- 31 Riverfire at St Matthews

SEPTEMBER

Season of Creation 1 Sept—4 Oct

- 1 Confirmation Classes
- 4 Healing Service at St Matthews
- 5 Service at Bellevue Nursing home
- 7 Confirmation Classes
- 11 Parish Council Meeting
- 14 Confirmation Classes
- 17 Service at Madonna Villa
- 18 MU Meeting
- 21 Working Bee at All Saints
- 22 Confirmation Classes
- 24 Service at Regis Nursing home

On Saturday 31 August the Saturday night service at St Matthews will start at 5 pm.

*Riverfire @ St Matthews
Anglican Church
Church Road , Mitchelton
Saturday 31 August
6 pm—7:30 pm*

*Sausage sizzle BBQ, Beer,
Sparkling Wine, Soft Drinks & Cakes
Join us for the best view
in Mitchelton*



A breakdown of Parish Fundraising between May and August this year:

Men's BBQ	\$ 727
2 High Teas	\$ 2293
Bush Dance	\$ 957
Raffle Sales	\$ 308

None of our success would be possible without the generous donations and support of the parish family. Thank you again for your commitment and support.



Instead of a cake stall on Sunday 1 September the cake stall will be held on the Saturday night at St Matthews' Riverfire. All baking donations will be much appreciated.

Around the Parish



ALL SAINTS ROSTER	25 August	1 September	8 September
LAs	Norm H	Gordon D	Norm H
Welcomers	Margaret B & Kathryn L	Melissa B	Julie B
1st Reader	Pam M	Kathryn L	Andrew S
2nd Reader	Arian M	Pam M	Peter H
Sidesperson/s	Peter M & Helper	Les M & Helper	Peter M & helper
Intercessions	Hugh B	Julie B	Deborah H
Sacristan	Peter M	Jan D	John D
Counters	Gordon D & Kathy F	Les M & Narelle B	Bev R & Clay B
Morning Tea	Wendy M & Helper	Ann Ellis & Julie B	Kathryn L & Helper
Friday Helper	Frances F (30/8)	Cath H (6/9)	TBC (13/9)

ST MATTHEWS ROSTER	25 August	1 September	8 September
LA	Glen G	Melanie D	Glen G
Welcomers	Sue H	Dale G	Harold G
1st Reader	Glen G	Melanie D	Glen G
2nd Reader	Cheryl P	Harold G	Dawn S
Intercessions	Glen G	Melanie D	Glen G

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.

ST MATTHEW'S GRAVEYARD

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

PARISH FOOD BANK

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

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.

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 for Refugees 2024

*Our Father,
You are in Heaven, We are your children on earth.
We are your family, And we cry out to you.
Father, you see your children in warzones and conflicts,
In Ukraine, Gaza, Myanmar, Haiti, Afghanistan, Sudan...
Too many to name, But you see them all.
Father, comfort the terrified, the injured, the orphaned,
The families trying to protect their children. Father, pour out your love.
May they experience your sheltering care.
Our Father, you see your children
In the years after wars, in makeshift camps.
Millions trapped endlessly in the waiting rooms of the world.
Grant hope to the families who have waited for decades.
May parents see a pathway of life for their little ones.
Grant freedom to those who have lost all hope.
Our Father, you see the lonely ones, The fathers, sons, daughters,
Who find work far away, to support their loved ones.
May their workplaces be safe, may employers be kind.
Pour blessing on their sacrifice, And reunite their families.
Our Father, you see millions without freedom,
And yet in heaven, there is room for all.
Father, why is it so hard for your children on earth,
To find a place for all?
Why have we not found a way?
Our Father,
Show us how to change our ways,
Our actions, our hearts,
So that it may be on earth,
As it is in heaven.
Amen.*



The Season of Creation runs for the whole of September until Oct 4 which is St Francis day. A wonderful App has been developed, available from Google and Apple App Store on your phone or IPad.

It is a daily devotion for the whole period of the Creation Season and is accompanied by beautiful photography, and it's free.

Type "Season of Creation" into the App Store App to download.

You won't regret it!

Confirmation Classes in September

Fr Stephen is planning to hold Confirmation Classes during September in preparation for Bishop Sarah's visit on the 6 October.

Sunday 1st September, Saturday 7th September, Saturday 14th September and Sunday 22nd September.

Please indicate your attendance on the sheet in the foyer.

Repairs on St Matthew's Hall have begun. We are so grateful to Doyles Timber & Hardware for donating all the wood, Alex and his team of carpenters and Chris the electrician for gifting their time and expertise to help us repair the hall so that it can continue to be used for community and parish activities and events.





This Week Around the Parish

SUNDAY 25

7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews

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

MONDAY 26

2 THESSALONIANS 1.1-12

PSALM 96.1-6

MATTHEW 23.13-22

Fr Stephen's day off

Parish Office Open

TUESDAY 27

2 THESSALONIANS 2.1-17

PSALM 96.7-13

MATTHEW 23.23-26

10:30 am *Service at Regis Nursing Home—Ferry Grove*

WEDNESDAY 28

2 THESSALONIANS 3.1-18

PSALM 128

MATTHEW 23.27-32

Parish Office Open

10:00 am **Eucharist—St Matthews**

THURSDAY 29

1 CORINTHIANS 1.1-9

PSALM 145.1-7

MATTHEW 24.42-51

FRIDAY 30

1 CORINTHIANS 1.17-25

PSALM 33.1-8

MATTHEW 25.1-13

Parish Office Open

SATURDAY 31

1 CORINTHIANS 1.26-31

PSALM 33.13-21

MATTHEW 25.14-30

5:00 pm Vigil Eucharist - St Matthews

6:00 pm *Riverfire—St Matthews grounds*

SUNDAY 1

Father's Day

SONG OF SONGS 2.8-13

PSALM 45.1-2,6-9

JAMES 1.17-27

MARK 7.1-8,14-23

7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews

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