

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

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

(Anne Frank)

Being an active Christian is tiring, exacting work. We seek to live up our calling to imitate Christ in a world that is often hostile to our faith. We can be tempted to become discouraged, to slack off, even to give up, to become a nominal, 'secret' Christian. Some incentive is certainly needed to continue doing good things. We are given the metaphor of the farmer who sows his seed and waits patiently for the reward of a good crop. We do not always see the outcome of our efforts to be good Christians but be assured that there will be a reward in heaven for faithful service. Besides, a 'patient goodness' is a characteristic of the true Christian and evidence of saving faith.

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

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

MU NOTICES:

The first MU Meeting for the year: Wednesday 19 February commencing with church service at 10.00 am. Followed by morning tea. It will be a business meeting.

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.



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

Annual General Meeting SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY @ ALL SAINTS

Any “other business” must be in writing seven full days before the AGM.

**Nomination forms for Parish Council are available in the foyer
Report packs are in the foyer.**

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

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.



Printed copies of the rosters for March to May are in the back of the church.

Around the Parish



| ALL SAINTS ROSTER | February 16 | February 23 | March 2 |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| LAs | Peter H & Stuart M | Danny A & Norm H | Gordon D |
| Welcomers | Ann E | Melissa B | Julie B |
| 1st Reader | Pam M | Clare C | Kathryn L |
| 2nd Reader | John D | Kathleen C | Peter H |
| Sidesperson/s | Les M & Helper | Kathleen C & Helper | Kathleen C & Helper |
| Intercessions | Stuart M | Hugh B | Danny A |
| Sacristan | Jan D | Peter M | Jan D |
| Counters | Narelle & Clay B | Gordon D & Stuart M | Danny A & Tara P |
| Morning Tea | Ann E & Julie B | Trish S & helper | Narelle B & helper |
| Friday Helper | Frances F (21/2) | Bev R (28/2) | Ann T (7/3) |

| ST MATTHEWS ROSTER | February 16 | February 23 | March 2 |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|
| LA | Glen G | Stuart M | Melanie D |
| Welcomers | Melanie D | Harold G | Dale G |
| 1st Reader | Glen G | Stuart M | Melanie D |
| 2nd Reader | Cheryl P | John P | Harold G |
| Intercessions | Glen G | Stuart M | Melanie D |
| Cleaning | Cheryl (22/2) | Merle & Jackie (1/3) | Bonnie (8/3) |

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.

RECYCLING

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

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.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

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



*Almighty God and Father,
in your most infinite wisdom
you have set me in my present circumstances,
let me step out with faith and courage.*

*I have little power to mould things
to my own liking but you have called me
to live in the strength which you supply
and according to your perfect will.*

Grant me the grace to overcome all obstacles.

*When things are going well
let me be thankful for your mercies.
In hardship or difficulties keep me from
deluding myself that I know a way out.*

*Strengthen me to lay the foundations
on which to build a better tomorrow.*

I ask all these things in Jesus' precious name.

Amen.





Don't forget your keep-cup for morning tea



ELIMINATE SINGLE-USE ITEMS

Commit to phasing out single-use plastics and disposables. Start small: carry reusable cutlery, refuse plastic straws, and invest in long-lasting alternatives like metal razors. Have a “keep cup”. Try beeswax wraps instead of cling wrap. Save plastic bags on bought items and use them again at home.

Try not to buy goods packaged in plastic. The global production of plastics accounts for 1.8bn metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually and reducing demand can help stem this tide. Beeswax wraps are available in Woolies also at beeswaxwraps.com.au

Parish Council update

During the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday evening the following matters were discussed.

Budget for 2025 to be accepted at the AGM

Ongoing renovations of St Matthew's Hall

Support and financial support of RI in local schools

Parish ministry including pastoral care and activities/event for young people

Nomination of Kathy Findlay as a Liturgical Assistant

Please seek further information from one of your Parish Councillors.

Fr Stephen





This Week Around the Parish

SUNDAY 16

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

MONDAY 17

GENESIS 4.1-15,25 *Fr Stephen's day off*
PSALM 50.20-24 *Parish Office Open*
MARK 8.11-13

TUESDAY 18

GENESIS 6.5-8,7.1-10
PSALM 29.5-10
MARK 8.14-21

WEDNESDAY 19

GENESIS 8.6-22 *Parish Office Open*
PSALM 116.11-18 **10:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews**
MARK 8.22-26 **10:45 am MU Meeting—St Matthews Hall**

THURSDAY 20

GENESIS 9.1-13
PSALM 102.18-22
MARK 8.27-33

FRIDAY 21

GENESIS 11.1-9 *Parish Office Open*
PSALM 33.8-17
MARK 8.34-9.1

SATURDAY 22

HEBREWS 11.1-7 **6:00 pm Vigil Eucharist - St Matthews**
PSALM 145.8-13
MARK 9.2-13

SUNDAY 23

GENESIS 45.3-11,15 **7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews**
PSALM 37.1-11,40-41 **9:00 am Sung Eucharist - All Saints**
1 CORINTHIANS 15.35-50 **10:30 am Parish AGM - All Saints**
LUKE 6.27-38