

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

As we hear the story of the Prodigal son we are reminded that God is a God of love who forgives without conditions, who continually looks for us and receives us even when we have wandered far off and squandered all that has been freely given to us. Even Paul in his letter to the Corinthians reminds them/us that we are reconciled to God and that our trespasses are not counted against us. That is God's Grace at work. God's freely granted forgiveness and love. However, free doesn't mean cheap. God knows the price, hearing the outstretched Jesus' cry out from the cross "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" In that very instant Jesus felt himself in a distant place far from the love of his Father. But the Father had not left him, the Father was right there suffering with him and taking on the pain, pain caused by a sinful world, a world that had separated itself from God. In spite of suffering, God still offers free Grace, but it will never be cheap.

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.



APRIL

- 2 Healing Service at St Matthews
- 3 Service at Bellevue Nursing home
- 6 Cake Stall
- 6 Baptism of Grace Dellit
- 9 Parish Council Meeting
- 16 MU Meeting
- 17 Maundy Thursday
- 18 Good Friday
- 19 Working Bee
- 20 Easter Day
- 22 Service at Regis nursing home
- 25 ANZAC DAY

The flowers today at All Saints are in loving memory of Flo and Jim Brown. Parents of Heather Kennedy and her sister Rosemaree.



MU RETIRING COLLECTION

AMUA is supporting MU in the Solomon Islands to implement an Adult Literacy Program in three dioceses. The Collection will take place today (Mothering Sunday) OR you can donate direct to our bank account: BSB No. 704901 Account No. 00014731 Mark Transaction: Retiring Collection Thank you in advance for your support.

Join us for BRUNCH

Parish Brunch today after the 9 am service at All Saints.

Lenten Studies HOPE25

will be held on Wednesday mornings at 11 am St Matthews and Sunday afternoons at 3 pm at All Saints.



Next Sunday 6 April at All Saints after the 9 am service.

AGAPE MEAL

Attendance and Pledge sheets for the **Maundy Thursday Agape Meal** at All Saints is in the foyer.



Around the Parish



ALL SAINTS ROSTER	March 30	April 6	April 13
LAs	Peter H	Norm H	Stuart M
Welcomers	Julie B	Ann E	Margaret B & Kathryn L
1st Reader	Andrew S	Pam M	Kathryn L
2nd Reader	Clare C	Peter H	Lynn R
Sidesperson/s	Kathleen C & Helper	Les M & Helper	Peter M & Helper
Intercessions	Hugh B	Deborah H	Julie B
Sacristan	John D	Jan D	Peter M
Counters	Les M & Clay B	Bev R & Tara P	Narelle B & Les M
Morning Tea	Trish S & helper	Narelle B & helper	Wendy M & Helper
Friday Helper	Dawn S (4/4)	All hands on deck (11/4)	OFFICE CLOSED (18/4)

ST MATTHEWS ROSTER	March 30	April 6	April 13
LA	Barb B	Stuart M	Glen G
Welcomers	Sue H	Harold G	Melanie D
1st Reader	Barb B	Stuart M	Glen G
2nd Reader	Gillian P	Armando R	John P
Intercessions	Barb B	Stuart M	Glen G
Cleaning	Bonnie (5/4)	Carol and Jackie (12/4)	Verna & Melanie (19/4)

Account details for Grovelly Parish

Electronic transfers:

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

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.

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, blister packs 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



Among all that Bonhoeffer wrote from prison, this beautiful

“Morning Prayer”

invites us and inspires us to seek God early in the day.

O God, early in the morning I cry to you.

Help me to pray

And to concentrate my thoughts on you;

I cannot do this alone.

In me there is darkness,

But with You there is light.

I am alone, but You do not abandon me.

I am feeble in heart, but with You there is help.

I am restless, but with You there is peace.

In me there is bitterness, but with You there is patience.

I do not understand your ways,

But you know the way for me.

Lord, have mercy on me!

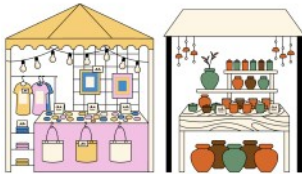
Deliver me and make me live now

Responsibly before You and before men!

Lord, whatever this day brings me,

Let your Name be praised!





Calling Artisans in the parish and local area!



On Saturday 6 September we are having an Artisan Twilight Market from 5 pm to 8 pm in St Matthews hall. We have 15 tables available at \$25 each. Please get in touch with the parish office if you would like to book a table for your craft, art or other handmade items. No second-hand items please.

ANGLIgreen

www.angligreen.org.au

Don't forget your keep-cup for morning tea



Order your sign

https://www.queenslandconservation.org.au/climate_action_now

In 2009 the Diocese of Brisbane passed the 2007 General Synod Protection of the Environment Canon which in its preamble stated, among other things, that: This Church recognizes that climate change is a most serious threat to the lives of the present and future generations. We have an opportunity to give real effect to our serious concerns about this problem. A federal election will be taking place shortly. While remaining carefully non-partisan, this moment is one when we can make our views and feelings known to decision makers, who are likely to be more sensitive than usual to them .

The Most Reverend Jeremy Greaves KCSJ Archbishop of Brisbane

We know most Queenslanders are wanting action on climate and want to protect our precious nature. Many spoke up at the polling booth last Federal election; others spoke up in newspapers, on radio and television as unprecedented extreme weather events dominated the news cycle yet again. Thousands more spoke up with a simple gesture - a bright yellow sign, displayed on their front fence, their wheelie bin, their car or at their workplace. Right now, it's vital to show your local decision makers and all political parties that their local constituents care about action on nature and climate. We need to keep up the pressure.

The QLD Conservation Council

Fast and Feast during Lent

Fast from unrelenting pressure; feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift.

Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.

Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth.

Fast from discouragements; feast on hope.



This Week Around the Parish

SUNDAY 30

- 7:00 am Eucharist with first Holy Communion of Taryn,
- 9:00 am Alyssa and Iyla - St Matthews
Sung Eucharist - All Saints
- 10:30 am Parish Brunch
- 3:00 pm Lenten Study—All Saints

MONDAY 31

ISAIAH 65.17-21
PSALM 30.8-12
JOHN 4.43-54

Fr Stephen's day off
Parish Office Open

TUESDAY 1

EZEKIEL 47.1-12
PSALM 46.1-7
JOHN 5.1-16

WEDNESDAY 2

ISAIAH 49.8-15
PSALM 145.8-13
JOHN 5.17-30

Parish Office Open
10:00 am Eucharist and healing service—St Matthews
11:00 am Lenten Study—St Matthews

THURSDAY 3

EXODUS 32.7-14
PSALM 106.20-24
JOHN 5.31-47

10:30 am Service at Bellevue Nursing Home

FRIDAY 4

WISDOM 2.1,12-22
PSALM 34.15-22
JOHN 7.25-30

Parish Office Open

SATURDAY 5

JEREMIAH 11.18-20
PSALM 7.7-12
JOHN 7.40-52

6:00 pm Vigil Eucharist - St Matthews

SUNDAY 6

ISAIAH 43.16-21
PSALM 126
PHILIPPIANS 3.3-14
JOHN 12.1-8

7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews
9:00 am Sung Eucharist - All Saints
Cake Stall—All Saints
11:00 am Baptism of Grace Dellit—All Saints
3:00 pm Lenten Study—All Saints