

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 of the visit of Mary to her older relative Elizabeth may our faith and sense of inward joy be enlivened deep within us. Mary and Elizabeth believed that God had given them cause for joy through the divine meaning of the unexpected predicaments in which they found themselves. God is at the center of the circumstances in which we find ourselves, we do not need to just settle for what is presented to us; examine what is before us and intentionally pray for the knowledge and skills to navigate our way through. It is through a disciplined intentional faith that we can offer back to God what God freely presents to us, and through God's grace find that divine joy within life's predicaments.

All: God, thank you for loving us, and for sending Jesus to teach us about love. Help us to remember that love will never come to an end. Strengthen us to love others as you have loved us. Amen.

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.

St Matthew's Wednesday Services

Other than weekend and the Christmas Day service there will be **no Wednesday services at St Matthews from now until Wednesday 22nd January.**

Prayer

Loving God,
who brings clarity out of chaos
and chaos out of clarity,
thank you for the maelstrom of miracles
that surround the birth of Jesus.
Thank you for the trust you place
in human flesh.
The incarnate indwelling that proves
we are enough to contain
limitless love.
Thank you for the vulnerability and the weakness,
the homeless gravity of your beginning.
In you we see our fears
embraced and conquered.
May we always find room for you.
May the party never end.
Prince of peace. Lord of the stars.
We welcome you.
Amen

Funeral of the late Dorothy Rendall will be at 10 am Tuesday 31 January at St Matthew's.



JANUARY

22 Wednesday service at St Matthews

FEBRUARY

12 Parish Council Meeting
23 Parish AGM

The Parish office will be closed from Monday 23 December until Wednesday 22 January.

Fundraising Tithe

A donation of \$1772 was made to "Peace of Mind", our chosen charity for this year. They support to brain cancer patients and their families across Australia.

Around the Parish



ALL SAINTS ROSTER	22 December	29 December	5 January
LAs	Gordon D & Danny A	Peter H & Norm H	Peter H
Welcomers	Margaret B & Kathryn L	Melissa B	Julie B
1st Reader	Kathleen C	Clare C	Clare C
2nd Reader	John D	Andrew S	Pam M
Sidesperson/s	TBC	Peter M & Helper	TBC
Intercessions	Julie B	Deborah H	Hugh B
Sacristan	Jan D	John D	Peter M
Counters	Bev R & Les M	Kathy F & Clay B	Les M & Bev R
Morning Tea	Ann E & Julie B	Trish S & helper	Narelle B & helper
Friday Helper	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED

ST MATTHEWS ROSTER	22 December	29 December	5 January
LA	Arian M	Stuart M	Melanie D
Welcomers	Dale G	Sue H	Harold G
1st Reader	Arian M	Stuart M	Melanie D
2nd Reader	John P	Melanie D	Cheryl P
Intercessions	Arian M	Stuart M	Melanie D
Cleaning	Dale G (24/12)	Verna & Melanie (28/12)	Barbara (4/1)

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.

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.

RECYCLING

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

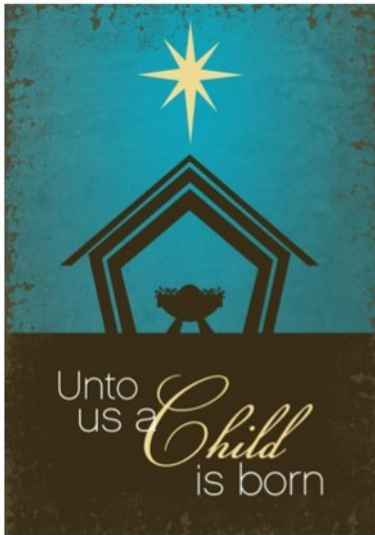
CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

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

Christmas Services at Grovely



*Grovely Parish invites you
to our Christmas Services*



24 December All Saints

6:00 pm All age Christmas Eucharist

10:30 pm Carols

11:00 pm Midnight Mass

25 December

7:00 am St Matthew's Christmas Eucharist

9:00 am All Saints Christmas Eucharist

All Saints: Cobbity Crescent, Arana Hills
St Matthew's: Church Road, Mitchelton

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Rosters for Christmas Services

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		LA	Arian M
		Welcomer	Harold G
		1st Reader	Arian M
		2nd Reader	Cheryl P
		Intercessor	Arian M
ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS	EVE 6 PM	MIDNIGHT MASS	CHRISTMAS DAY
LA	Gordon D & Stuart M	Danny A & Arian M	Norm H
Welcomers	Julie B & Margaret B	Melissa B & Michelle H	Ann E
1st Reader	As arranged with Fr Stephen	Peter H	Kathryn L
2nd Reader		Arian M	Kathleen C
Sidesperson/s	Peter M & Helper	Sue R & Helper	Kathleen C & Helper
Intercessions	Stuart M	Danny A	Norm H
Counters	N/A	N/A	Narelle & Norm H

Reflecting on Parish Life during 2024



St Matthew's Hall renovations and new chairs



Win's Birthday



Bishop's visit and confirmation candidates



Parish Christmas Breakfast and Christmas Carols



This Week Around the Parish

SUNDAY 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews
9:00 am Sung Eucharist - All Saints
3:00 pm Advent Study—All Saints

MONDAY 23

MALACHI 3.1-4,4.2-3
PSALM 25.3-9
LUKE 1.57-66

Parish Office Closed
Fr Stephen's day off

TUESDAY 24

Christmas Eve

ISAIAH 62.1-5
PSALM 89.19-29
ACTS 13.16-25
MATTHEW 1.1-25

6:00 pm All Age Christmas Eucharist—All Saints
10:30 pm Carols—All Saints
11:00 pm Midnight Mass—All Saints

WEDNESDAY 25

Christmas Day

ISAIAH 9.2-7
PSALM 96
TITUS 2.11-14
LUKE 2.1-14

7:00 am Christmas Eucharist— St Matthews
9:00 am Christmas Eucharist—All Saints

THURSDAY 26

2 CHRONICLES 24.17-22
PSALM 31.1-8
ACTS 6.8-10,7.54-60
MATTHEW 10.17-22

FRIDAY 27

PROVERBS 8.22-31
PSALM 97
1 JOHN 1.1-5
JOHN 20.2-8

Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY 28

JEREMIAH 31.15-20
PSALM 124
1 JOHN 1.5-2.2
MATTHEW 2.13-18

6:00 pm Vigil Eucharist - St Matthews

SUNDAY 29

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

1 SAMUEL 2.18-20,26
PSALM 148
COLOSSIANS 3.12-17
LUKE 2.41-52

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