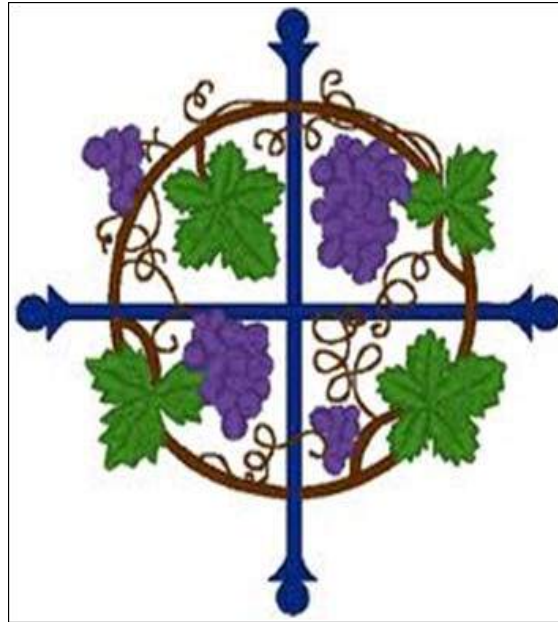


# ST MATTHEW'S GRapeVINE



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**APRIL 2016**

**Fr Peter writes :**  
*Dear People of St Matthew's*

**I see His Blood upon the Rose**  
*By Joseph Mary Plunkett (1887-1916)*  
With Thanks from Frances Stone

*I see his blood upon the rose  
And in the stars the glory of his eyes,  
His body gleams amid eternal snows,  
His tears fall from the skies.*

*I see his face in every flower,  
The thunder and the singing of the birds  
Are but his voice – and carved by his power  
Rocks are his written words.*

*All pathways by his feet are worn,  
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,  
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,  
His cross is every tree.*



Joseph was married in prison just before his execution at the age of 28, 100 years ago, after the Irish Easter Rising of 1916. He identifies the suffering of the cross with the suffering and injustice of the World and the political conflict that would cost him his life. There is also the hope of redemption woven through his poem through the resurrection, the last amazing word on the events of Holy week.

Many thanks to all who helped to make Lent and Holy week so memorable, Lent lecturers of international standing. Palm Sunday with children's church and "Puzzle" the donkey foal, Holy Week with an unforgettable master class and concert by the 'Jamie Oliver of the organ world' English Organist Daniel Moulton, Seniors Holy week service and morning tea on Wednesday, Marvelous Maundy Thursday meal then service with hand washing, moving Good Friday readings and hymns, combined churches walk of witness, amazing Good Friday classical concert "from Darkness to light" for piano, cello and violin and well attended "**St Matts at the movies**" premier event with a screening of "Oddball" with fish fingers, popcorn and fish-pie organised by Paul Summerfield for Friends of Nolan House to assist with Albury mental health facilities. Easter day at St Matthews was "packed to the rafters",

with so many thanks to the Bell ringers, sanctuary team, musicians, parish council. All who assisted in the Easter Raffle, working bees, and hospitality. Special thanks for donations to a new defibrillator, St Matthews Crisis Care and St Matthews Music Foundation.

Great news about Fr Colin Wellard who is progressing well. Pastoral care, mission and liturgy dance together through our life and we are exploring new ways to keep in time with contemporary themes.

Future highlights include the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration with special music and a royal morning tea on the 24<sup>th</sup> April the day before Anzac day with the Rover scouts church parade.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm world renowned pianist Dr Donna Coleman will give a classical concert in the ballroom of Adamshurst (tickets \$25 from the St Matthews Office), the night before (6<sup>th</sup> May) she is also planning a masterclass with talented local piano students. 29<sup>th</sup> May at 9am is CWA Sunday and at 2pm a return visit from Opera Australia Tenor Kent Macintosh with a Adamshurst Ballroom / St Matthew's Music Foundation Concert (tickets \$25 from the St Matthews Office).

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June will see our Celtic Cocktail Party, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm return of popular International Organist Martin Setchell (with masterclass the day before at St Matthews).

Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> July - Christ College Choir Gala Concert and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July "Christmas in July" in the Adamhurst Ballroom at Lunchtime.



### *Fr Peter*



Fr Peter, Max Barry and Dr Allan Beavis with a generous music foundation donation



Thomas Summerfield, Dr Allan Beavis and Daniel Moulton

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Land behind the church.** The money for the sale of this land has been received by Wangaratta. We are waiting for Wangaratta to give us our share.

**Bequest.** We have been a considerable bequest from Lucy McGrath Cusworth. As yet Parish Council has not decided what to do with this bequest, but it will be spent wisely. There will be a special feature about Lucy and her generosity in an up coming grapevine.

**Website.** We now have new computers. Have had a few teething problems, but they seem to be working well now. Thank you to the Milos family especially Beau for setting the computers up, also for donating the hosting for the next few years.

**Storage Shed** to store the cleaning equipment has been purchased by the embroidery group. This will be situated on the southern side of the church.

**Vestry.** This needs to be redesigned. At the moment storage space is very limited.

**Music Department.** Parish Council acknowledges the work of John Ross while music director. We are very grateful to Malcolm Halford for accepting the role of choir master.

**Anglican Food Room** 39 meals were given out in February along with the shower being used 7 times.

**Pop up op shop.** \$171.00 was raised in February. It's a lot of work for a few people. It has been decided to continue having the pop up op shop at St Matthews, as there isn't much passing pedestrian traffic at Adamshurst along Maryland Way.

**Lenten addresses** have been good. Have had some very interesting speakers

**Front door.** We are trying to work out a way we can keep the front doors open. We are considering putting in glass doors. Fr Peter would like the church to look inviting. While the wooden doors are closed it looks as if the church is closed.

**Finances.** At end Feb Balance \$7819.43 less cheques to be presented \$915.25  
Balance \$6904.18

**Garage Sale.** Thank you to everyone who donated goods, helped on the day, and purchased items.

It was a successful day and \$ 1833.00 was banked.

Kaye Kennedy Secretary

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**AND HELPED WITH THE CLEANING OF THE**  
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**If everyone works together & does the right thing, we can reduce our waste.**

*Kaye Kennedy*

Please put in the GREEN Bin ORGANICS **DO NOT PUT IN THE GREEN BIN**

<b>Fruit &amp; Vegie scraps</b> <b>Fish, meat &amp; bones</b> <b>Tea bags, coffee grounds,</b> <b>Food Scraps</b> <b>Paper towels &amp; tissues</b> <b>Shredded paper &amp; pizza boxes</b> <b>Pet manure kitty litter, fur &amp; feathers</b> <b>Dairy products, egg shells</b> <b>Garden pruning's, dead flowers</b>	<b>Food packaging</b> <b>Glass</b> <b>plastic bags, cling wrap bottle tops, plant pots</b> <b>aluminium foil</b> <b>household rubbish</b> <b>gravel or dirt</b> <b>concrete</b> <b>treated timber</b> <b>ash</b>
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Please put in the YELLOW Bin RECYCLING **DO NOT PUT IN THE YELLOW BIN**

<b>hard plastic and containers</b> <b>glass bottles and jars</b> <b>cardboard, newspaper and maga-zines</b> <b>paper products</b> <b>aluminium cans &amp; foil containers</b> <b>plastic pots</b> <b>steel &amp; aerosol cans</b>	<b>plastic bags &amp; cling wrap</b> <b>waxed boxes &amp; cups</b> <b>polystyrene</b> <b>electronic equipment &amp; batteries</b> <b>household glass</b> <b>crockery &amp; tableware</b> <b>general waste inc. nappies &amp; green waste</b> <b>liquids</b> <b>gas cylinders</b>
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Please put in the RED bin GENERAL WASTE **DO NOT PUT IN THE RED BIN**

<b>plastic bags &amp; soft plastic</b> <b>waxed boxes &amp; cups</b> <b>nappies</b> <b>broken toys</b> <b>polystyrene</b> <b>rope &amp; wire</b> <b>broken crockery &amp; glass</b>	<b>recyclable containers</b> <b>paper &amp; cardboard</b> <b>green waste</b> <b>liquids</b> <b>explosives &amp; chemicals</b> <b>flammables</b> <b>radioactive items</b>
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## **Children's Church in March**

Children's church for March was held on **Palm Sunday**, and the children's Church folk were advised by invitation that the service would be amalgamated with the 9am service. The approx 17 children were very much included in the service, joining the opening procession waving streamers and 'Palms'. The congregation were involved with two action songs, and during the active story of Palm Sunday, everyone was encouraged to make appropriate sounds, such as donkey hooves etc.! The new baby donkey and his mum were in the 'stable' area, and during the service, the children moved to that area, and Father Peter asked several questions about Palm Sunday, and donkeys in general. There was a baptism, which the children were involved in.. At the conclusion of the service, there was a separate Morning tea for the children, frankfurts in bread, watermelon, and honey joys.

***Julie Scott***

***Children's church spokesperson for M.U. Albury.***



## MEDITATION

### THE PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE

**“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it....in his joy he went and sold all he had and bought that field”. (St Matthew Chapter 13, verse 44)**

This parable will sound strange to us, but it was a perfectly natural occurrence in Palestine in the time of Jesus. Banks did exist in the ancient world, but ordinary people were not able to use them. As a result, they buried their most precious belongings in the ground. The Rabbis ( the teachers in Israel) had a saying “...there is only one safe place for money – the earth.”

In finding this treasure, the man had a perfect right to keep it, for Jewish Law stated that this sort of “find” belonged to the finder. He had the right to ensure it was his. The old saying of “finders keepers” applied here.

This however is not the point of the parable. It was the **JOY** of the discovery that made the man willing to give up everything to make the treasure absolutely his own. The lesson of the parable is that the man wasn’t deliberately seeking to find the treasure – he found it unexpectedly, in the course of going about his business.

We too can find treasure when we least expect it. Without deliberately seeking him, Our Lord and the Kingdom of Heaven may be found in the course of our daily work or activities, or in the people we meet. If we accept Our Lord’s way of life it can become our way of life too. We develop a close personal relationship with him and he becomes the focal point of all we say and do. To make the Kingdom of Heaven our own can involve a complete change of direction in our life. Our ambitions, our values, our interests and associations may need to be abandoned if they are contrary to life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus points out that making such changes is well worth while -in fact, to be desired above all else.

To be a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven is the most precious thing that a person can possess. This is emphasised in the Parable of the Pearl. (St Matthew chapter 13, verses 4-5)

The attributes of the Kingdom which will show in our lives (even though imperfectly) are qualities such as patience, joy, gentleness, kindness, peace and love. Such qualities marked the life of Our Lord. Compare these with the sorts of characteristics which are often seen in our present society – jealousy, hatred, envy, anger, arrogance, selfishness.

When we belong to Our Heavenly Father we become “a member of Christ, the child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven”. (The Catechism)



*Father Colin*





## St Matthew's Albury Palm Sunday Celebrations

Sunday 20 March marked the start of Holy Week and was celebrated in the unique style that is typical of Fr Peter MacLeod-Miller's services. As it was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, the service was combined with the usual Children's Church. The building was decorated with the customary palm fronds and the southern annex door was open to introduce the parishioners, especially the children to the new addition to the parish menagerie, a donkey colt named Puzzle. He and his mother Tilly were a part of the proceedings. The choir and clergy processed in a figure-of-eight to the hymn All Glory Laud and Honour after the choir sang the introit "Hosanna to the Son of David", and palm crosses were blessed and distributed. Instead of the long gospel reading about Christ's Passion there was an action one involving the children about Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem at the start of the Jewish Passover. The whole service was a celebration with palm fronds, greenery and streamers, marking a joyous occasion. After the service, there was tea and coffee in the forecourt and the children had their usual Sunday morning tea with cocktail frankfurts, pikelets and scones.



## *Lent Guest Speakers*



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Jeremy Jones with Fr Peter and Vicki Chick



Mo El-leissy



Steven O'Connor & Jeremy Jones with Fr Peter



Sussan Ley MP

## **H U M O U R**

I was shocked, confused, bewildered, as I entered Heaven's door.  
Not by the beauty of it all, nor the lights or its décor.  
But it was the folks in Heaven who made me sputter and gasp –  
The thieves, the liars, the sinners, the alcoholics and the trash.  
There stood the kid from seventh grade who swiped my lunch money twice.  
Next to him was my old neighbour who never said anything nice.  
Bob, who I always thought was rotting away in hell  
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine, looking incredibly well.  
I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal? I would love to hear Your take  
How'd all these sinners get up here? – God must've made a mistake.  
And why is everyone so quiet, so sombre – give me a clue"  
"Hush, child," He said, "they're all in shock. No one thought they'd be  
seeing you."

**JUDGE NOT!!!**

(Author Unknown.)

**Remember**, . . . Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any  
more than standing in your garage makes you a car.

**Every Saint has a PAST.    Every sinner has a FUTURE !!**  
**FOR THE KIDS**



Q. Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days ?

**A. Because their kids have to play inside**

Q What did the echidna say to the cactus ?

A. 'Hello Mummy'

Q. Where do Queens go for Holidays?

A. . Queensland



## **ON THE RECORD**

### *Baptisms*

*We welcome into Christ's family*

28 February	William Geoffrey HUTCHINGS Lilah Penelope WHITEHEAD
6 March	Lucy Anne BOERS
13 March	William Lawrence PERRY
20 March	Duke Anthony MALONEY Anastasia Lorraine Angel MALONEY



### *Weddings*

*We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony*

5 March	Michael William BIRRELL & Laura Anne GRANGER
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### *Funerals*

*We pray for those who have died and extend our sympathies to those who mourn*

4 March	Margaret Maud PARKER
11 March	'Stan' Stanley Morris BEST
17 March	Merece Joan BOWERMAN
18 March	Norma DEMSKI



### *Years Mind – April*

*We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time*

Lou NICHOLSON (2<sup>nd</sup>), Brendan David JONES (2<sup>nd</sup>), James MITCHELL (3<sup>rd</sup>), Peggy Jean GORDON (5<sup>th</sup>), 'Ros' Rosalind Myee COCKS (6<sup>th</sup>), Sheila Georgina ELLIS (7<sup>th</sup>), John Arthur APPLEBY (7<sup>th</sup>), Eva Edith COBCROFT (9<sup>th</sup>), Brian Albert ROBERTS (11<sup>th</sup>), Harold James William PURSS (12<sup>th</sup>), Margaret PIESE (PS)(15<sup>th</sup>), Dillon WHITE (16<sup>th</sup>), David Ernest GRANT (16<sup>th</sup>), Nina Edith BERRY (17<sup>th</sup>), Dorothy Zillah CLARKE (19<sup>th</sup>), 'Rex' Allan JENKINS (19<sup>th</sup>), James Archibald KENNEDY (20<sup>th</sup>), Coral YARRINGTON (21<sup>st</sup>), William John FORBES (21<sup>st</sup>), 'Jack' John Maxwell TYRRELL (21<sup>st</sup>), Laurence Henry ALLOTT (Priest)(21<sup>st</sup>), Mervyn EISENHauer (22<sup>nd</sup>), Thomas FILIPOVIC (22<sup>nd</sup>), Madaline KARAFFA (23<sup>rd</sup>), Peter BLEASDALE (24<sup>th</sup>), William COLEMAN (25<sup>th</sup>), Norman John NICHOLS (26<sup>th</sup>), James Lester JACKSON (26<sup>th</sup>), Albert DAWSON (28<sup>th</sup>), Joan DAWSON (28<sup>th</sup>), Florence Helena KOTHE (29<sup>th</sup>), 'Jean' Alice HEINJUS (29<sup>th</sup>), Ivy Irene SMITHENBECKER (29<sup>th</sup>), Ern BLEASDALE (30<sup>th</sup>), 'Bob' Robert LAWSON (30<sup>th</sup>)





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#### **FRIDAY**

10:00 am. Eucharist at Riverwood (except 1st Friday). All welcome

#### **SUNDAY**

9:00 am. Sung Eucharist

Last Sunday of every month—Matins with Holy Communion

10:30 am. Children's Church 3rd Sunday every month

5:00 pm. Evensong (Only 1st Sunday of every month)

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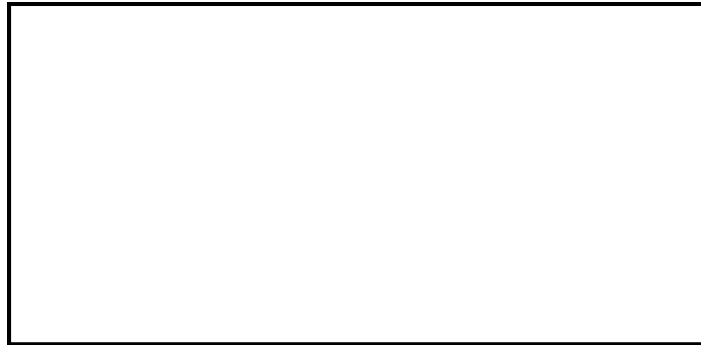
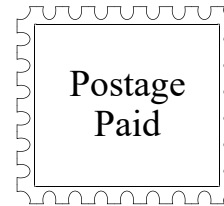
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