

# Keeping Connected to our St Matthew's family

Theme: EASTER - New hope and new ways of caring and being connected.

March 2021



Easter is a message about HOPE springing from disappointment and what a challenging year we have come through and the vaccine (which is nothing short of a modern miracle – unknown at the time of the Spanish Flu Pandemic and all the ones before) is arriving in time for Easter so governments, communities and Churches will all be breathing a sigh of relief and bringing a real sense of joy. For all the darkness of this period we are also recognising the signs of new life that it has brought which will continue to grow and give us quite a different future from one that we ever dreamt of, surely this is the greatest Easter message in the very midst of our community.

The themes of Holy Week are very much our family themes, so we see hope and promise and then betrayal and rejection, isolation and then what looks like the end of it all turning into a new beginning. This greatest of all stories has a special resonance to communities facing particular challenges. We are not looking for a silver lining or talking up a total disaster we are actually embracing good news beyond our imagination and not limited by our experience. What a wonderful message to share to those who have been through so much.

We live out this message every day at St Matthew's in different ways. St Matthew's has a special gift to bring because we have been destroyed and arisen from the ashes truly better than ever not just the building but our witness and the ways we can care for our whole community. The Easter message calls us to look forward in FAITH, HOPE and LOVE to the wonderful future that God has yet in-store for us.

Please join us for our services in Holy Week and also to keep in touch through our website, YouTube, and Facebook.

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES 29<sup>th</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**Solemn Evensong for Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Good Friday Service 9:00 am**

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**Stations of the Cross combined Eucharist Service with Sacred Heart at North Albury 10:30 am**



**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**Memorial Concert at St Matthew's 3:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday Service 9:00 am**

*No Evensong as it has been replaced by the Maundy Thursday Solemn Evensong Service.*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday with Bishop Clarence and Michelle and Ray Fietz**



**Fr Bill Ginns celebrating his 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination to the Diaconate Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February.**







**Children's Church 21<sup>st</sup> February**, Catherine Dawson: Hello St Matthews from Children's church. No music again but that did not stop us. We hummed, stomped, and did an instrumental number. This month we built a boat, well an ark really. It involved cubits and listening to God even when everybody else was ignoring God. Even laughing!! Once the boat was finished there was a congregation of waves shifting the boat about. In a lesser-known part of the story one of Noah's children was

seasick... The punchline was God promises to look after us and gave us a rainbow to remind us just in case we forget. We then made rainbows to keep reminding us of God's love. Thank you to Julie and Janette for great craft and a take home bickie!! Thank you, Rowena, for some beautiful music (even though we did stomp on it) And thank you Judith for all over helping. PS if you find a small bunny, Eliza would REALLY like bunny to come home.

From Janette Kettyle – Children's Church was really great, the lesson was about Noah's Ark and rainbows, "God's Promise". All good, we have a hard core of regular families which is great, wonderful to watch the children growing up.

#### **Upcoming services/ important dates:**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>**                      **Sunday Service 9:00 am and Children's Church 10:30 am**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**                      **Palm Sunday Service 9:00 am and Annual Parish Meeting 10:15am**

**Please note:** any items for general business to be emailed to [office@stmatthewsalbury.com](mailto:office@stmatthewsalbury.com) or a typed copy to be handed into the office between 10:00 am – noon by **21<sup>st</sup> March 2021**.

**Sunday Service 9:00 am each Sunday.** As we count our blessings of being able to meet, we are mindful of the measures that are helping keep our community safe. Thanks to our Choir and organist who are keeping the music alive, while we are unable to do so. We are grateful for our congregations understanding in suspending Holy Communion in this period but so thankful that our real connection is expressed in the sharing our love and care together until we get the all clear. Part of that care is in our social distancing and in supporting St Matthew's by Direct Debit, tap-n-go, or collection bags as you depart, rather than handing round the plate.

Private Communion can be arranged, by phoning St Matthew's Office 6021 3022

**Wednesday Services** commence at 10:30 am. The service is a slightly different format but connected in prayer and loving action.

**Procedure for attendance at services** be patient with ourselves and with others.

We are set up with QR-Code Registration on arrival, please bring your mobile phone for this process. If you do not have a mobile phone, you are able to register manually on the sign-on sheet on arrival. We are asking that people start arriving at 8:40 am so you have time to register and maintain safe social distance.

You can continue to **Keep Connected** via the St Matthew's website: [www.stmatthewsalbury.com](http://www.stmatthewsalbury.com) and Facebook. If you have a SMART TV you can tune in to St Matthew's Livestream Sunday Service through YouTube.

**Please Note:** you can watch all the livestream services on St Matthew's Albury YouTube at any time that suits you – can even watch time and time again!

**Contact details:** If you have recently changed your email address or have a new email address, or a new mobile number, please inform St Matthew's Office 6021 3022

**St Matthew's change to Office hours: Monday – Friday 10:00 am - Noon**

The **Keeping Connected to our St Matthew's Family Newsletter** is now a monthly production.

## Making Music and Musicians at St Matthew's



This is the time of year when children and parents are looking at their options and St Matthew's Music Association provides a very special opportunity that can benefit the whole community. Our services have regularly featured recipients of our scholarships so would you please consider making a tax-deductible donation to add a bit of musical hope to the young people on the Border and at the same time making an

investment in our own future. The forms are on the St Matthew's Albury Website:

[www.stmatthewsalbury.com](http://www.stmatthewsalbury.com) dropdown box 'music' or contact St Matthew's Office.

**St Matthew's Music Association Auditions** are being held at St Matthew's Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March, one of the adjudicators is the new Music Teacher at Trinity Anglican College, Jodie Blackshaw.

### Thoughts for the month:



- *Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony. Mahatma Ghandi*
- *Always laugh when you can; it is cheap medicine. Merriment... is the sunny side of existence. Lord Byron*
- *It's the little things that make up the richest tapestry of our lives.*
- *God's standard of beauty starts with a gentle and quiet spirit that displays love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness. These are the beauty attributes that will never go out of style.*
- *The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts. Marcus Aurelius*

## ST MATTHEW'S RETRO LANE OP SHOP MISSION STATEMENT



To raise funds for the work of St Matthew's Albury for the most vulnerable in our community, to provide cheap clothes and goods for sale and to offer a socially inclusive environment to volunteers regardless of race, sexuality, ability or beliefs.

**New Op Shop Facebook page please like and share it.**



St Matthew's Retro Lane Op Shop Volunteers

## Sharing the Good News

**Sharing the vouchers!** If you have any spare vouchers for the tip, they would be greatly appreciated please drop into the retro op shop or St Matthew's Office 10 – 12 Monday – Friday. Thank you in advance.





## Emergency Food Room requests:

Packets of pasta, tins spaghetti, tins baked beans, bottles store-bought jam, tins of soup, tins of vegetables, 1L long-life milk, bottles pasta sauce, packets breakfast cereal.



**Cathy Carden** has been commissioned as a Lay Minister in Training exploring ordination with Scott and Kate Jessop.

### Prayer

We thank you for the gift of service and walking together with others so we can be a greater blessing to your people. We thank you for Cathy Carden and her family and we pray that you will strengthen her as she uses her many gifts for your greater glory and to be a blessing wherever you lead her.  
Amen.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

wishes to all celebrating a birthday March

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|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Kathy Sutherland               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Helen Glachan                  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Noela Murphy 80 <sup>th</sup>  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Lorraine Curnow                |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Joy Haberecht                  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Kevin Beattie 80 <sup>th</sup> |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Lola Traill                    |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Michelle Bester                |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Belinda Wilkinson              |



Hailey and Will Wright  
first day at  
Baranduda Primary School 2021

  
Everyone is welcome to come to  
**LADY DAY**  
*The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta  
**10.15am** Morning Tea  
**11am** Eucharist  
Celebrant Bishop Clarence Bester  
**1.15pm** Guest Speaker (in Purbrick Hall)  
The Ven Cate Inches-Ogden  
**BYO LUNCH. TEA & COFFEE PROVIDED.**  
**Bring a friend to share the day.**  
Please bring MUA & Church Banners.  
Masks are required in the Cathedral when singing.  
For COVID purposes, please **RSVP** numbers from your Parish  
by **23<sup>rd</sup> March** to Fr David 0438254198 or  
[dholloway@iprimus.com.au](mailto:dholloway@iprimus.com.au)

## LADY DAY

**Wangaratta 11:00 am**

BYO lunch

RSVP by 23<sup>rd</sup> March to Fr David 0438 254 198 or

[dholloway@iprimus.com.au](mailto:dholloway@iprimus.com.au) see *Keeping Connected Newsletter March*  
for more details.



## MOTHERS' UNION WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL QUIET DAY WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH

**At the home of Jill Aplin, Jindera**

**THE CONDUCTOR IS FR PAUL WOOD**

TIME MORNING TEA 9.30 am FIRST ADDRESS 10 am

If you need directions, transport or any other information please contact Gill Mackay on 60 211 848

Everyone welcome to join us for a day of spiritual refreshment in Holy Week.

Please bring own lunch, reading material, and maybe a small plate of food to share for morning tea.



**Jeremy Jones** Interfaith Leader and St Matthew's Albury Lecturer from 5 years ago, made a return visit to Albury for Harmony Week 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**Harmony Day** is this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
The ongoing theme of **Harmony Day** is  
'Everyone Belongs'.

**\*Welcome to Albury** Trevor and Holly Maitland. Trevor was recently appointed ANZ Regional Executive Manager he has had a great career in the world of Opera and is really looking forward to meeting up with the musical world at St Matthew's.

**\*Congratulations Albury** being named NSW's Top Tidy Town.

**Good news is for sharing** - If you have some good news or have an event coming up that you would like to include in the Newsletter, please share with us by sending an email to St Matthew's Office:

[office@stmatthewsalbury.com](mailto:office@stmatthewsalbury.com)

### OUT AND ABOUT



Gillian, Kathy, Michelle, Paul



Kathy and Gillian



Rosie



Sandra



Sandra, Lyn, Vicky



Kirsty



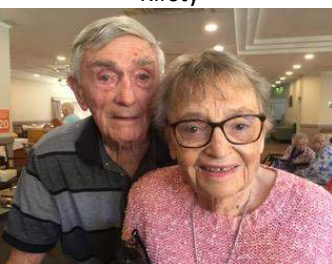
Pam



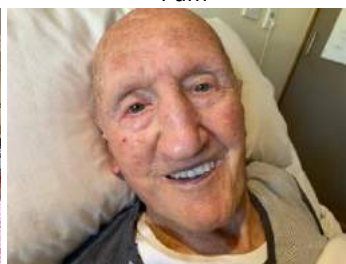
Jim, Iris



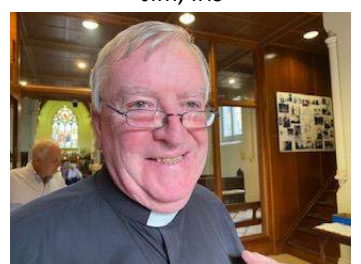
Fran and Hannah



Kevin and Shirley Monte



John Martin



Rev Allan





The 2 Helen's



Doug Oxbrow



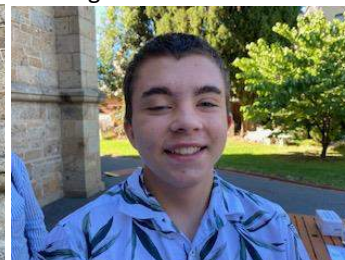
Kathy, Bryan



Trish, Pam



Marg



Jonathan



Fr Peter, Graham



Laurel, Fr Peter



Ratcliffe teenagers at Harris Farms



Golda Quinlivan



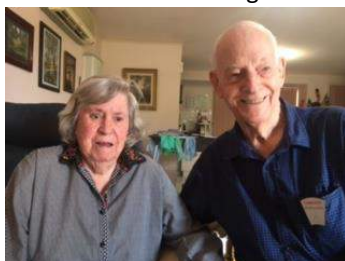
Virginia and Derek Woolcott



Gwenne Schnelle



Annette, Betty White



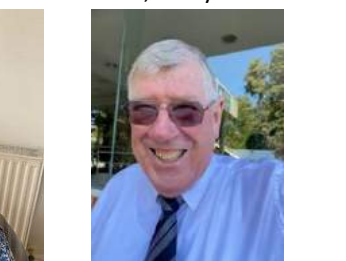
Eleanor and Gordon McKissack



Annette, Noela, Janette



Margaret Jacobs



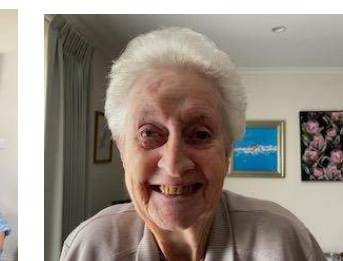
Bill Reagan



Roma Hodges



Murray Gardens Service



Sylvia Williams



Fr Peter



## St Matthew's Craft Group Next meeting St Matthew's Craft Group -

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April** from 1:00 — 4:00 pm, if you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sadie Moffitt 0438 610 740. **Request:** If you have any spare wool blanketing to make baby cot blankets or pieces of felt to make small crosses, could you please bring with you to Church on Sunday or to the office between 10 – 12. **St Matthew's Craft Stall Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, after the Service.**



## Pastoral Care



The Pastoral Care Team meet monthly at 9:00am at the rectory. We continue to stay connected phoning and visiting friends in our Parish and community. The 'Phone Tree' is a great way to keep in touch. If you would like one of our team to phone you, or if you know of anyone who would appreciate being contacted, please phone Annette 0413 938 541. A visit can also be arranged. If you know of anyone who is sick or in hospital, please phone Annette so a visit from Fr Peter can be arranged.

**During these continues challenging times, it is important we think of each other, and those who are sick and isolated, and pray for all.**

**Request: Palm Sunday Crosses** - If you were involved in the making of Palm Crosses in 2020, and still have them stored in your freezer ready for this year, could you please inform Annette 0413 938 541

**Method for defrosting palm crosses:** Take out the frozen crosses from the freezer 2 days before Palm Sunday, shake out ice and other 'muck', then re freeze with a sheet of paper towel to absorb any excess moisture. Then take out of freezer 2 hours before Palm Sunday service, remove from bag and place in a shallow open container, lined with dry cloth or paper towel. Allow to dry for use at Palm Sunday service. You can save the freezer bags, wash them and reuse the following year.



### Dates next Retirement Village Services:

**Yallaroo:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 11:00 am

**Riverwood:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 10:00 am

**Mercy Marianella:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 11:00 am

**Dellacourt:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 3:00 pm

**Murray Gardens:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 11:00 am

**Borella House:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 3:30 pm

**Yallaroo:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 11:00 am

**Riverwood:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 10:00 am



***Our thoughts and prayers***

***are with all who are sick or unwell at home, or in hospital.***

***Also, remembering our loved ones whose years' mind is in March,***

***And those who have recently died.***

***Forever in our hearts.***



A celebration of Thelma Bye's life was held at St Matthew's Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. We will always remember her as a wonderful, joyful member of her own loving family and of St Matthew's Albury.

Special thoughts are with her family at this time.



**MEDITATION** across the world and in Albury we are using new ways to stay in touch. There are growing numbers using ZOOM to connect with a meditation group at 6:15 each Thursday. At a time of great stress and isolation this could be just the tonic we need! Connect with Michelle and Paul on: Zoom: [www.quietcommunion.org](http://www.quietcommunion.org)



## Albury Chamber Music Festival



The Albury Chamber Music Festival are pleased to announce a change of plans in response to the positive news of the borders opening and the return to live performances. Their Excellencies are currently working on a date for an Albury visit in the New Year on the occasion of a Live Festival Concert at St

Matthew's. Please check the Festival Website for updates. We will shortly be announcing our St Matthew's Music Association Scholarships including a new Indigenous Music Scholarship. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation toward the future of one of the children of the border.

### TUNES ON TUESDAY 2021 Upcoming Recitals:



**March 23**

Arthur Hull (Voice)

**April 6**

Ethan Porter (Cello)

**April 20**

Stephen Bulmer (Classical Guitar)

**May 4**

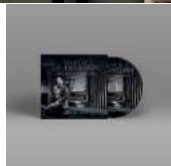
Lachlan McIntyre (Voice)

**May 18**

Malcolm Halford (Organ)



**SWELL VOX** is a small ensemble of musicians from Albury, NSW, Australia. They primarily focus on repertoire featuring the organ and voices, including both sacred and secular music. Their goal is to provide high quality music and anecdotal entertainment, primarily in the online music space.



**Silver Celebration** James Flores, organist and St Matthew's Organ Scholar is pleased to announce the release of a CD to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the St. Matthew's, Albury, Létourneau organ. Own a part of Albury's history by ordering a CD! Buy for \$20.00

<https://silvercelebration.jamesfloresorganist.com/>



**St Matthew's Letourneau Pipe Organ** — John Scott has written detailed information about the St Matthew's Letourneau Pipe Organ, available on the St Matthew's website. Great Organs of Australia *Masterworks at St. Matthew's* Sydney organist David Drury Premiere Recording of the Letourneau Organ. Limited copies of this CD available at reduced price of \$15.00 **Every cent raised from the sale of these CD's goes into the Organ Fund.** Purchase from St Matthew's Office or from the Church organists: David Luxon, Malcolm Halford or John Scott.

**PARISH FINANCES** St Matthew's is looking to the future and working out how we can continue to service the community without going into a financial panic. A huge 'thank you' to the increasing number of people who are making a regular donation to the work of St Matthew's it is so encouraging. If you haven't managed to Direct Debit, make an enquiry at your bank and it's surprisingly easy to organise. New technology whether it is YouTube, a new car, a sewing machine, or a lawn mower can be frightening to begin with, but surprisingly easy when given a go. I hoped that by making some financial sacrifices myself that the load would be a bit lighter and others would also help out, and that is exactly what is happening so 'thank you' again on behalf of myself and St Matthew's. Bank details are:

Account name: St Matthews Church Albury

BSB: 032736

Account no: 392189

Reference: 'Giving' and your name

**Please help us reach all our Parish Members:** If any of your friends have recently got an email address, could you please send an email to St Matthew's Office, with their name and email address, so we can add it to our emailing list. Share the news and connection by emailing the Keeping Connected Newsletter to family and friends.