



**Parish of St Matthew
& St Vincent de Paul**
South Belconnen

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
10/11 February 2018

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St Matthew's

Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 8.30am
Tuesday 5.30pm
Wednesday 7.00am
Thursday 7.00am
Friday 9.30am
Saturday 12.00pm

Children's Liturgy:

(During school terms)

Sunday 8.30am

Confessions:

Saturday 11.00am-11.50am

Baptisms:

2nd Sunday 11.30am

Weddings: By appointment

Mass of Anointing:

1st Friday in Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec

St Vincent's

Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 10.00am
3.00pm (Korean)

Tuesday to
Friday 9.30am

Children's Liturgy:

Sunday 10.00am

Legion of Mary

Saturday 10.30am

Confessions:

Saturday 5.00pm - 5.30pm

Baptisms:

4th Sunday 11.30am

Weddings: By appointment

Mass of Anointing:

2nd Friday in Apr, Aug, Dec

**These Mass times will NOW change
from 8 APRIL. Please see second
page.**

This Week:

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; I Cor 10:31- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Entrance Antiphon: *(not said if hymn is sung)*

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of
your name.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of
trouble, and you fill me with
the joy of salvation.**

W. Happy the man whose offence is
forgiven, whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the
Lord imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. **R.**
M. But now I have acknowledged my
sins; my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess my offence to
the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven the
guilt of my sin. **R.**

W. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

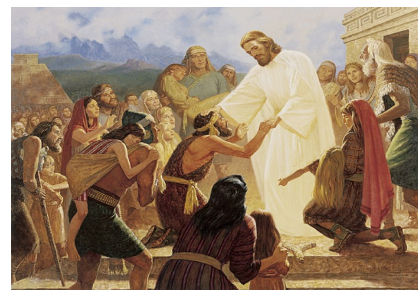
Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among
us; God has visited his people.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: *(not said if
hymn is sung)*

They ate and had their fill, and what
they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what
they craved.

**Commissioning of Ministers of
Holy Communion:**

As Jesus reached out to the leper,
you now reach out to our sick
brothers and sisters, bringing them
the body of Christ. May you also take
to them the prayers of this gathering.



Next Week:

Gen 9:8-15; I Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

*Hearing Aid Loop is installed in both
church centres, turn your hearing aid to
the T switch*

Parish News

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick at this time:

Caroline Aldridge, Nancy Biviano, Michael Brayshaw, Ian Brown, Leslie Cheeseman, Mary Cleary, Len DeCosta, June Donnelly, Frances Dyball, Joachim Exell, Ivka Ferinas, Grace Fluitsma, Amy Fogarty, Terry Guinane, Mick Hay, Christine Hermely, Richard Hourigan, Cath Jane Keen, Val Kilmier, Michael Mathias, Terry Miners, Peter Naughton, Cedric Netto, Fay Potter, Sean Reiher, Peter Robbins, Nicole Tavares, Lina Varmiento, Jenny Webster, Berenice Wright, George Bulbrook, Sheila Cousins, Monica Colquhoun, Phyl McAlister, Elizabeth (Beth) Blayden, Fr Peter McGrath CP, Jill McDonald, Ted Meagher, Martin Baker and Don Stott.

We pray for those who have died:

Recently: Tony Donelan, Tess Devitt, Sr. Mariana Keegan Icm.

Anniversaries: Joyce Hamilton, Frank Madden, Nikola Perinovic, Norton Foster, Jennifer Chapman, Angeli Fung, Stephanie Markac, Kathleen Beaumont, Leo Hill, Sivi Sulangapo, Sr Vianney Bartels Icm, Patricia Hourigan, Raymond Corey, Antonia Chicco, Kathleen LeMesurier, Heather Dewar, Gerald Walsh, Peter Gilligan, Antonia Chicco, Penny Durick, Maria Tallarita.

Book Club

15 February at 1.30pm in Marian Hall. We will be discussing the Incarnation. All Welcome. Further information: Megan Thompson 62540524 or Beth Gibson 6254044/0412846020.

New Mass Times for St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish

From 8 April

Saturday 6pm Page

Sunday 8.30am Page

Sunday 10am Aranda

Tuesday 5.30pm Aranda

Wednesday 7am Page

Thursday 9.30am Aranda

Friday 9.30am Page

Saturday 12noon Page (while Fr Hilton is available)

Please note: Vigil Mass will switch to Aranda on 7 October (the commencement of Daylight Saving Time).

From the first Sunday in March, fresh rosters for **Acolytes, Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers** will be effective for all Masses – 6.00pm Vigil, 8.30am and 10.00am. These need to be prepared very soon. Would those who wish to participate in these ministries at either Mass Centre during March, April and May notify Mary Morris ([morrism@me.com](mailto:morrisdm@me.com) /0438 631657) by 18 February. Kindly indicate your ministry/ministries, Mass time and any dates when you are not available. Training will be held later in the year and an invitation will be issued at that time for those who would like to join these ministries.

Have you wondered where the ashes that are distributed on Ash Wednesday originate? They come from the blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday. Parishioners are invited to bring back their palms next Sunday and place them in the basket provided at the entrance to each church.

A Burning of Palms Ritual will be held after the **5.30pm Mass** at St Matthew's Church on **Tuesday 13 February**. All are encouraged to come along and be part of this preparation for Ash Wednesday and the commencement of Lent. All are invited to stay for pancakes, champagne and orange juice.

Lent begins on Wednesday 14 February. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times: Page 7.00am and 9.30am; Aranda 9.30am. Times for Stations of the Cross during lent to be advised.



Aranda Parish School of Religion. For all enquiries for 2018, please call Trish Mowbray 0408561255 or email trish_glenn@bigpond.com

14-17 February. Days of Fasting and Reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims. The Final Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse was published last December. It has showcased moments of great darkness and despair not simply in courageous victims but also their family and friends and all of us.

This tragedy of sexual abuse ought become a particular prayer focus of our Lenten discipline this year and the Bishops of Australia have requested that the four days from Ash Wednesday (14th Feb till 17th Feb) be dedicated in a special way to fasting and reparation in sorrow for child abuse and for the healing of victims. More information is on the Noticeboard.

The **Prayer of the Faithful** is a way of the gathered assembly praying for the current needs of our world from our own perspective. A group of parishioners has been writing the intercessions each week for the Prayer of the Faithful on a monthly rotational basis. The Prayer needs to be submitted to the Parish Office by the Wednesday before the coming Sunday. An invitation is now extended for more parishioners to join this group and resources are available to assist. If you would like to join this group or know more, kindly contact the Parish Office.

Library News



The following items have been added to the library at St Matthew's Church and are available for loan

- Martin, James S. J.: **Seven last words: an invitation to a deeper friendship with Jesus.** Perfect little book for Lent!
- Keneally, Tom: **Searching for Schindler: a memoir**
- Silf, Margaret: **Landmarks: an Ignatian journey**
- Andersen, Frank MSC: **Eucharist: participating in the mystery.** (ideal for anyone wishing to be renewed in their participation in and understanding of the Mass)

The library is located in the vestibule of the church and is open when the church is open. To borrow, fill in the sheet in the blue **Borrowing Folder** located on the shelf

Any queries contact 62540524

Transport to 8.30am Sunday Mass is needed. If you are able to assist a lady living near Southern Cross Drive, Scullin please contact the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul Doorknock 2018 - Collectors still needed for Page.

The annual Vinnies Doorknock fund raiser will be held again from 1 Feb till 28 Feb 2018. This is the Society's major income source for the year and we are asking for your assistance as a volunteer collector sometime during Feb. Collectors kits will be available after Mass from the Parish Centre in Aranda this weekend and in the church foyer at Page.

For more information or to register as a collector for Page please contact Frank Wilkinson (Page) on 0409937474 or frankwilkinson@bigpond.com.

9.30am Mass on Friday 2 March (at St Matthew's Church) will include the **Sacrament of Anointing** and be followed by morning tea in Marian Hall. A plate to share would be appreciated. Transport is available to those who are in need of some assistance and offers of assistance with transport would be appreciated. Kindly contact Dennis Morris 0407050651.

Caritas - Project Compassion – End poverty. Promote justice. Uphold dignity. This year through Project Compassion, we celebrate A Just Future for all in conjunction with the Year of Youth. Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. A Just Future has started with your support. Donate at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phone (toll free) 1800 024 413. **Boxes and envelope sets are at the back** Please collect one or both for use during the period of Lent.

Around the Archdiocese

2018 Lenten video resource: "Good News in Tough Times"

Once again the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has produced a Lenten DVD Resource for 2018 - Good News in Tough Times. This resource is perfect for parish-based groups, families, and individuals and presents a great opportunity for all to withdraw from the week-in, week-out busyness to spend time with God in prayer, Scripture study, and small-group conversation.

Each week includes:

- Archbishop's reflection on the Gospel
- Sunday Gospel of Lent – audio and text
- Discussion questions
- Archbishop's summary
- Personal sharing related to the Sunday Gospel

To pre-order call the Bookshop 02 6239 9888 or pre-order online: www.faithresources.org.au

Seeking the Mind of Christ

Date: Feb 9 2018

Parishioners are invited to a living encounter and a life transforming experience with the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit from the 9th to the 11th February 2018.

9 February - St Monica's Church: Evatt from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

10 February - St Brigid's Church: Dickson from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

11 February - St Brigid's Church: Dickson from 10.30am to 5.30pm.

Conducted by Brother Lalith Perera, Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Father Ken Barker with support from Fr Bernie Patterson and Loi Viovicente.

Lunch will be available at a nominal price or BYO. A crèche will also be available for children. Contact: Shan 0412 310364; Karen 0402 160401; Sean 0448 510237.

24 Hours of Prayer/Adoration

Catholics in our Archdiocese are being encouraged to come to St Christopher's Cathedral later this month for 24 hours of Adoration to pray for the Year of Youth.

This important time of prayer will begin with **7.30am Mass on Wednesday, February 21** and finishes with **7.30am Mass on Thursday, February 22**. To sign up for an hour, please put your preferred time in at: <https://goo.gl/forms/y8QQhT8Qak8ai44N2>

E RESOURCES - HAVE YOU SEEN THESE WEBSITES?

<https://clicktopray.org/> Offers 3 brief moments of prayer each day and includes the Pope's monthly prayer intention

<https://www.wordonfire.org/> Founded by Bishop Robert Barron, it offers excellent video and audio resources

<http://www.thinkingfaith.org/> A Catholic and Ignatian perspective on scripture, culture, the Church, politics, spirituality and social justice; and reviews of recent films and books.

www.pintswithaquinas.com a website and podcast by young Catholic apologist Matt Fradd

Celebrate Lent with Shane Dwyer as he presents:

'A light in the Darkness: walking the spiritual journey in faith and hope'

Venue: STA Primary School Library
St Thomas Aquinas Parish – Lhotsky St Charnwood

Date: Wednesday, 28 February

Time: 7.30pm

Rosters for St Matthew's

10/11 February		17/18 February	
	6.00pm	8.30am	
Readers	Lorraine Higgins	Denis Daly	Peter Giffard
Counters	Dennis Morris	Tony Lodomirski	Gavan Cashman
Altar	Christina Rowe		Judy Williamson

Rosters for St Vincent's

10/11 February		17/18 February	
	6.00pm	10.00am	
Readers	Volunteer	P. Milligan	A. McCarthy
Prayers	M. Williams	A. Calub	R. Grubmueller
Usher	B. Wright	T. Liddiard	Volunteer
Acolyte	R. FitzGerald	B. Healy	M. Allam
Min of HC	P. Mowbray/ C. Meadley	H. Digan/ M. Malycha	J. Burroughs M. Chiu
Counters	H. Digan		A. Charge/
Altar	Korean Community Ladies		No flowers during lent

South Belconnen Parish Prayer Groups

Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Matthew's Tuesdays 4.30pm-5.20pm. **Prayers** only at St Vincent's on Mondays 10am-11am.

Christian Meditation at St Vincent's parish centre each Wednesday 6pm (contact Suzanne 62516681).

Centering Prayer Meditation at St Matthew's in Marian Hall every 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7.30pm (contact Peter Ahern 62547168).

Mass with Sacrament of Anointing 9.30am first Friday in Mar, Jun, Sept and Dec at St Matthew's.

Rosary at St Vincent's Tue-Fri 9.10am & St Matthew's Saturday 11.30am.

Join an informal group of 30 parishioners at St Matthew's who individually pray once a week for 10-15 mins. Contact Lee Hardy 62547445.