



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

**The Ascension of the Lord  
Year B  
12/13 May 2018**

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12 Chewings Street, Page

**St Vincent de Paul Church**  
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**Masses:**

Saturday Vigil	St Matthew's	6.00pm
Sunday	St Matthew's	8.30am
	St Vincent's	10.00am
Samoan(2nd Sun)	St Matthew's	1.30pm
Korean	St Vincent's	3.00pm
Tuesday	St Vincent's	5.30pm
Wednesday	St Matthew's	7.00am
Thursday	St Vincent's	9.30am
Friday	St Matthew's	9.30am
Saturday	St Matthew's	12.00pm

**Mass of Anointing:**

1st Friday in Mar,		
Jun, Sept, Dec	St Matthew's	9.30am
2nd Thursday in Apr,		
Aug, Dec	St Vincent's	9.30am

**Children's Liturgy:**

1st & 3rd Sun	St Vincent's	10.00am
Sunday	St Matthew's	8.30am
(During school terms)		

**Confessions:**

Saturday	St Matthew's	11.00am-11.50am
		5.00pm - 5.30pm

**Liturgy of the Word  
with Holy Communion:**

Monday	St Matthew's	7.00am
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**Legion of Mary**

Saturday	St Vincent's	10.30am
Korean Ladies		
Monday	St Vincent's	9.30am

**Baptisms:**

2nd Sunday	St Matthew's	11.30am
4th Sunday	St Vincent's	11.30am

**Weddings:**

By appointment

**Calvary Public Hospital Bruce  
Chapel**

Sunday	11.15am
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**Calvary Bruce Private Hosp Chapel**

Thursday	11.15am
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*Hearing Aid Loop is installed in both church  
centres, turn your hearing aid to the T switch*

**This Week:**

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

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

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder  
at the heavens? This Jesus whom you  
saw ascending into heaven will return  
as you saw him go, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. God mounts his throne to  
shouts of joy: a blare of  
trumpets for the Lord.**

W. All peoples, clap your hands, cry  
to God with shouts of joy! For  
the Lord, the Most High, we must  
fear, great king over all the  
earth. **R.**

M. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet  
blast. Sing praise for God, sing  
praise, sing praise to our king, sing  
praise. **R.**

W. God is king of all the earth. Sing  
praise with all your skill. God is  
king over the nations; God reigns  
on his holy throne. **R.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I  
am with you always, until the end of  
the world. Alleluia!

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

Behold, I am with you always, even to  
the end of the age, alleluia.

**Commissioning of Ministers of  
Holy Communion:**

May this holy sacrament strengthen  
the hearts of our brothers and  
sisters whom you visit this day,  
through Christ our Lord.

**Blessing of Mothers on  
Mother's Day**

Loving God, as a mother gives life and  
nourishment to her children, so you  
watch over your Church. Bless these  
women, that they may be  
strengthened as Christian mothers.  
Let the example of their faith and  
love shine forth. Grant that we, their  
sons and daughters, may honor them  
always with a spirit of profound  
respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

**Next Week:** Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

## Parish News

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

Patricia Gaunt, Dr Graeme McIntosh, Naomi Aldons, Vincent Foster, Carmel Jordan, Jonathan Hardy, Sister Yvonne, Ben Parker, Barbara Hayes-Rosario, Belinda O'Flynn, Lisa Barlin, Peter Stewart, Caroline Aldridge, Nancy Biviano, Michael Brayshaw, Ian Brown, Leslie Cheeseman, Mary Cleary, 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, Fay Potter, Peter Robbins, Nicole Tavares, Lina Varmiento, Jenny Webster, Berenice Wright, George Bulbrook, Monica Colquhoun, Phyl McAlister, Jill McDonald, , Martin Baker and Don Stott.

### We pray for those who have died:

Recently: Bill Coyle, Joan Mary Kerr, John Whitely, Archbishop L.A. Faulkner, Anthony Cella, Gerry Greci, Orsola Greci.

Anniversaries: Roshan Fernando, Venancio Santos, Maureen Cooper, Margaret Dudok, Margaret Mika, Fay Osborn, Dorothy Bremer, Collette Pugh, Helena Deppe, Flora Hinchy, Rina Merlino, Eddy Zorzi, Antonia Catanzarita, Anna & Stanislaw Ziolkowski, Irena & Henry Witynski, George & Robert Witynski, Paul Cunneen.

Fr Thomas will be away from 7 May until 31 May.

Archbishop Christopher will be celebrating the Vigil Mass next weekend at St Matthew's church.

### PARISH BOOK GROUP

Our next meeting is on **Thursday May 17** at 1.30 in the Marian Hall, Page. We will be discussing the book: **The Seven Storey Mountain** by **Thomas Merton**. Newcomers are most welcome. For further information contact Megan Thompson on 62540524 or Beth Gibson on 62545044/0412846020.

### Changes in Liturgy

Beginning on the **first Sunday of June**, there will be two changes in our Sunday Liturgy at St Vincent's.

- We will no longer be reading the **Welcome or Announcements** just before the beginning of Mass.
- We will have **two readers**: the first reader will read the first Reading and the Psalm; the second reader will read the second Reading, the Gospel Acclamation and also the Prayers of the Faithful.

We are making these changes so that procedures at Mass are the same at both churches. Please also note:

- **Communion processions at 6.00pm Mass** will now form at four points within the church with the addition of a distribution point on the far left of the church.

There will be **no weekday Masses** in the Parish from **Tuesday to Thursday** this week.

Instead there will be:

- Exposition on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> from 4.20pm to 5.20pm (as usual) followed by Liturgy of the Word and Communion at 5.30pm at St Vincent's.
- Liturgy of the Word and Communion on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am at St Vincent's.

### South Belconnen Parish Choir -

There will be choir practice in St Matthew's church at 5.00 pm on Saturday 19 May, prior to singing the 6.00 pm Mass. All interested in singing will be welcome.

### Sewing/quilting room

• **Where:** Marian Hall at St Matthew's

• **When:** 2nd & 4th Saturday each month from 2-5.30pm.

• **Contact:** Karna O'Dea on 0450811010.

• More information in the foyer of churches.

### Vinnies Tathra Bushfire Appeal

Vinnies has been overwhelmed by support for this appeal that ended on 30 April 2018. It raised over **\$160,000**. A total of \$132,711 was collected in the Canberra/Goulburn region with a further \$22,582 (Vinnies NSW) and \$5,000 (Vinnies Tasmania). Vinnies extends a heartfelt thanks to donors for their kind and generous support.

**Winter Warmth.** Winter is upon us and the Vinnies Store in Belconnen (cnr Purdue and Rae Streets) would welcome donations of new and used warm clothing and bedding, especially blankets.

Children's Liturgy, St Vincent's Church. Children are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy, which will be held in the Parish Centre on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer to assist in running these sessions, please contact Justine Molony (041520474).

**Tuesday Working Bee at St Matthew's:** 9.00-10.30am. Come along with your gardening tools and join the happy team. Enquiries to Dennis 0407 050 651.

Rosters for **Acolytes, Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers** for all Masses – 6.00pm Vigil, 8.30am and 10.00am for the months of June, July, August will be drawn up shortly. Would those who wish to participate in these ministries notify Mary Morris ([morrisdm@me.com](mailto:morrisdm@me.com) /0438 631657) by 7 May. 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.

## Around the Archdiocese

### Plenary Council 2020-2021

This is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country and one is being held to dialogue about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. The launch date is next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday.

In anticipation of this you may like to:

**Read** the Articles available on the website [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) to understand more about the significance of Councils in the life of the Catholic Church.

**Talk** about the future of the Church with your friends, fellow parishioners and family. Ask questions about what matters to you and what you hope for, for the Church.

**Subscribe to the Plenary Council e-newsletter** and stay up-to-date with the preparations and first steps as we continue on the journey toward Plenary Council 2020 in Australia.

Save the date for Open Listening and Dialogue Sessions a first step towards participation in this process and come along to either:

19 June, 10.00 - 11.30am and 7.00-8.30pm Eastlakes Football Club 51 Hinder St Gungahlin

21 June, 10.00 - 11.30am and 7.00-8.30pm Eastlakes Football Club, 3 Oxley St Griffith

Facilitators will be Philippa Brearley and Denis O'Brien.

### Heart Women's Conference

Date: **7th - 9th June 2018**

Venue: **Fairfield RSL**

A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends!

Men—What women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2018?

Full registration Cost: \$199 (See our website for other registration options)

Register: [Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com](http://Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com)

Email: [heart@TheCatholicGuy.com](mailto:heart@TheCatholicGuy.com)

Phone: 1300 734 880

### CHOSEN CONFERENCE

"You did not choose me but I chose you. and I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last" - John 15:16.

The Chosen Conference is a national conference of young people and young adults between 18 - 30 years old, from 12th - 15th July 2018 at Mannix College Clayton, Melbourne. This conference is organised by Jesus Youth, an International Catholic Association with a focus on evangelising young people and nurturing their missionary initiatives. The Chosen conference is an initiative in the Year of Youth to help young people to encounter Jesus in a life-changing way.

The conference consists of youth rallies, up-lifting talks, workshops, Theatre, Eucharistic celebrations, Vocation & Mission Expo & Live music from Master Plan, the band performed last two WYD's. If you are interested or want to register please visit [www.chosenconference.org.au](http://www.chosenconference.org.au). For more information about the group registration please contact [register@chosenconference.org.au](mailto:register@chosenconference.org.au) or call us at 0491 002 081.

### PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE TO EUROPE

Fr. Praveen Paul would like to invite you for a 17-day pilgrimage that he is leading featuring Avila, Fatima, Santiago, Santander, Lourdes, Milan, Padua, Assisi and Rome departing on 15th August, 2018 for an all-inclusive price of \$7200. Call now for early-bird discount of \$1000. Optional extension to Medjugorje / Padre Pio & Lanciano available. Next pilgrimage to Europe departs on 7<sup>th</sup> October 18 at same price. This fare includes Return Airfares + Local Transfers + Stay in 4 Star Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners. Tips and Single Supplements not included. For enquiries & bookings call 0385 622 246 or email [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

There will be an Ecumenical Service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (13<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> May), and Dr Sang Chang from South Korea will be the preacher. The service will be held in the ACC&C Chapel at **6.00pm**.

**Date:** Commencing 13th May 2018 6:00pm-8:00pm

**Location:** Chapel of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

**Address:** Corner of King's Avenue and Blackall Street

**South Belconnen Parish  
Prayer Groups**

**Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** at St Vincent's Tuesdays 4.20pm-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).

**Rosary** at St Vincent's Tue-5.05pm, Thurs 9.05am & 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.

**Roster for St Matthew's and St Vincent de Paul Parish**

	<b>12 May</b>	<b>13 May</b>	
	<b>Page</b> 6.00pm	<b>Page</b> 8.30am	<b>Aranda</b> 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Victoria Gonzales Lorraine Higgins	Mary Morris Christina Rowe	Peter Milligan Joan Jackson
<b>Senior Server</b>			Jenny Murphy
<b>Acolyte</b>	Paul Scholtens	Vince Burns	
<b>EMHC</b>	Helen Baker Bernard Williams Mary Williams	Carolyn Burns Ann Tierney Margaret Toye	Mina Chiu
<b>Counters/Banker</b>	Irene & Paul Scholtens/Damien Sloane		
<b>Usher</b>			Tom Liddiard
<b>Altar &amp; Linen</b>		Ann Tierney	19 May - Mary Malycha, Maddalena Cobanov

	<b>19 May</b>	<b>20 May</b>	
	<b>Page</b> 6.00pm	<b>Page</b> 8.30am	<b>Aranda</b> 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Janet Moyle Charmaine Miranda	Helen Casey Denis Daly	Jenny Murphy Stewart Chapman
<b>Senior Server</b>	Angelina Miranda-Stewart		
<b>Acolyte</b>	Damien Sloane	John Woods	John Malycha
<b>EMHC</b>	Roger Dalzell Lynne Foster Lorraine Higgins Margaret Sloane	Jo Duck John Duck Denise Hampson Jan Woods	Judi Ahern Jane Burroughs
<b>Counters/Banker</b>	Bernard Williams, Kevin McInerney/Damien Sloane		
<b>Altar &amp; Linen</b>		Mary Morris	26 May - Ladies of the Korean Community