



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
The Feasts of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul
23 September 2018

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Masses:

Saturday Vigil	St Matthew's	6.00pm
Sunday	St Matthew's	8.30am
	St Vincent's	10.00am
Samoa (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	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
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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 Chapel

Sunday Mass 11.15am

Calvary Private Chapel

Thursday Mass 11.15am

This Week:

Wis 2:12, 17-20
James 3:16 - 4:3
Mk 9:30-37

Entrance Antiphon:

(not said if hymn is sung)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has sent anointed me and sent me to preach the good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord upholds my life.

W. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

M. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. **R.**

W. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

(not said if hymn is sung)

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

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Jesus teaches us to seek him in those in greatest need. Take this sacrament to those who cannot be with us, assuring them of our love and prayers.

Next Week:

Num 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



St Matthew



St Vincent de Paul

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

John Clerk, Vince Foster, Paul Idilton, Fr Laurie Blake, Robert Wrightson, Graham Jackson, Vince Burns, Lisa Baulman, Maire Deppe, Dana Riminic, Noel Noonan, Cedric Netto, Peter Mowbray, Dr Graeme McIntosh, Naomi Aldons, 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 the deceased:

Recently: Theodore Aldons, Michael Jarvis, Jacqueline Teague, Rhona Novis.

Anniversaries: Adam Groves, Renato Gaspari, Giuseppe Staltari, Michael Lopilato, Thomas Pearson, Eileen Pearson, Douglas Dowler, Anton & Antonia Mrsnik.

Please take a copy of the **Prayer for Rain** that can be found in the church foyers.

Parish News

What's On ...

Thu 27/9	6.15pm Men's Group, Aranda Centre
Sat 6/10	6pm Vigil Mass will be St Vincent's until Daylight Saving ends
Sun 7/10	Morning Tea after morning Masses
Thu 18/10	7pm PPC meeting, MH
Sat 20/10	6pm Youth Mass, St Vincent's

There will be no 5pm Confession on Saturdays while Fr Simon is away (until 12/10).

We celebrate **Social Justice Sunday on 30 September**. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land'.
The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing.
For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australia Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499. Flyers & copies of statement are now in the foyer.

The South Belconnen **Vigil Mass** will switch from St Matthew's church to St Vincent's church on **Saturday 6 October 2018** as Daylight Saving starts. The Vigil will be held at St Vincent's until the end of Daylight Saving period on the first Sunday in April 2019.

The next Men's Group gathering will be held on **Thursday 27 September 2018 at the Aranda Parish Centre from 6.15pm**. All welcome. Please invite someone you know to come along and enjoy a relaxed evening. There will be a guest speaker. Cost \$15 per head for the meal. BYO drinks.
If there are any special dietary requirements please let me know.
Please RSVP to Bernard Meadley – 0419436331 or meadley@netspeed.com.au; by **COB Tuesday 25 September 2018**.

Youth Mass - Saturday 20 October 6pm at St Vincent's. Followed by a celebration for families, youth and children (with food) to launch the new primary aged youth group and ministry.

Have a look at an **online article** in the Catholic Voice on the **50th Anniversary** of the former parish of St Vincent de Paul <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/original-belconnen-parish-turns-50/>

Tuesday Working Bee at St Matthew's: 9-10.30am. Come along with your gardening tools and join the happy team. Enquiries to Dennis 0407 050 651.

Library News

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

- Danti, Trudy: **A handbook for building stronger parishes**. "A valuable resource for all who are interested in make sure Australia's Catholic parishes are vital centres of Christian life and faith."
- Rohr, Richard: **Immortal diamond: the search for our true self**. "An exploration of the deepest questions of identity, spirituality and meaning."
- Rupp, Joyce: **Essential writings**. Sister Rupp "is a writer and speaker, a retreat giver who has inspired thousands ..."

This 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 or suggestions contact Megan Thompson on 6254 0524.

Reminder - Please return items as soon as you have finished.

Saint Matthew's Story

Matthew was a Jew who worked for the occupying Roman forces, collecting taxes from other Jews. The Romans were not scrupulous about what tax was collected for personal as long as they received their quota. Hence the tax collectors, known as "publicans," were generally hated as traitors by their fellow Jews. So it was shocking to them to hear Jesus call such a man to be one of his intimate followers.

Matthew got Jesus in more trouble by having a sort of going-away party at his house. The Gospel tells us that many tax collectors and "those known as sinners" came to the dinner. The Pharisees were still more badly shocked. What

business did Jesus, the great teacher have associating with such immoral people? Jesus' answer was, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners". Jesus is not setting aside ritual and worship; he is saying that loving others is even more important.

No other particular incidents about Matthew are found in the New Testament. The Gospel of Matthew is filled with teachings that gave shape to the early church. It is only in this gospel that we have the words that we use for baptism and the familiar version of the Lord's Prayer. It gives us moral teachings, particularly in the form of parables.

St Vincent de Paul's Story

Vincent was born into a peasant family who lived humbly through hard work and frugality. His father encouraged him to become a priest. He decided he would become a priest so that he could get an office in the Church, earn enough money to retire early, and then go home and provide for his family (he was third of 6 children). Little did he know what God had planned for him!

St. Vincent was ordained in 1600. And in 1605, he left to go on a mission trip. On the way, he was captured, shipped to Tunis, and sold as a slave for two years. He managed to escape and returned to France. This must have been a real tough time on the new priest – especially since the kidnapping held up his plans to further his career.

After trying and failing to advance himself to higher ranks of the church, St. Vincent was falsely accused of theft by his roommate. Because he no longer cared about his public image, he did not defend himself. The

real thief finally confessed years later.

Saint Vincent became chaplain and tutor to the Gondi family. He heard the confession of a man who lived at the estate who was dying. Before the man died, he convinced Madame de Gondi to endow Vincent and get him to preach on confession. When Father Vincent spoke about the power of confession, he led so many of the poor to reconcile that he had to recruit more priests!

Saint Vincent realised the need for priests to minister to the poor of France, the people many forgot about because of their lack of position in society. About this same time, he finally realised his occupation as a true vocation and recognised his relationship with Jesus Christ.

When St. Vincent was canonised by Pope Leo XIII, he became the patron of charitable societies. It was actually Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, an admirer of St. Vincent de Paul, who founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 1833, in his honour.

Around the Archdiocese

Centering Prayer Meditation Nourishment Day

Come along to Marian Hall, Chewings Street, Page on **Saturday 29 September** from 10.30am to 2.30pm for two nourishing DVD presentations from Fr Thomas Keating (renowned Trappist monk) and Dr Judith Simmer-Brown (known for her Buddhist/Christian involvement internationally). They will share with us in practical terms, the importance of the Journey of Compassion and Transformation, through the practice Centering Prayer Meditation.

Facilitator: Sr Lorraine Cupitt ph 6288 6074

Donation: \$10

Please bring a personal lunch. Morning tea will be provided.

The next **Catholic Care Seniors In Networked Communities (SINC)** talk will be on Wed 26 Sept from 10.30am at Marian Hall next to St Matthew's Church.

Topic: **Wills & Estates**

Tea/coffee provided. Please contact Kate on 6163 7683 for more information.

One Day Retreat

(Breaking of the Word of God, Holy Mass & Eucharistic Adoration)

The retreat will be led by Fr Augustine Vallooran, VC, Director of the Divine Retreat Centre, Muringoor, Kerala, India. Music led by Teresa and Glen La'Rive.

When: 9am - 5pm | October 2018

Where: St Brigid's Catholic Church, Cnr Whilshire & Bancroft Sts Dickson.

No prior registration required. Admission free. Bring your own lunch (\$10 boxed lunch avail RSVP 30/9

p.l.rebellow@gmail.com). Enquiries: Parveen: 0439 642 571

**Marian Procession/Youth Pilgrimage
Sunday 14 October 2018**

St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre,
Galong

8.30am Youth Pilgrimage
10.30am Sacrament of Penance
11.30am Mass with main celebrant
Archbishop Yllana
12.30pm BYO lunch
2.00pm Procession to the grotto

Contact 02 6239 8500 for further information.

Take a look at the **NEW** Catholic Voice website
www.catholicvoice.org.au

Find useful, relevant, valuable content from a
Catholic perspective - all day every day!

Also, a new **Facebook Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/CatholicVoiceAustralia/>

**Calling All Young People - Youth Ministry in
Belconnen**

We are looking to start up a **Junior Youth Group** in the South Belconnen Parish for primary school aged students. If you think your children, nieces or nephews might be interested in participating please send an email to sarah.larkin@cg.org.au

Agape Youth Group, for young people at school in years 7-12 meet after the 6pm Mass at St John's Kippax on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. This group is a way for young people to learn about the church and deepen their faith together. Contact Jake.Wenger@sfx.act.edu.au or 0431 797 644

Journey in Faith is a young adults' group for 18-30 year olds who are interested in growing their faith and forming friendships with other like-minded people. We meet after 6pm Mass at St Monica's, Evatt on the 1st Saturday of the month. Contact Kaitlyn.Golding@sfx.act.edu.au.

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 Centre each Wednesday 6pm (contact Suzanne Groves 6251 6681).

Centering Prayer Meditation at St Matthew's Marian Hall every 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7.30pm (contact Peter Ahern 6254 7168).

Rosary at St Vincent's 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 6254 7445).

Roster for St Matthew's and St Vincent de Paul Churches

	22 September	23 September		29 September	30 September	
	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Lorraine Higgins Colleen Meadley	Denis Daly Mary Morris	Adora Calub Stewart Chapman	Mary Paton Charmaine Miranda	Elizabeth Owen Christina Rowe	Tom Liddiard Peter Milligan
Senior Server						
Acolyte	Michael Lahiff	John Woods	Glenn Mowbray	Damien Sloane	Damien Power	John Malycha
EMHC	Harold Fischer Charmaine Miranda Damien Sloane Margaret Sloane Michael White Bernard Williams	Shahenie Burns Kevin McInerney Daniel Marks Jan Woods	Joan Jackson Robin Taylor	Lorraine Higgins Harold Fischer Colleen Meadley Alex Osborne Margaret Sloane Mary Williams	Helen Baker Jo Duck John Duck Cathy Power	Judi Ahern Mary Malycha
Ushers	Volunteer			Volunteer		
Counters Banker	Helen Digan, Kevin McInerney Damien Sloane			Kevin Durick, Damien Power David Spence		
Altar & Linen	P - Christina Rowe	A - 29/9 Judy Spence Robin Taylor		P - Judy Williamson	A - 6/10 M Malycha F Shaw M Cobanov	

All notices for this bulletin should be submitted to the Parish Office by 10am Thursdays. Thank you.