



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul

South Belconnen

2nd Sunday of Advent
Year C
8/9 December 2018

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Masses:

Saturday Vigil	St Vincent'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	
St Vincent's	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 Chapel

Sunday Mass 11.15am

Calvary Private Chapel

Thursday Mass 11.15am

This Week:

Baruch 5:1-9
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:1-6

Entrance Antiphon:

(not said if hymn is sung)

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

W. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

M. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

W. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

(not said if hymn is sung)

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes from God.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Bring the treasure of Christ in this sacrament to the homes of those who are sick and lonely.



Second Sunday of Advent

Next Week:

Zeph 3:14-18
Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Naomi Aldons, Caroline Aldridge, Martin Baker, Lisa Barlin, Nancy Biviano, Fr Laurie Blake, Michael Brayshaw, Ian Brown, George Bulbrook, Lisa Baulman, Vince Burns, Leslie Cheeseman, Mary Cleary, John Clerk, Monica Colquhoun, June Donnelly, Frances Dyball, Joachim Exell, Ivka Ferinas, Grace Fluitsma, Amy Fogarty, Vince Foster, Terry Guinane, Jonathan Hardy, Mick Hay, Barbara Hayes-Rosario, Christine Hermely, Richard Hourigan, Paul Idilton, Graham Jackson, Cath Jane Keen, Val Kilmier, Michael Mathias, Phyl McAlister, Jill McDonald, Dr Graeme McIntosh, Terry Miners, Peter Mowbray, Peter Naughton, Cedric Netto, Noel Noonan, Belinda O'Flynn, Ben Parker, Fay Potter, Dana Riminic, Peter Robbins, Sister Yvonne, Peter Stewart, Don Stott, Nicole Tavares, Richard Toombs, Lina Varmiento, Jenny Webster, Berenice Wright and Robert Wrightson.
Peter O'Brien & his family.

We pray for the deceased:

Recently: Geoffrey Williams, Rachel Maree Lopilato, Paul Chong & Catriona, Geoffrey Williams, Reybirico Dizon, Keith Baley, Andrew Deans (UK), Jack Fahy.

Anniversaries: Denise Stubbs, Joyce Schwinghamer, Avril Lenora Fuller, Giuseppe Staltari.

South Belconnen Parish

Choir: There will be choir practice in St Vincent's church at 5pm on Saturday **15 December**, prior to singing the 6pm Mass. All interested in singing will be welcome.

Parish News

What's On ...

Thu 13/12 9.30am Anointing Mass at St Vincent's
Fri 14/12 9.30am St Matthew's School Year 6 Graduation Mass
Tue 18/12 2nd Rite of Reconcil St Matthew's, Page
Thu 20/12 2nd Rite of Reconcil St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood

2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent

Tue 18 Dec 7.30pm St Matthew's, Page & Thu 20 Dec 7.30pm St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood

A big THANK YOU from **Mary Malycha** for the delicious morning tea last Sunday and the kind words from many parishioners, those present and those not able to be there who spoke to me earlier.

Short recap of my involvement in the Parish of St Vincent de Paul.

I began as a volunteer back in Fr Bateman's day (1984-1982) with occasional typing and collating the items for the bulletin which were then collected and typed by Nancy Anderson and printed by Lucy Kolek on the school gestetner. I began recording the planned giving envelopes when Michelle Roberts went to help her recently retired husband in a new business 1987. In those days the envelope sets were provided quarterly.

I took over typing the bulletin from Nancy when she became ill (1988) and continued until Denise Stubbs was employed in the Parish Office by Fr Maher. Bryan Warren typed the bulletin when Denise first started. By then the school had purchased a photocopier and the bulletin was printed on that. After Fr Maher came to the Parish a computer was purchased and later a photocopier, the bulletin was then done in the parish office.

About the same time the Archdiocese entered into an agreement with the Broken Bay diocese to use their Parish Data System, I assisted in entering all the Parish records and registers and when later the parish began MYOB for financial records, set up by Paul Hemsley, I then helped with the monthly entry of purchases and receipts. Previously the records had been kept by Anne McCarthy.

I filled in for Denise when she went o/seas but unfortunately she became ill while away in Wales and couldn't come back to the office. I became the official secretary in Sep 1998. So there have been a lot of people involved in keeping the parish running.

Many thanks to all those who have assisted along the way.

As it is said 'the reward for parish work is out of this world.'

Mary

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

Your donations in support of Vinnies charitable works throughout our South Belconnen parish will be sought this **weekend**. Reply paid envelopes will be on the pews and there will also be a retiring collection after each Mass.

There will be an **Anointing Mass** at St Vincent's on Thursday 13 December at 9.30am.

Christmas Mass Times

Mon 24 Dec 6pm St Vincent's
Mon 24 Dec 7pm St Matthew's
Tue 25 Dec 8.30am St Matthew's
Tue 25 Dec 10am St Vincent's
Tue 25 Dec 3pm Korean St Vincent's
Christmas Mass times for the Archdiocese can be found at <http://cgatholic.org.au/christmas2018/>

Thank you for your feedback on the South Belconnen **Draft Parish Pastoral Plan 2018-2021**. Please take a copy of the finalised plan from church foyers.

7pm Christmas Vigil Mass - We are hoping that children will be able to participate in this Mass. For this to happen we are asking for someone to organise the children and coordinate them for the Mass Guidelines are available. If you are able to be involved, kindly contact Mary Morris on 0438 631 657 or [morrism@me.com](mailto:morrisdm@me.com) by Wednesday 12 December.

Christmas Cards and Columbian Calendars are now available for purchase after each Mass at St Vincent's church - St Vincent de Paul Aranda Conference. The cards are \$7 for a pack of 10 and Calendars are \$9 each. Calendars are also available in the foyer of St Matthew's Church.

Library News

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

- Hughes, Philip: **Putting life together: findings from Australian Youth Spirituality Research.**
- Lubich, Chiara: **Only at night we see the stars: finding light in the face of darkness.**
- Vanier, Jean: **Finding peace.**

This library is located in the vestibule of the church. Any queries or suggestions contact Megan Thompson on 6254 0524.

St Vincent's Children's Liturgy Christmas Party

Join us to celebrate a wonderful year of learning and being together. Sunday **16 December**, straight after 10 am Mass. Please bring a plate of food to share. Children's Liturgy will be held as normal during Mass.

Youth Ministry in Belconnen

We have a **Junior Youth Group** for primary school aged students in years 3-6. We meet at 4:45pm prior to evening Mass at St Vincent's Church, Aranda. It is a group to make friends and learn more about faith in a fun and safe environment. Our next meet up will be on the 15th December. Contact Sarah.Larkin@cg.org.au

Also the **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 0431797644

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. Contact Katie at Kaitlyn.Golding@sfx.act.edu.au

Around the Archdiocese

Shane Dwyer is coming to Charnwood

Theme: 'Listen to what the Spirit is saying'

We will begin the evening with Prayer (Vespers) at 7.15pm and conclude the evening with Compline. Mark your diary for 7.15pm Wednesday 12 December at St Thomas Aquinas School Library.

Make an Encounter in 2019

A Palms Encounter with the communities of Timor Leste, Samoa or Myanmar offers a rich immersive experience to challenge our perceptions. See flyers in the church foyer for more information and www.palms.org.au/encounters.

St Vincent de Paul - Urgent Call for Summer Holiday Volunteers

Vinnies Centres need volunteers able to work about 5, 4 hour shifts between 22/12 and 1/2. Most Centres are open Mon - Sun, public holidays excepted. If you know someone who would be interested or if you are interested, please contact us on 6234 7348 or volunteer@svdp-cg.org.au.

Carols at the Cathedral will be held at 7.30pm on **13 December** featuring St Christopher's Cathedral Choir, brass, organ, the St Thomas More's children's choir and the African Choir.

O Virgo Splendens

To be held on Saturday **15 December** at 6.30pm, Holy Rosary Church, Watson. Lady's Mantle sings Marian music from medieval chants to settings from the great classical composers, including music from the *Libra Vermell de Montserrat* and composers Brahms, Mozart, Poulenc, Saint-Saens and Arcadelt.

Lady's Mantle is a Canberra-based women's vocal ensemble of experienced singers under the direction of Maia Harrison. Entry by donation.

New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil

The Marian Movement of Priests invites parishioners and their friends to the 12th Annual Prayer vigil at St Michael's Church, 2 Tyrell Circ Kaleen at 8.30pm.

The First Cenacle will be prayed at 8.45pm (Joyful Mysteries), the Second Cenacle at 9.45pm (Luminous Mysteries), the Third Cenacle at 10.45pm (Glorious Mysteries) with Exposition from 8.30pm until 11.45pm followed by Midnight Mass. More info phone Judy or Joe Mewburn 6254 6202.

Second Sunday of Advent Year C

Celebrant:

As we gather round our Advent wreath to prepare for the lighting of the second candle, let us pray that nothing may hinder us from receiving Christ with joy

In the words of the acclamations, let us pray

Celebrant: Prepare a way for the Lord!

All: Make his paths straight.

Celebrant: Let every valley be filled in!

All: Let every mountain and hill be laid low!

Celebrant: Straighten the winding pathways, make the rough roads smooth!

All: That all people may see the saving power of our God!

Second candle is lit as the people sing:

**Christ be our light! Shine into our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today. (Repeat)**

Let us pray

God of power and mercy,
Fling wide the doors of our hearts
in welcome to the Lord,
our Emmanuel. Remove the things that hinder us
from receiving Christ with joy
so that we may share his wisdom
and become one with him
when he comes in glory
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Assembly is now sprinkled with holy water.

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

	8 December	9 December		15 December	16 December	
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Jenny Murphy Mary Patton	Peter Giffard Janet Moyle	Adora Calub Anne McCarthy	Ralph Peters Maurice White	Daniel Marks Edward Mimar	Dianne Carter Stewart Chapman
Senior Server			Robyn Grubmueller			
Acolyte	Roger FitzGerald	Dennis Morris		David Ross	John Woods	Glenn Mowbray
EMHC	Cheryl Hamill	Denise Hampson Mary Morris Joan Murphy	Mina Chiu	Lynne Foster Lorraine Higgins	Helen Baker Kevin McInerney Jan Woods Margaret Toye	Helen Digan Robin Taylor
Counters Banker	John Duck, David Spence Dennis Morris			Kevin Durick, Damien Power Dennis Morris		
Altar & Linen	P - Mary Morris A - No flowers in advent			P - Christina Rowe A - No flowers in advent		

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