



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul

South Belconnen

3rd Sunday of Advent

Year C

15/16 December 2018

Parish Pastoral Team

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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:

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

Entrance Antiphon:

(not said if hymn is sung)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Responsorial Psalm:

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and
Holy One of Israel.**

W. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**

M. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

W. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

(not said if hymn is sung)

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Take Christ's body to our brothers and sisters who are sick at home. May this healing sacrament bring them comfort and strength.



Third Sunday of Advent

Next Week:

Micah 5:1-4
Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-44

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: Neville Chie, Anjali (Lena) Sapra, Br Ted Pocock, Geoffrey Williams, Rachel Maree Lopilato, Paul Chong & Catriona, Geoffrey Williams, Reybirico Dizon, Keith Bailey.

Anniversaries: Denise Stubbs, Joyce Schwinghamer, Avril Lenora Fuller,

The next **Book Group** meeting will be at **1.30pm Thur 20 Dec** at Marian Hall, Page. Newcomers welcome.

Parish News

What's On ...

Tue 18/12 1.30pm St Vincent's School Year 6 Graduation Mass
There will be no 5.30pm Mass
7.30pm 2nd Rite of Reconcil St Matthew's

Thu 20/12 1.30pm Book Group, MH, Page
7.30pm 2nd Rite of Reconcil St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood

Tuesday 18 December - There will be **Adoration** as usual at 4.20pm but there will be **no Mass** at 5.30pm.

Children's participation at Christmas Eve Masses

6pm - St Vincent's, Aranda

At the beginning of Mass children will process into the church and set up the nativity scene on the altar. Children wishing to be involved please be at the church entrance by 5.40pm. For further info contact Colleen 0406 378 351.



7pm - St Matthew's, Page

Inviting children who would like to have a role during this Mass e.g. as Mary, Joseph, shepherd, etc. Parents kindly fill out the sheet in the church foyer or email the details to Mary Morris by **Wednesday 19 Dec** at [morrism@me.com](mailto:morrisdm@me.com).

Thank you to everyone from Fr Hilton

Fr Hilton has expressed his appreciation for the wonderful celebration that he was given to honour him and acknowledge his 60 years of priesthood. He is truly grateful and thankful to everyone who came to Mass and to the luncheon that followed and to those who worked behind the scenes to make the day so joyful for him.

Have a look at this article on the celebration at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/father-hilton-roberts-honoured-for-60-grace-filled-years-of-service/>

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.

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/>

2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent

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

Working Bee - St Vincent's Church Grounds

Saturday 22 Dec 8.30am - 12.00pm

Please come and help tidy up for Christmas. Morning tea provided. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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.

Please take a copy of the **Parish Pastoral Plan 2018-2021** from church foyers.

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](mailto: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

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.

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.

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal 2018

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for 2018 will be conducted at all Christmas Masses throughout the Archdiocese and will again have the funds raised split.

- Support will continue for the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal and its work in bringing hope and opportunity to those in need in Vanuatu, Myanmar, Zimbabwe, Syria and Pakistan.
- Contributions will be made to support Diocesan projects locally, within Wilcannia Forbes Diocese and Broome Diocese, and globally, within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria.
- Other endeavours will include support towards: helping the rural parish of St Joseph's, Battambang in Cambodia provide improved and extended education opportunities to students beyond their infant years to primary, secondary and tertiary levels whilst also seeking to improve the self-sufficiency of the parish and their community is envisaged, projects focused on helping the poor within the La Salette Matha Province in India, and student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 23 Dec2018

Christmas edition then we enter the summer series until February

This week on The Journey, the Gospel reflection is from the Dioceses of Wollongong Advent reflection booklet, Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey with her Christmas reflection, Bruce Downes the Catholic Guy reminds us to be still before God, and The Pirolas encourage us to Make A Change For The Better. It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we say thank you for your support with Journey Catholic Radio for another year. God Bless, and Merry Christmas from all of us here at the Diocese of Wollongong. Tune into 1 Way FM 94.9 Canberra or Rhema FM 94.3 Sunday 1pm or go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Third Sunday of Advent Year C

Celebrant:

On this Third Sunday of Advent, we light the rose coloured candle, the candle of rejoicing, on our Advent Wreath. Let us pray that God will fill us with joy at the coming of Christ ...

In the words of the acclamations, let us pray

Celebrant: Shout for joy, all you peoples of the earth!

All: The Lord is coming!

Celebrant: Rejoice and exult with all your heart!

All: The Lord is very near!

Celebrant: Have no fear, hold firm and take heart.

All: Hope in the Lord!!

Third 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)

Celebrant:

Let us pray

God of eternal joy,

you are ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church:

the earth rejoices in hope of the Saviour's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time.

Prepare our hearts and remove any sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy which his coming will bring.

For he is Lord for ever and ever.

All: 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

	15 December	16 December		22 December	23 December	
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Ralph Peters Maurice White	Daniel Marks Edward Mimar	Dianne Carter Stewart Chapman	Irena Dennis Colleen Meadley	Mary Morris Janet Moyle	Ann Cleary Elizabeth Hannan
Senior Server						Brenda Healy
Acolyte	David Ross	John Woods	Glenn Mowbray	Damien Sloane	Dennis Morris	
EMHC	Lynne Foster Lorraine Higgins	Helen Baker Kevin McInerney Jan Woods Margaret Toye	Helen Digan Robin Taylor	Dorothy Lalor Margaret Sloane	Shahenie Burns Denise Hampson Daniel Marks Judy Williamson	Judi Ahern Jane Burroughs
Counters Banker	Kevin Durick, Damien Power Dennis Morris			John McKeough, Tony Lodomirski Damien Sloane		
Altar & Linen	P - Christina Rowe A - No flowers in advent			P - Judy Williamson A - No flowers in advent		

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