



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

4th Sunday of Advent
Year C
23 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:

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

Entrance Antiphon:

(not said if hymn is sung)

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

W. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

M. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

W. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

(not said if hymn is sung)

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Just as Elizabeth's child welcomed the Lord, may those to who you bring Holy Communion welcome their Lord into their lives and their homes.



Next Week:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Col 3:12-21
Lk 2:41-52

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Naomi Aldons, Caroline Aldridge, Martin Baker, Nancy Biviano, Fr Laurie Blake, Michael Brayshaw, Ian Brown, George Bulbrook, Lisa Baulman, 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, Margaret Wilkinson, Berenice Wright and Robert Wrightson.

We pray for the deceased:

Recently: Andrew Rowe, Joan Hawkins, Neville Chie, Anjali (Lena) Sapra, Br Ted Pocock, Geoffrey Williams, Rachel Maree Lopilato, Paul Chong & Catriona, Geoffrey Williams.

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

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

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.

Parish News

What's On ...

- Mon 24/12 6pm Children's Christmas Mass at St Vincent's, Aranda
7pm Children's Christmas Mass at St Matthew's, Page
- Tue 25/12 8.30am Christmas Mass at St Matthew's, Page
10am Christmas Mass at St Vincent's, Aranda
3pm Korean Christmas Mass at St Vincent's, Aranda
- Wed 26/12 **There will be no**
& Thu 27/12 **Mass at 7am & 9.30am**
- Tue 1/1 9.30am New Year's Day Mass at St Vincent's, Aranda (will replace 5.30pm Mass)

Early Notification - Volunteer Assistance

The St Vincent de Paul Doorknock will be held again during February 2019. Volunteers are desperately needed if we are to cover the areas allocated to our Conferences.

If you would like to be a Doorknock collector in Scullin, Page, Hawker or Weetangera please contact Peter McCue 6254 4916.

If you would like to be a Doorknock collector in Aranda, Cook, Macquarie or Bruce please contact Paul Scholtens 0468 941 504.

Children's participation at Christmas Eve Mass

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.

There will be **no Adoration** at St Vincent's on 25 December and 1 January.

Adoration will resume on Tuesday 8 January at 4.20 - 5.20pm followed by Mass at 5.30pm.

There will be **no Mass** on 26 and 27 December. **Mass will be held** at 9.30am on Friday 28 December at St Matthew's.

The Parish Office will be **closed** from Tuesday 25 December to Thursday 3 January (incl).

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.

Youth Ministry in Belconnen

The Youth Ministers from the Belconnen Region would like to say a big thank you to all the youth, parents and parishioners who supported Youth Ministry events in the Belconnen Region this year. We hope that you have a blessed Christmas and a restful break and we hope to see you in our schools, parishes, youth groups and youth masses next year. Stay tuned for more information in the new year.

- Katie (Young Adults), Jake (High School) and Sarah (Primary School)

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.

The blog <http://johnmenadue.com/category/religion-and-faith/> regularly has articles about Catholicism, including the recent: *From Classical Christianity to Quantum Christianity* by Queanbeyan priest, Peter Day.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

Celebrant:

As we begin our celebration for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, let us prepare to light the fourth and last candle on our Advent wreath. As Advent draws to a close, we pause to pray for faith that opens our lives to the Spirit of God ...

In the words of the acclamations, let us pray

Celebrant: Come Lord Jesus, hope of the prophets and desired of all nations.

All: **Come! Lead us back to you.**

Celebrant: Come Lord Jesus, Son of God, born of Mary.

All: **Come! Take flesh in us.**

Celebrant: Come Lord Jesus, source of grace and hope for peace.

All: **Come and save us, delay no longer.**

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, our Emmanuel, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan.

Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming.

We ask this pray through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Assembly is now sprinkled with holy water.

Fourth candle is lit as the people sing:

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 December	23 December		29 December	30 December	
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Irena Dennis Colleen Meadley	Mary Morris Janet Moyle	Ann Cleary Elizabeth Hannan	Victoria Gonzales Lorraine Higgins	Elizabeth Owen Christina Rowe	Gerard Hogan Anne Laffan
Senior Server			Brenda Healy			
Acolyte	Damien Sloane	Dennis Morris		Michael Lahiff	John Woods	John Malycha
EMHC	Dorothy Lalor Margaret Sloane	Shahenie Burns Denise Hampson Daniel Marks Judy Williamson	Judi Ahern Jane Burroughs	Colleen Meadley Jenny Murphy	Helen Baker Janet Moyle Joan Murphy Jan Woods	Mary Malycha Trish Mowbray
Counters Banker	John McKeough, Tony Lodomirski Damien Sloane			Helen & Nick Stuparich Damien Sloane		
Altar & Linen	P - Judy Williamson A - No flowers in advent			P - Jan Cashman A - No flowers in advent		

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