



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

The BAPTISM of the LORD

Year C

13 January 2019

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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:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Entrance Antiphon:

(not said if hymn is sung)

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm :

R. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

W. Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.**

M. Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **R.**

W. How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **R.**

M. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.

You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**

W. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

(not said if hymn is sung)

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Take this gift of Holy Communion to our sisters and brothers who are sick and unable to be with us today. May its healing and loving strength uplift them through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week: Is 62:1-5 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Naomi Aldons, Caroline Aldridge, Martin Baker, David Baker, Nancy Biviano, Fr Laurie Blake, Michael Brayshaw, Ian Brown, George Bulbrook, Lisa Baulman, Leslie Cheeseman, Mary Cleary, John Clerk, Monica Colquhoun, Mary Coman, June Donnelly, Frances Dyball, Joachim Exell, Ivka Ferinas, Grace Fluitsma, Amy Fogarty, Vince Foster, Terry Guinane, Jonathan Hardy, Bruce Hassall, 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: Pam Guest, Charles Glass, Andrew Rowe, Joan Hawkins
Anniversaries: Avril Lenora Fuller, Giuseppe Staltari.

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.

Parish News

What's On ...

Mon 14/1 - Fr Simon will be
Fri 18/1 attending Clergy Life & Ministry Conference in Sydney

There will be a retiring collection this weekend at all Masses for Paul and Jo Rummery. The Rummerys sadly lost their Tuross Heads home to a fire just before Christmas. Paul and Jo belonged to our parish before they moved to the coast some years ago. Please contribute if you can.

Plenary Council 2020-2021

Over the past seven months, more than 30,000 people have generously shared their stories and experiences of life, faith and the Church with the Plenary Council. Those stories will help shape this historic process by forming the agenda for the Plenary Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Listening and Dialogue stage. If you haven't yet shared your story, you have until **6 March 2019** (Ash Wednesday) to do so. Please go to <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/> to submit your response online and to see what else we can do to prepare for the Plenary Council.

Our parish will hold a **Plenary Council Story Sharing** evening on **14 February at 7pm** in Marian Hall, Page. Come along and share your story and as a group we can submit a response before Ash Wednesday. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to the parish office belconnensouth@cg.org.au or 6254 1827 by 12 February.

Counters Needed!

The parish counting and banking is now completed on a weekday (not on Sundays) and we are looking for volunteers to help.

If you think you might be able to help by joining the counting roster for 2019, please contact the parish office on belconnensouth@cg.org.au or 6254 1827.

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.

Library News

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

- Purcell, Brendan: **Where is God in suffering?** (Brenden Purcell is assistant priest at St Mary's cathedral and Adjunct Professor at Notre Dame University, Sydney)
- Chesterton, G. K.: **Orthodoxy**. The classic
- Hahn, Scott: **The Lamb's supper: the Mass as heaven and earth**

This library is located in the vestibule of the church. 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.

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.

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. 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

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.

Project Officer

The Office for the Participation of Women has been established to undertake projects as determined by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry to implement the recommendations of the Bishops' Social Justice Statement on the participation of women in the Church and to act as a focal point for ongoing dialogue and the integration of ideas pertaining to women and their participation in the Catholic Church in Australia.

A part-time (7.5 hours per week), Project Officer is to be appointed to assist in the development and establishment of a quality program for the revised Young Catholic Women's Interfaith Fellowship.

A full Position Description can be downloaded from www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au. Applications should be submitted via email to Jane Bashiruddin oadvisor@catholic.org.au **by 28 January**.

60th Anniversary of Merici College

Former students and staff are invited to come together to celebrate.

60th Anniversary Opening School Assembly - 5 February 10am, Merici College Auditorium

Special school assembly and the unveiling of the St Angela Merici statue followed by Mass and morning tea. *RSVP required.*

St Angela Merici Day Festival - 1 June 1pm-3.30pm, Merici College

School tours, Expressive Arts performances, rose garden unveiling, photography competition, afternoon tea. *RSVP required.*

60th Anniversary Variety Concert - 9 & 10 August, Merici College Auditorium

Bookings required.

60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner - 7 September 6pm, Canberra Rex Hotel

Bookings required.

To RSVP and for further information, please go to <https://merici.college/#anniversary>.

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

13 January				20 January		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Colleen Meadley Ralph Peters	Peter Giffard Daniel Marks	Michael Allam Glenn Mowbray	Maurice White Mary Williams	Edward Mimar Mary Morris	Adora Calub Gerard Hogan
Acolyte/ SS	Jenny Murphy	Dennis Morris	Brenda Healy	David Ross	Dennis Morris	Glenn Mowbray
EMHC	Bernard Williams	Mary Morris Janet Moyle Judy Williamson	Mina Chiu	Roger Dalzell Lynne Foster	Helen Baker Denise Hampson Kevin McInerney Joan Murphy	Irene Scholtens Paul Scholtens
Counters Banker	Please contact the parish office on 6254 1827 or belconnensouth@cg.org.au if you can help with counting and banking.			Damien Power, Dennis Morris		
A&L	P - Ann Tierney A - 19/1 Amanda K, Rachelle S			P - Mary Morris A - 26/1 - Judy Spence, Robin Taylor		