



**Parish of St Matthew
& St Vincent de Paul**
South Belconnen

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

24 February 2019

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Masses:

Saturday Vigil	St Vincent's	6.00pm
Sunday	St Matthew's	8.30am
	St Vincent's	10.00am
Samoan (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 & Sept	St Matthew's	9.30am
1st Thursday in Jun & 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 Matthew's	9.30am
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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:

I Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
I Cor 15:45-49
Lk 6:27-38

Entrance Antiphon:

(not said if hymn is sung)

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Responsorial Psalm :

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

W. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

M. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

W. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

M. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

(not said if hymn is sung)

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

May the Lord of all mercies bring healing grace, through this holy sacrament, to all those whom you visit today.



**Do Not Judge
And You Will
Not Be Judged**

Next Week:

Sirach 27:4-7 I Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

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, Monica Garrett, 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, Me con Nguyen Thi No, 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: Fr Adrian Meaney MSC, Norah McKenzie, Bridget Dunstan.

Anniversaries: Archbishop Leonard Faulkner, Thomas Donnelly, Penny Durick, Paul Roberts, Bob Laracy.

Rosters for the months of March, April and May have been sent out to known addresses. Should yours not have arrived, kindly let Mary Morris (morrism@gmail or 0438 631 657) know and a copy will be sent to you.

Parish News

What's On ...

- Wed 27/2 10am Liturgy Committee meeting, MH
Thu 28/2 6.15pm Mens' Group, Southern Cross Club, Jamison
Fri 1/3 9.30am Sacrament of Anointing Mass, St Matthew's
Sun 3/3 Morning after Mass. Pls bring plate to share
Tue 5/3 After 5.30pm Mass Burning of Palms Ritual, Aranda
Wed 6/3 7am, 9.30am & 6pm Ash Wed Mass, Page 9.30am & 6.30pm (Korean) Ash Wed Mass, Aranda

9.30am Mass on Friday 1 March (at St Matthew's Church) will include the **Sacrament of Anointing** and be followed by morning tea in Marian Hall. A plate to share would be appreciated.

Future Masses with the Sacrament of Anointing will be:

Thursday 6 June at St Vincent's Church

Friday 6 September at St Matthew's Church

Thursday 5 December at St Vincent's Church

The next Combined Mens' Group will be held at **6.15pm on Thursday 28 February** at the Southern Cross Club, Jamison. All welcome. Please RSVP to Paul Pearson on 0412 685 582 or paul.pearson@bigpond.com by **COB Tuesday 26 February**.

St Vincent de Paul Doorknock

The Vinnies Doorknock concludes on **28 February**. If you would like to be a collector over the next few days, collector kits can be picked up at Marian Hall, Page Sunday 8 - 11am and at Aranda after 6pm Mass tonight and after 10am Mass Sunday. Collectors with money to return can drop it off at the same places and same times. Please return all outstanding collection kits and money on or by next weekend.

St Vincent de Paul Doorknock special donating opportunity

At all Masses this weekend the Vinnies doorknock team will in the porch at the front of the church to accept donations from parishioners and out of parish visitors who were not home when the collector called or who are in an area that has not been visited due to too few volunteers or who live in a complex where locked gates prevent access or an electronic key-card is required to get in. Receipts issued for all donations.

Parishioners are invited to bring back their palms next weekend (and place them in the baskets at the entrance to each church).

A **Burning of Palms Ritual** will be held after the **5.30pm Mass** at St Vincent's Mass Centre on **Tuesday 5 March**. All are encouraged to come along and be part of this preparation for Ash Wednesday and the commencement of Lent.

Ash Wednesday Mass times: 7am Page, 9.30am Page & Aranda, 6pm Page, 6.30pm (Korean) Aranda.

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

Fr Ray Sanchez CP will be visiting and concelebrating all 3 Masses on the weekend of **23/24 March**.

Fr Ray will be here to speak about the Passionist Family Group Movement. Currently there are 9 very successful and happy groups in the parish. He will be helping parishioners to learn more about Family Groups and the important role they play in building our parish community-and perhaps being inspired to join.

There will be an opportunity for all to meet Fr Ray in the Marian Hall for a shared lunch at noon on **Sunday 24 March**.

First Spiritual Exercises Retreat in the South Belconnen Parish
Inner Peace In Divine Love
29 April - 25 May 2019

This retreat is for: Men and Women; Young and Old; Married or Singles

It is designed for people just like you. The retreat allows you to continue your ordinary daily life with its usual round of going to work, caring for the family or whatever is the shape of your busy life. The retreat will guide your prayer and reflection on life within your daily routine.

The Jesuit giving the retreat will be offering a retreat from the book by Michael Hansen SJ "*The First Spiritual Exercises - Four Guided Retreats*". Ideally each retreatant will be able to purchase a copy of the book before the retreat commences. Copies cost \$35 each. The Parish Office can provide an electronic copy if needed. There is a brochure and application form in church foyers, on the parish website, Facebook or Twitter. Please request to order a copy of the book or an electronic copy on the application form provided. Applications and book orders must be provided to the South Belconnen Parish Office by **29 March**.

For more details contact the Parish Office at belconnensouth@cg.org.au or phone 6254 1827.

South Belconnen Youth Group

Inviting all students in year 3-6 to join us for an afternoon of faith, friendship and fun at South Belconnen Parish's Youth Group and Youth Mass.

Join us at outside St Vincent's Church, Aranda on **Saturday 30 March** at 4:45pm for youth group (yr 3-6) then come to celebrate the Youth Mass (all ages) at 6pm.

Contact Youth Minister Sarah Larkin for more information at Sarah.Larkin@cg.org.au

St Vincent's Primary Fete Sunday 24 March

Tidying up fever has reached South Belconnen. Start emptying the cupboards! If it doesn't bring you joy, give it away!

Donations to the WHITE ELEPHANT STALL are welcome and can be left in THE BLUE TUB in the St Vincent's Primary School foyer, or contact Justine Molony (justinemolony@bigpond.com / 0415 204 174) for collection or to arrange a time to drop them off. Suitable items include clothing, jewellery, accessories, handbags, kitchenware, platters, plates, cups, mugs, bowls, glasses, craft materials and equipment, hand tools and hardware, stationery, toys, vintage (pre-1980s) tupperware, china, glassware, plastics and homewares.

Please, we cannot accept BOOKS, CDs or DVDs.

Library News

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

- Landry, Roger J.: ***Plan of life: habits to help you grow closer to God***
- Maloney, George A.: ***Prayer of the heart***
- Scroope, Martin ed.: ***Ignatian spirituality: key readings for busy people***

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.

Bringing Laudato Si' to Life for Climate Justice

The Global Catholic Movement (**GCCM**) serves the Catholic family worldwide to turn Pope Francis' Laudato Si' encyclical into action for climate justice, by undergoing our own **ecological conversation**, transforming our **lifestyles** and calling for **bold public policies** together with the wider climate movement.

Prayer is an important part of this work. As Pope Francis says, "The ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion ... [what] all need is an "ecological conversion", whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them."

These words from Pope Francis give us a new vision of the power of prayer in safeguarding creation. We seek to become seamlessly woven into the whole, stewarding but not exploiting nature, at peace with Creator and creation. Some prayer resources can be found at <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/eco-spirituality/> including Laudato Si' meditation series, with videos and written guides and Lenten guides.

For further information go to www.catholicclimatemovement.global

National Day of Prayer and Fasting -2 March - An ecumenical day of prayer to focus on the many needs across Australia. For more details go to www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au.

Archdiocesan Youth Cultural Festival and Youth Mass Sunday 3 March

This be hosted at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre and Cathedral from 4pm to 6.30pm. The Festival and Mass will include key national and international leaders, including Cardinal Soane Mafi from Tonga and key leaders from Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, Solomon Islands, New Zealand, England and Uganda.

The Youth Festival and Youth Mass seeks to bring the young Church of the Archdiocese together to celebrate our faith. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Around the Archdiocese

Screening of "**Fatal Flaws**" anti-euthanasia and anti-assisted suicide documentary, Parish Centre, Holy Trinity Church, 3 Strangways Street, Curtin, **1.30pm Sunday 3 March**. Organised by ACT Right to Life. Free entry. Light refreshments served. Question and discussion period at end RSVP Denis 6251 2989. "... (the documentary) shows how the legalising of euthanasia has undermined the dignity of the individual and the common good" - Mons John Woods PP.

Introduction to Christian Meditation in Lent

- 7.15pm each Monday for 1 hr, from 11 March for 5 successive Mondays, St Peter Chanel's Parish room, Yarralumla. The key to understanding the simplicity of Christian Meditation is within Psalm 46 - "Be still and know that I am God". An opportunity to experience this prayer practice, learn about its origins & discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world. No Cost, no RSVP required. (wccmaustralia.org.au) Rod or Susan: 0401 731 918

Pilgrimage to Holy Land - St Gregory's Parish Journey

St Gregory's Parish, Queanbeyan is organising a private pilgrimage tour of the Holy Land in September 2019. Cost is estimated at around \$6,490 per person twin share, incl airfares, land tours, accomm and meals. Brochures will be available in church foyers. An info evening will be held on **8 March at 6pm** in the Parish Centre, 47 Lowe St Queanbeyan. Colleen from Harvest Travel will be speaking. Light refreshments provided.

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 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

24 February

	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am		Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Jenny Murphy Mary Williams	Janet Moyle Elizabeth Owen	Peter Milligan Glenn Mowbray		Irena Dennis Lescinska Fernandez	Helen Casey Mary Morris	Beth Berdin Adora Caleb
Acolyte/ SS	Michael Lahiff	John Woods	John Malycha		Bernie Leger	Damien Power	Robyn Grubmueller
EMHC	Catharina Koopman Dorothy Lalor	Helen Baker Shahenie Burns Judy Williamson Jan Woods	Maria Chiu Mary Malycha		Charmaine Miranda Lorraine Higgins	Daniel Marks Janet Moyle Joan Murphy Cathy Power	Jane Burroughs Annette Charge
Counters Banker	Yvonne McAdoo, Damien Sloane				John Duck, Damien Power		
A&L	P - Ann Tierney A - 2/3 Judy Spence, Robin Taylor				P - Mary Morris A - No flowers during lent.		

3 March