



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

Second Sunday of Advent  
Year A  
8 December 2019

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### St Matthew's Church

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*Hearing Aid Loop is installed in both church centres, turn your hearing aid to the T switch*

### This Week:

Is 11:1-10

Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12

### Masses:

Saturday Vigil	St Vincent's	6.00pm
Sunday	St Matthew's	8.30am
	St Vincent's	10.00am
Samoan (4th Sun)	St Matthew's	1.00pm
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
2nd & 4th Sun	St Matthew's	8.30am

### 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	10.15am
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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

**Entrance Antiphon:** *(as ministers gather in courtyard—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. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

W. O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgment. **R.**

M. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

W. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

M. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

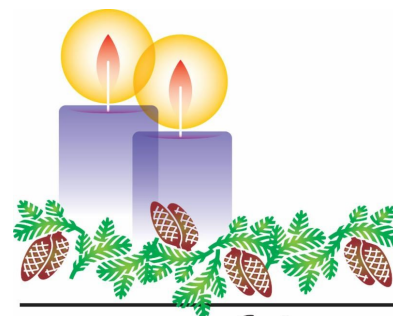
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** *(not said if hymn is sung)*

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

### Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

May you, our ministers of Holy Communion, be blessed as you take the great gift of Christ himself to those who are sick and housebound. May they find new hope and healing in Christ's presence in their lives.



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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## Prayer Requests

### We pray for the sick:

Naomi Aldons, Caroline Aldridge, Martin Baker, David Baker, Sue Bartlett, Nancy Biviano, Fr Laurie Blake, Michael Brayshaw, Ian Brown, George Bulbrook, Lisa Baulman, Leslie Cheeseman, Mary Cleary, John Clerk, Monica & Colin Colquhoun, Mary Coman, June Donnelly, Pat & Jim Dunne, Frances Dyball, Joachim Exell, Ryan Fawke, Ivka Ferinas, Grace Fluitsma, Amy Fogarty, Grant Hanrahan, Bruce Hassall, Mick Hay, Christine Hermely, Richard Hourigan, Paul Idilton, Graham Jackson, Cath Jane Keen, Sarah Kelly, Val Kilmier, Michael Mathias, Phyl McAlister, Jill McDonald, Mary-Anne McGrath, Dr Graeme McIntosh, Terry Miners, Monica Molloy, Peter Naughton, Cedric Netto, Me con Nguyen Thi No, Noel Noonan, Belinda O'Flynn, Dana Riminic, Peter Robbins, Paul Shanahan, Sister Yvonne, Peter Stewart, Nicole Tavares, Richard Toombs, Lina Varmiento, Jenny Webster, Berenice Wright and Robert Wrightson.

### We pray for the deceased:

Recently: Belinda Allen, Carmel Hannon, Ross Hattersley, Doug Chandler, Barbara Hayes-Rosario, William (Bill) Bruce, John Turner, Heather Reid.

Anniversaries: Pam Duffy, Vida Kabaila.

## Parish News

### What's On ...

Thu 12/12 6pm Ladies Dinner,  
CSCC, Jammo

### A Little Liturgy Line

As baptised members of the people of God we have work to do! One of our liturgical roles is to offer petitionary prayer for the salvation of all.

Customarily this has included the Prayer of the Faithful, sometimes also referred to as the General Intercessions. While they usually follow a recognisable structure, the intentions of these prayers offer a great deal of flexibility. They pray for the Church, universally and locally. They often include the sick or suffering and those who have died. At this time, they have an Advent focus and may take up local or seasonal concerns. Good examples of such concerns are prayer for those afflicted by drought and bush fire. Our prayer gathers all these together in one charitable embrace.

The next **Parish Ladies Dinner** will be held at 6pm on **Thursday 12 December** at the Southern Cross Club, Jamison. All welcome!

Please RSVP numbers or any enquiries to the parish office, [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au) or Jenny on 0437 034 148 or Joy 6254 2888. Please also let us know if you need transport.

### South Belconnen Parish Planned Giving Renewal

Please place any completed planned giving renewal forms in the boxes in each foyer.

Planned Giving Renewal Forms and Direct Debit forms (to set up or to change your current amount) can also be found in church foyers.

**Thank you for your consideration and generosity.**

### Christmas Mass Times



#### Christmas Eve

6.30pm St Matthew's School oval,  
Page (see flyer)

9.00pm St Vincent's Church,  
Aranda

#### Christmas Day

8.30am St Matthew's Church,  
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10.00am St Vincent's Church,  
Aranda

3.00pm St Vincent's Church,  
Aranda (Korean)

Please notify the Parish Office if you **do not** wish to receive emails about **South Belconnen Parish Events**.

If you are unsure whether the office has your email address, please also contact the office on 6254 1827 or [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au).

### Tuesday Working Bee at St Matthew's:

9-10.30am. Come along with your gardening tools and join the happy team.  
Enquiries to John Woods 6254 1482.

**Columban Calendars** are now available in church foyers for \$9 each.

Copies of **The Way - Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2019** also available for gold coin donation.

## Library News

The following items are now available for loan from the library at **St Matthew's Church**

- Barron, Robert: ***To light a fire on the earth: proclaiming the Gospel in a secular age***
- Rohr, Richard: ***The universal Christ: how a forgotten reality can change everything we see, hope for and believe.*** Richard Rohr's latest book
- Treston, Kevin: ***Opening doors: a seeker's reflections on the rooms of Christian living.*** Explores issues facing Catholics in Australia

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. **Reminder** - Please return items as soon as you have finished.

## PRAYER FOR RAIN

Loving Father, you are the giver all gifts.

You care for us in our needs.

You listen to us in all that concerns us.

We pray for rain to come down abundantly on our drought affected land, particularly in this region of Australia.

We take the many gifts of creation that you have given us so much for granted.

We have taken for granted plentiful rain and the importance of abundant harvests.

Please forgive us.

Return now rain to our parched land.

Bless and protect families immediately impacted by this severe drought - especially on our farms.

We pray through the intercession of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop in our special need.

We make this prayer and all our prayers through Christ our Lord, the source of all our hope and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Around the Archdiocese

**St Caecilia's Choir** will hold its annual Carol Service on Sunday 8 December at 7.30pm at the Chapel of St John the Evangelist, ANU. All welcome. Contact Maria Henry on [mrhnry@gmail.com](mailto:mrhnry@gmail.com).

## Friar Alessandro at St Christopher's Cathedral

You are invited to an evening of Christmas music & readings with internationally acclaimed Franciscan singer Friar Alessandro. Friar is on his first ever tour to Australia and will be accompanied by Vivian Choi (Piano) and the Artes Christi Choir & Orchestra. **Entry FREE or By Donation** with all donations supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Date & Venue: Monday 9 December at 6pm, St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra. **Bookings essential** via [www.voicefrommassisi.org.au](http://www.voicefrommassisi.org.au). There is also a Parish sign-up sheet at the rear of the Church.

## Advent Wreath Blessing

**Presider:** A voice cries in the wilderness:

**All:** Prepare a way for the Lord!

**Presider:** Across the desert, through the valleys, over every mountain:

**All:** Make His paths straight!

**Presider:** Repent and believe the Good News:

**All:** For the Kingdom Heaven is close at hand!

*Second candle is lit to the refrain of Christ Be Our Light by Bernadette Farrell  
(As One Voice vol 2 hymn 3)*

### 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 at Aranda Parish Centre (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.

### Roster for St Matthew's and St Vincent de Paul Churches

8 December				15 December		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Bernie Leger Jenny Murphy	Mary Morris Christina Rowe	Gerard Hogan Anne McCarthy	Lorraine Higgins Mary Williams	Helen Casey Jen Muscat	Michael Allam Beth Berdin
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Roger FitzGerald	Vince Burns	Robyn Grubmueller	Bernie Leger	Damien Power	Brenda Healy
<b>EMHC</b>	Lorraine Higgins	Carolyn Burns Jo Duck John Duck	Annette Charge	Dorothy Lalor Colleen Meadley	Kevin McInerney Joan Murphy Cathy Power	Helen Digan Rachelle Stannard
<b>Counters Banker</b>	John McKeough, Parish Secretary			Fay Margaret Shaw, Dennis Morris		
<b>A&amp;L</b>	<b>P</b> - Yvonne McAdoo <b>A</b> No flowers during Advent			<b>P</b> - Ann Tierney <b>A</b> No flowers during Advent		