



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

Third Sunday of Advent
Year A
15 December 2019

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

This Week:

Is 35:1-6, 10

James 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11

Entrance Antiphon: *(as ministers gather in courtyard—not said if hymn is sung)*

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, come and save us.

W. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

M. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

W. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **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:

As you leave this gathering to bring the body of Christ to our brothers and sisters who are sick, may they see in this sacrament the powerful sign of God's kingdom among them.

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
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Calvary Private Chapel

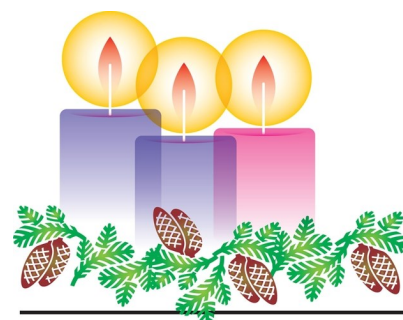
Thursday Mass	11.15am
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Next Week:

Is 7:10-14

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24



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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: Dorothy Harrington, Belinda Allen.

Anniversaries: Giuseppe Staltari, Joseph Balthazaar, Linda Balthazaar.

Parish News

What's On ...

Thu 19/12 1.30pm Book Group, MH
Sat 21/12 4-5.30pm Reconciliation
St Vincent's Church
Tue 24/12 10am-12pm
Reconciliation St
Matthew's Church

A Little Liturgy Line

On this *Gaudete Sunday* we mark our halfway point in Advent. Due to the antiphons and readings this weekend, this is called *Gaudete* or "joyful" Sunday. It reminds us that we wait in joyful hope. This waiting is for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is a weekend where we can heed the words of Isaiah, saying "to all faint hearts, Courage! Do not be afraid." For we also hear in our Gospel, that because of the coming of our Saviour, "the blind see again, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed...". Our Advent wreath is what we call a *sacramental*, an object and/or ritual that acts like a sacrament, pointing us towards the grace of God's presence and action in a focused way. Let us be glad!

Doorknock 2020 - We are seeking assistance with doorknock volunteers to help collect in **February 2020** for the St Vincent de Paul. This continues to be one of the major sources of revenue which provides for the good works of the Society primarily through home visitation. It is a work of mercy for the needy.

If you can give a couple of hours to call on houses in the Page and Aranda Conference areas, this would be greatly appreciated.

Please call Peter McCue (Page Conference) on 0400 484 468 or Paul Scholtens (Aranda Conference) if you can assist.

Parish Book Group

Our last meeting for 2019 is on **Thursday 19 December** in Marian Hall (next to St Matthew's Church, Page) starting at **1.30pm**. During this meeting we will review our meetings so far and discuss our plans for 2020. New comers are most welcome. For further information contact Megan Thompson on 6254 0524 or Beth Gibson on 6254 5044/0412 846 020.

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.

Reconciliation at South Belconnen Parish

Saturday 21 December 4pm - 5.30pm at St Vincent's Church, Aranda
Tuesday 24 December 10am - 12pm at St Matthew's Church, Page

South Belconnen Parish 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, Page
10.00am St Vincent's Church, Aranda
3.00pm St Vincent's Church, Aranda (Korean)



Library News

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

- Kelly, Anthony J: **God is love: the heart of Christian faith**. Tony Kelly is a professor of theology at ACU. This book examines several key ideas essential to understanding the love that God is.
- Nouwen, Henri: **Turn my mourning into dancing: finding hope in hard times**

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.

Advent Wreath Blessing

Presider: Let the wilderness and the dry lands exult.

All: Let the wasteland rejoice and bloom!

Presider: Let it bring forth abundant flowers.

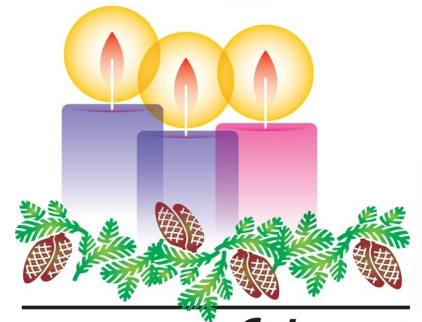
All: Let it rejoice and sing for joy!

Presider: Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees.

All: For God is coming, our God is coming to save us!

The third candle is lit to the refrain of Christ Be Our Light by Bernadette Farrell

(As One Voice vol 2 hymn 3)



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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Vinnies Bushfire Appeal

Two million hectares of **NSW** land have burned since July in more than 7,000 **fires**, with authorities calling it the “most challenging bushfire season ever”. Six people have died and more than 700 homes have been destroyed.

Vinnies NSW are running an appeal asking for money donations (not food or clothing).

Please go to www.bushfireappeal.com.au or call 13 18 12 to donate.

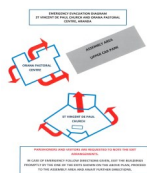
Thank you for your generosity!

The Marian Movement of Priests - 31 December - Everyone is invited to the 13th annual Canberra New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil at St Brigid's Church, 2 Bancroft Street, Dickson commencing at 8.00pm.

- First Cenacle is prayed at 8.00pm (Joyful Mysteries)
- Second Cenacle at 9.00pm (Luminous Mysteries)
- Third Cenacle at 10.00pm (Sorrowful Mysteries)
- Fourth Cenacle at 11.00pm (Glorious Mysteries)

Exposition from 8.00pm until 11.45pm concluding with Benediction. For further enquiries phone Judy & Joe Mewburn 6254 6202.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures for St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish Buildings



Emergency Evacuation Diagrams are now displayed in both church foyers, Marian Hall and Aranda Pastoral Centre.

Parishioners and visitors are requested to note the exit arrangements. In case of emergency follow directions given, exit the buildings promptly by one of the exits shown on the plan, proceed to the assembly area (St Matthew's - School netball courts/carpark, St Vincent's - Upper carpark) and await further directions.

Please also note that **first aid kits** are now available in both church foyers and parish centres. Look for the green first aid sign.



Please see the 2019 Christmas Message from Archbishop Christopher Prowse on church noticeboards or at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/a-christmas-message-from-archbishop-christopher-prowse/>.

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

	15 December			22 December		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Lorraine Higgins Mary Williams	Helen Casey Jen Muscat	Michael Allam Beth Berdin	Colleen Meadley Mary Patton	Christina Rowe Janet Moyle	Paul Scholtens Ann Cleary
Senior Servers	Bernie Leger	Damien Power	Brenda Healy	Jenny Murphy	Dennis Morris	John Malycha
EMHC	Dorothy Lalor Colleen Meadley	Kevin McInerney Joan Murphy Cathy Power	Helen Digan Rachelle Stannard	Catharina Koopman Bernard Williams	Denise Hampson Mary Morris Jan Woods	Mary Malycha Irene Scholtens
Counters Banker	Fay Margaret Shaw, Dennis Morris			Yvonne McAdoo, Damien Sloane		
A&L	P - Ann Tierney A No flowers during Advent			P - Mary Morris A - 24/12 Christine Ross		