



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Year A
22 December 2019

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This Week:

Is 7:10-14

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

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)*

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. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

W. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

M. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R.**

W. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

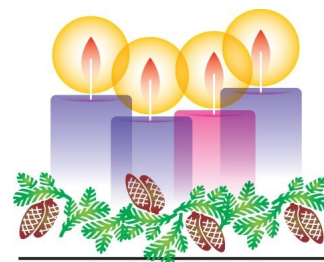
The virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us. Alleluia!

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:

As they receive these holy gifts, may our absent friends know that God is truly with them.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Next Week:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Col 3:12-21

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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, 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, Margaret Wilkinson, Berenice Wright and Robert Wrightson.

We pray for the deceased:

Recently: Phyl McAlister, Dorothy Harrington, Belinda Allen.

Anniversaries: Giuseppe Staltari, Joseph Balthazaar, Linda Balthazaar.

Parish News

What's On ...

Tue 24/12 10am-12pm
Reconciliation St
Matthew's Church

**There will be no
Exposition and 5.30pm
Mass.**

Wed 1/1 9.30am New Year's Day
Mass at St Matthew's
(replaces 7am Mass)

A Little Liturgy Line

"The two parts which in a sense go to make up the Mass, the liturgy of the word and the eucharistic liturgy, are so closely connected with each other that they form but one single act of worship." *Sacrosanctum concilium* n. 56. The lectern-table of the liturgy of the word opens our ears, minds and hearts to prepare us for altar-table of the liturgy of the eucharist. So, it has been customary for us not to approach Holy Communion if we have not heard the Gospel. Having received Christ's presence we are then sent to nourish others with Christ's presence in us and in them.

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) on 0468 941 504 if you can assist.

There will be **no** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and **no** 5.30pm Mass this Tuesday (Christmas Eve) at St Vincent's Church.

Lost Property - The lost property cupboard in the foyer of St Matthew's Church is very full. Please check if there is anything belonging to you. The cupboard will be emptied and donations made to Vinnies on 8 January 2020.

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

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

(Please bring your own rugs or chairs as well as water bottles)

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: Come, Sun of Justice and Radiant Dawn.

All: Come! Shed your light in every heart and home where darkness reigns.

Presider: Come, child of Mary, given to us as a sign of love.

All: Come! Dwell in the hearts of your people.

Presider: Come, Emmanuel, God-with-us through all ages.

All: Come! Save us without delay.

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



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BUSHFIRE APPEAL**

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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!

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal 2019

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for 2019 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 Zimbabwe, South Sudan, Jordan, Sri Lanka and Tonga.
- Contributions will be made to support Diocesan projects locally, within Wilcannia Forbes Diocese and globally, within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria.
- Other international endeavours will include support towards: enabling the rebuilding of houses in the flood affected communities of Kozhikode and Malappuram within Thamarassery Diocese, India; projects focused on helping the poor within the La Salette Matha Province in India, and further student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.
- Assistance will also be given to Bush Fire affected Dioceses in Northern NSW towards their recovery endeavours.



The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal is now available within your Parish QkR! App.
Please help us make a difference, both locally and globally, by donating to the appeal.



Have a look at the annual **Christmas messages from Australia's bishops**
<https://cathnews.com/cathnews/36899-a-season-of-hope-peace-and-joy>

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

22 December				29 December		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Colleen Meadley Mary Patton	Christina Rowe Janet Moyle	Paul Scholtens Ann Cleary	Cheryl Hamill Jenny Murphy	Elizabeth Owen Christina Rowe	Glenn Mowbray Elizabeth Hannan
Senior Servers	Jenny Murphy	Dennis Morris	John Malycha	David Ross	John Woods	Robyn Grubmueller
EMHC	Catharina Koopman Bernard Williams	Denise Hampson Mary Morris Jan Woods	Mary Malycha Irene Scholtens	Lynne Foster Dorothy Lalor	Helen Baker Janet Moyle Joan Murphy Jan Woods	Rachelle Stannard Robin Taylor
Counters Banker	Yvonne McAdoo, Damien Sloane			John Duck, Damien Power		
A&L	P - Mary Morris A - 24/12 Christine Ross			P - Christina Rowe A - 28/12 Amanda Kabaila, Rachelle Stannard 4/1 Judy Spence, Robin Taylor		