



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

The Nativity of the Lord
25 December 2019

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

Night: Is 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14
Day: Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

Masses:

Saturday Vigil	St Vincent's	6.00pm
Sunday	St Matthew's	8.30am
	St Vincent's	10.00am
Samoa (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)

At Mass During the Night: The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

At Mass During the Day: A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

W. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

M. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

W. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. **R.**

M. With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

At Mass During the Night: Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

At Mass During the Day: 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)

At Mass During the Night: The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

At Mass During the Day: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.



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 (brother of Heather Robinson), 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.

Position Vacant - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, North Belconnen, is seeking a Parish Sacramental Program Coordinator, five hours per week, to commence duties for the school year of 2020. For skills and experience required, please visit www.cg.org.au/belconnennorth. Applications must be submitted online via email by **31 January 2020**.

Parish News

What's On ...

Thu 26/12 & There will be no Mass at
Fri 27/12 9.30am on Thu & Fri
Wed 1/1 9.30am New Year's Day
Mass at St Matthew's,
Page (will replace 7am
Mass)

There will be **no Mass** on 26 and 27 December.

The Parish Office will be **closed** from Wednesday 25 December to Thursday 2 January (incl).

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



Christmas Season Message 2019



As we move from the season of Advent to the season of Christmas what is in store for us? Dust and smoke greets and grits us daily. Talk of fires has been spreading everywhere. We know our earth has not only seasons but cycles of dry and wet, and in this drought period, it's sorely testing us as we wait for the cycle to change. Sometimes we may want God to play the role of a kind of a divine magician, whisking the fires away with a wand and washing all with the resplendent rain. We know God's interventions are not often like that. We do celebrate God entering our lives though. As the smoke of the bush fires wafts in, we think of smoke from home fires all those years ago, as Mary and Joseph search for a place to lay their heads and have their child. Like those seeking asylum from fires or foreign shores, they knew what it was like to search for a place to stay. As Mary's pregnancy was, at first, seen to be unusual, they were seen to be in a compromising place. Yet God was with them and they brought into the world Emmanuel, God-is-with-us, in the person of a vulnerable, awkward, little baby, Jesus. When we feel we have no place to go, God is with us. When we feel our family is not ideal, God is with us. When we are affrighted by climate cycles and natural disasters, God is with us. As we celebrate the nativity of the Lord Jesus, may we know he is born into our lives, for he came to offer us salvation. Thank you all for continuing to have Fr Thomas and myself (Fr Simon), at home among you. May the Lord make a home upon our hearth this Christmas Season.

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.