



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

The Epiphany of the Lord

Year A

5 January 2020

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

This Week:

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

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)*

Vigil Mass: Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

Day Mass: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R.**

M. 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.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come with gifts to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

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

Vigil Mass: The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

Day Mass: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Take the sacrament of the Lord's body and blood to the absent members of our congregation, so that they may share with us in our Eucharist on this feast of the Epiphany.

Next Week: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17

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, Ken Hitchings, 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), 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: Gianfranco Ongania, Beryl Dias Abeyesinghe, Terry Miners, Phyl McAlister, Dorothy Harrington, Belinda Allen.

Anniversaries: Giuseppe Staltari, Joseph Balthazaar, Linda Balthazaar.

A Prayer for Bushfire Victims

God Almighty giver and sustainer of life,
For those whose homes are threatened by fire,
We ask your mercy.
For those whose lives are threatened by flames,
We pray your protection.
For those who have lost all their possessions,
We pray your comfort.
For those whose health is impaired by smoke,

We pray your healing.
Be with those who respond,
Keep safe firefighters, police and volunteers.
Make their efforts effective.
Be with those who grieve,
Bring them comfort.
Surround the animals in harms way
May they find shelter.
God in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.
Amen.

(c) Christine Sine. (Adapted from a 2013 prayer)



Vinnies Bushfire Appeal

Nearly 1300 homes have been destroyed by bushfire in **NSW** since the start of the fire season, with 382 homes destroyed since New Year's Eve. Sadly, there has been loss of life and more destruction is anticipated over this weekend.

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!

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.



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.



Parish Financial Report for November 2019

	Actual 11 mths to 30/11/2019 \$	Planned 11 mths to 30/11/2019 \$	Variance against Plan \$	
1st Collection	86,089	N/A	N/A	
(for Clergy and administration of the Archdiocese)				
2nd Collection	159,964	162,500	-2,536	under budget
(Incl Planned Giving for administration of the Parish)				
Parish Income & Expenditure Statement				
Income *	181,603	181,930	-327	under budget
Expenditure	170,262	163,182	-7,080	over budget
Surplus/(Deficit)	11,341	18,748	-7,407	

* Income = 2nd collection + other income

Parishioners wishing to participate in the Parish Planned Giving Program or give a one off donation, please contact the Parish Office on 6254 1827 dur-

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.

Follow us <https://www.facebook.com/southbelconnen/> and <https://twitter.com/BelconnenP>.

Diocesan Delegates for the Plenary Council

Have you been a part of the Plenary Council process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment? Do you feel called to express your interest in being a delegate for our Archdiocese?

If so, submit your Expression of Interest by speaking with your parish priest, school principal or agency leader today about the details. Expressions of Interest are due by **25 January 2020**.

Any person expressing an interest must be available for the following dates:

Preparation and formation days for delegates: Choose one of the following dates:

Melbourne: Thursday 18 June - Saturday 20 June 2020

Brisbane: Thursday 25 June - Saturday 27 June 2020

Sydney: Thursday 16 July - Saturday 18 July 2020

Perth: Thursday 23 July - Saturday 25 July 2020

Plenary Council General Assembly 1: 2pm Sunday 4 October – 12pm Sunday 11 October 2020.

Plenary Council General Assembly 2: 12pm Monday 28 June – 12pm Saturday 3 July 2021.

Reception of the Children to be Baptised into St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish Family

We welcome the following children who are to be baptised and received into the Catholic way of life.

- Eloise Collins, daughter of David & Clare
- John Buick, son of Mark & Irena
- Vincent Konza, son of James & Stephanie

(after the Homily the families of those to be baptised will be asked to come forward and stand on the sanctuary facing the people)

Celebrant: Dear Parents, what Christian Names have you given to your child?

Parents: *(each parent gives the child her/his Christian Names)*

Celebrant: Why did you bring your child here to (St Matthew's or St Vincent's) today?

Parents: To be baptised.

Celebrant: My dear parents, you have formally asked to have your child baptised. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of raising your children with a knowledge and love of God, nourished by family prayer and by your participation in the life of the Church through celebration of the Mass and the Sacraments and by the example of your life lived out according to

the values of the Gospel. It will be your duty to bring your children up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God above all things and our neighbour as ourselves. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

Parents: We do.

Celebrant: I ask you all present who as baptised members of St Matthew's & St Vincent's Parish Family and the whole Church, do you welcome these children into our Church Family and will you pray for them and their families?

Parishioners: We will.

Celebrant: Our Parish Family welcomes you into our Christian Community with great joy. In its name, I claim you for Christ our Saviour by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your foreheads and I ask your parents, godparents and representatives of St Matthew's & St Vincent's to do the same.

(Parents, godparents and the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for this Mass now sign each child on the forehead with a prayerful Sign of the Cross)

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

5 January				12 January		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Colleen Meadley Mary Paton	Denis Daly John Duck	Ann Cleary Tom Liddiard	Lorraine Higgins Graham Williams	Victoria Gonzales Jen Muscat	Elizabeth Hannan Gerard Hogan
Senior Servers	Paul Scholtens	Vince Burns	Brenda Healy	Damien Sloane	Dennis Morris	Michael Allam
EMHC	Catharina Williams Irene Scholtens	Carolyn Burns Shahenie Burns Jo Duck Denise Hampson	Judi Ahern Jane Burroughs	Margaret Sloane	Jo Duck John Duck Mary Morris	Annette Charge
Counters Banker	Ed Skrzypczak, Bernard Williams			John McKeough, Parish Secretary		
A&L	P - Judy Williamson A - 11/1 Mary Malycha, Fay Margaret Shaw, Maddalena Cobanov			P - Jan Cashman A - 18/1 Korean Community Ladies		