



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

The Presentation of the Lord  
2 February 2020

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### This Week:

Malachi 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40

## 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 Vincent'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)*

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord!**

W. O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

M. Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **R.**

W. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

M. Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord or armies, he is the king of glory. **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!

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

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

## Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Your ministry unites us as a community with those who cannot be here today. Take the body of our Lord to them and remind them of their dignity as children of the light even in the midst of their sufferings.



**Next Week :** Is 58:7-10 | Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

## 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 Hutchings, 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, Angela Williams, Berenice Wright and Robert Wrightson.

### We pray for the deceased:

Recently: Maria Riebeiro, Kerri Pinkerton, Lyle Hardy, Brian Hurley, Margaret Webster, Audrey Healy, Warren Smith and those killed in the current bushfires.

Anniversaries: Penny Durick, Gerardo Cecere.

The first **Parish Ladies Dinner** for the year will be held at 6pm on **Thursday 13 February** at the Southern Cross Club, Jamison. All welcome!

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

## Parish News

### What's On ...

Sat 1/2&	Blessings of Candles, all
Sun 2/2	Masses
Thu 13/2	6pm Ladies Dinner, SCC, Jammo
Fri 21/2	9.30am Mother's Group, St Matthew's

**Readers, Servers, Acolytes, EMHC** - Rosters for the months of March, April and May will be drawn up shortly. Would you kindly advise your availability to serve during this period to Mary Morris ([morrisdm@me.com](mailto:morrisdm@me.com) / 0438 6331 657) by Sunday 9 February.

One of the Sunday morning teams that takes Holy Communion to the Housebound is in need of a new member. If you would like to join this Ministry on a roster basis, kindly contact Mary Morris (as above) or the Parish Office.

### A Little Liturgy Line

The Sacraments are a privileged way in which nature is taken up by God to become a means of mediating supernatural life... Water, oil, fire and colours are taken up in all their symbolic power and incorporated in our act of praise. Pope Francis, *Laudato si* 235.

### Mother's of Belconnen South - first gathering for 2020!

A small group of young women met twice late last year to establish a group for mothers of our Parish, where ideas and questions about bringing up their children in the Catholic faith can be discussed and shared. It is hoped by coming together, women will connect with others in the Parish, new friendships will be formed and the group will support one another in bringing the faith alive for themselves and their families. We look forward to others joining us in 2020! If you are interested or know someone who maybe, please invite them along too.

**The group will meet for the first time for 2020 on Friday, February 21st. We will gather for the 9:30AM Parish Mass at 9:30AM and move to the Marian Hall for morning tea and a planning chat after that. If you are unable to make Mass please join us in the hall at 10AM.**

**If you are interested in becoming part of this vibrant group of South Belconnen mothers please contact Louise Heywood** (lheywood@bigpond.com or 0421 288 302) for more information.

### 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.

*Vision for our Parish: Walking together in faith to share God's love with all*

## Vinnies February Doorknock

Due to the uncertainty of the air quality and the number of fund raising appeals currently in progress, Vinnies will not be holding the doorknock this February.

**Instead** it is proposed to set up in indoor locations, ie shopping centres, clubs and similar places, around Canberra and Queanbeyan, collecting for the **Vinnies Bushfire Appeal**.

It is hoped that doorknock helpers will volunteer to sit at a 'collection table' in a shopping centre or similar and collect donations for the **Vinnies Bushfire Appeal**. Your support is still needed.

The finer details are still being worked out and as soon as they become known volunteers will be contacted. Please contact Paul Scholtens (Aranda Conference) on 0468 941 504 or Peter McCue (Page Conference) on 0400484468.



The parish **Laudato Si** group advises that the Australian Bishops' Catholic Earthcare agency has recently endorsed in principle a proposed bill from Hon Zali Steggall MP to create an effective and apolitical framework for Australia's climate response, one similar to that already enacted in lead nations such as the UK, France, Germany and New Zealand (see <http://catholicearthcare.org.au/2020/01/catholic-earthcare-australia-supports-proposed-climate-change-bill/> ). The Australian Religious Response to Climate Change is co-hosting a people's climate assembly in the parliamentary precinct Sunday-Thursday 2-6 Feb, with a focus on a 12nn rally at Parliament on its return Tuesday 4-Feb ([www.arrcc.org.au](http://www.arrcc.org.au) )

"How inseparable is the bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace" (Pope Francis 'Our Common Home' 2015 para 10).

## Around the Archdiocese

### Lenten Concert

#### 'Ashes to Easter' with Peter Kearney

Sunday 15 March, 2-3.15pm in St John Vianney Church, 87 Namatjira Drive, Waramanga. Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter/singer and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House' and 'The Beatitudes'. His 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections to Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. Mainly for adults though upper-primary and older students could also enjoy. Donations welcome.

### Christ Church Hawker Quarterly Men's Luncheon 11.45am - 2pm Monday 10 February Birrigai Café, Kangara Waters

Guest Speaker: Joel Atwood (a nanotechnology and international relations graduate, with postgraduate study in theology, cross-cultural studies and linguistics, currently working with the tertiary Christian group GNYF in Vanuatu. RSVPs to Bruce Hooley 6251 7124, [brucehooley.l@bigpond.com](mailto:brucehooley.l@bigpond.com) by **Thursday 6 February**.)

### Pastoral Care Course

Are you interested in learning the basics of Pastoral Care? In increasing your capacity to be a reflective listener and to support others in a spiritual and empathic form of supportive care? Clinical Pastoral Education is an internationally recognised course and a 5 week Introductory Course will be running at Queanbeyan Hospital on Wednesdays, 9-5, from **Feb 19-Mar 18**. Cost is from \$350-\$400. Contact Susanne Schmidt on 0431 243 486 or at [susannecpe@gmail.com](mailto:susannecpe@gmail.com) for more details.

### Jesuit led Canberra First Spiritual Exercises Retreat: Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus

20 April – 16 May 2020. You don't need any special qualifications. All you need is the desire to open yourself to God and to take some practical steps to find time for prayer. For more details and/or to express interest in attending: <https://www.clcaustralia.org.au/australian-capital-territory/> or 0407147540.

**Our Parish Goal: Invigorating the parish by building an actively engaged community**

### 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

2 February				9 February		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Irena Dennis Lorraine Higgins	Helen Casey Christina Rowe	Ann Cleary Paul Scholtens	Colleen Meadley Jenny Murphy	Denis Daly John Duck	Belen Lamond Elizabeth Hannan
<b>Senior Servers</b>	David Ross	Vince Burns	Brenda Healy	Roger FitzGerald	Dennis Morris	Michael Allam
<b>EMHC</b>	Catharina Williams Mary Williams	Carolyn Burns Kevin McInerney Janet Moyle Joan Murphy	Rachelle Stannard Robin Taylor	Lynne Foster	Helen Baker Denise Hampson Mary Morris	Jane Burroughs
<b>Counters Banker</b>	John McKeough, Damien Power			Ed Skrzypczak, Bernard Williams		
<b>A&amp;L</b>	<b>P</b> - Mary Morris <b>A</b> - 8/2 Judy Spence, Robin Taylor			<b>P</b> - Christina Rowe <b>A</b> - 15/2 Mary Malycha, Fay Margaret Shaw, Maddalena Cobanov		