



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
9 February 2020

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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

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

This Week:

Is 58:7-10
I Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:13-16

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

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

W. He is light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

M. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

W. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

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

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

As you take the body of Christ to our sisters and brothers at home, remind them to be a light to others through their ministry of prayer for the Church and the world.

Let your
light
shine.
Matthew 5:16

Next Week : Sirach 15:15-20 I Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37

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: Mary Smith, Isabel Fitzgerald, Maria Riebeiro, Kerri Pinkerton, Lyle Hardy, Brian Hurley, Margaret Webster and those killed in the current bushfires.

Anniversaries: Penny Durick.

Ash Wednesday Mass

times: 7am Page, 9.30am Page & Aranda, 6pm Page, 6.30pm (Korean).

Parish News

What's On ...

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 / 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

As we leave Mass, or any Liturgies, we are urged to live what we prayed. As Pope Francis teaches: "Prayer is most precious, for it nourishes a daily commitment to love. Our worship becomes pleasing to God when we devote ourselves to living generously, and allow God's gift, granted in prayer, to be shown in our concern for our brothers and sisters." ***Gaudete et exultate, 104.***

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. Children are welcome!

The group will meet for the first time for 2020 on Friday, February 21st. We will gather for the 9:30am Parish Mass 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 (lmheywood@bigpond.com or 0421 288 302) for more information.

Responses from the last Parish Assembly have been collated and are **available in church foyers**. These responses will lead the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) as they renew the Parish Pastoral Plan for 2020.

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 Page Conference is making a collection for the bushfires at the Raiders Club, Kippax between 12 - 22 February at 5-7pm (Wednesday - Saturday only). If you can help with this endeavour please call Peter McCue on 0400 784468. Please contact Paul Scholtens if you can offer assistance to the Aranda Conference on 0468 941 504.

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.

"Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded." (Pope Francis 'Our Common Home' 2015 para 13).

Library News

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

- Cornish, Sandie and Dean, Andrea (ed): **Still listening to the Spirit: woman and man twenty years later**. "Collection of essays on issues concerning woman in the Church and in society in Australia today."
- Roheiser, Ron: **Sacred fire: a vision for a deeper human and Christian maturity**. A follow up to the contemporary classic on spirituality - "The Holy Longing".
- Timmerman, William: **"Offering it up" for the souls and the world**.

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.

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 by **Thursday 6 February**.)

Autumn Hymnfest 2020

An open invitation to all who love singing hymns to join others at the Autumn Hymnfest at Mosaic Baptist Church (formerly Belconnen Baptist Church), 18 Dallachy Street, Page, at 2.30pm on Saturday 14 March. You will be warmly welcomed and afternoon tea will follow the program. See the noticeboards and pamphlets in the church foyers for further details.

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Our Parish Goal: Invigorating the parish by building an actively engaged community
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Canberra Bach Ensemble

The next **CBE performance** will take place at St Christopher's Cathedral, Franklin Street, Manuka on **Friday 27 March at 7.30pm and Sunday 29 March at 2.30pm**. Tickets through www.canberrabachensemble.com.

Women's Lenten Retreat

When: 6pm Friday 28 Feb - 4pm Sunday 1 Mar 2020
Where: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa
Cost: \$170 - twin share \$210 - single room (when avail)
Day Participation: 9am - 5pm - \$60 registration
Booking form & Payment: info@schoenstatt.org.au or 02 4773 8338 by **14 Feb**

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.

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

	9 February			16 February		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Colleen Meadley Jenny Murphy	Denis Daly John Duck	Belen Lamond Elizabeth Hannan	Mary Patton Graham Williams	Victoria Gonzales Mary Morris	Adora Calub Gerard Hogan
Senior Servers	Roger FitzGerald	Dennis Morris	Michael Allam	Paul Scholtens	Damien Power	Robyn Grubmueller
EMHC	Lynne Foster	Helen Baker Denise Hampson Mary Morris	Jane Burroughs	Dorothy Lalor Irene Scholtens	Jo Duck John Duck Dennis Morris Cathy Power	Judi Ahern Annette Charge
Counters Banker	Ed Skrzypczak, Bernard Williams			Irene Bilton, Dennis Morris		
A&L	P - Christina Rowe A - 15/2 Mary Malycha, Fay Margaret Shaw, Maddalena Cobanov			P - Judy Williamson A - 22/2 Korean Community Ladies		