



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
23 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:

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18
1 Cor 3:16-23
Mt 5:38-48

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

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

W. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

M. It is the Lord who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

W. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

M. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

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

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Christ is the wisdom of God and holiness of God; take with reverence his precious body to those who cannot be present today.



Next Week : Gen 2:7-9 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19
Mt 4:1-11

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: Belinda Allen, Mary-Anne McGrath, Mary Smith, Isabel Fitzgerald, Maria Riebeiro and those killed in the current bushfires.

Anniversaries: Penny Durick.

The **Sacrament of Anointing** will be celebrated during the 9.30am Mass on Friday 6 March at St Matthew's Church. All are invited to morning tea which will follow Mass in Marian Hall. A plate to share would be appreciated.

Parish News

What's On ...

Thu 27/2	6.15pm Mens' Group, Orana Centre
Tue 25/2	After 5.30pm Mass burning of palms
Wed 26/2	Ash Wednesday
Fri 6/3	9.30am Anointing Mass, St Matthew's

Burning of last year's palms will take place after the 5.30pm Mass this Tuesday, 25 February. You are invited to bring your palms, place them in the pile to be burnt and join the short ritual after Mass.

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

A Little Liturgy Line

From Pope Francis **Querida Amazonia**: 'The inculturation of Christian spirituality in the cultures of the original peoples can benefit in a particular way from the sacraments, since they unite the divine and the cosmic, grace and creation. In the Amazon region, the sacraments should not be viewed in discontinuity with creation. **QA:81** In the Eucharist, God, "in the culmination of the mystery of the Incarnation, chose to reach our intimate depths through a fragment of matter". The Eucharist "joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation". **QA:82**

Thank you to those who have been helping with **Children's Liturgy** each Sunday, especially to Caroline Weller who is stepping down as co-ordinator. Our parish appreciates your commitment and effort in teaching our faith to the children of our parish.

South Belconnen Parish School of Religion

The Parish School of Religion provides religious education, catechesis and sacramental preparation for Catholic children who attend government or private schools. Classes run from 4:15 to 5:15 on Wednesday afternoons during school term.

Classes will commence on **Wednesday 26 February 2020** at 4:15 pm at the Orana Centre. For more information and an enrolment form please contact Trish at trish_glenn@bigpond.com or on 0408 561 255.



Plenary Council 2020 - Parishioners are invited to discuss the theme "How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is Prayerful and Eucharistic?" for phase 2 of the Plenary Council. This theme will be explored in the main room of the Orana Pastoral Centre, opposite St Vincent's Church, at **7.30pm on Wednesday 11 March**. For more information contact Kate (Parish Secretary) at belconnensouth@cg.org.au or 6254 1827.

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

The next Combined Mens' Group for this year will be held at **6:15 pm on Thursday 27 February at the St Vincent's Aranda Centre**. All welcome. Please RSVP to Paul Pearson - 0412 685 582 or paul.pearson@bigpond.com by **COB Tuesday 25 February**.

Children's Liturgy 2020 - We welcome all children of the Parish to participate in the 2020 Children's Liturgy program. Sessions run as follows: **Aranda, 10 am Mass, 1st and 3rd Sundays & Page, 8.30 am Mass, 2nd and 4th Sundays**. Volunteers to assist leaders in running Liturgy sessions are always welcome. If you are interested in becoming involved in this rewarding aspect of Parish life, please contact Justine Molony justinemolony@bigpond.com 0415204174). **Please note that all helpers are required to have a Working With Vulnerable People card.**

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.

We are looking for singers and musicians to join the **Youth Choir at South Belconnen Parish**. Children aged between 7 to 18 years are welcome to join us if you are keen to learn and enjoy sharing your talents and praising God! We need at least 6 children and their parents to commit to singing once a month at 6pm Mass on the first Saturday of the month. Practice will be held at 4pm before Mass. We will be singing at St Matthew's in Page or St Vincent's in Aranda. Please contact the parish office on P: 02 6254 1827 E: belconnensouth@cg.org.au to leave your name, email and phone number and your child/children's names and ages.

First Spiritual Exercises Retreat in the South Belconnen Parish - Inner Peace In Friendship with Jesus 20 April - 16 May 2020

This retreat is for: Men and Women; Young and Old; Married or Singles

It is designed for people just like you. The retreat allows you to continue your ordinary daily life with its usual round of going to work, caring for the family or whatever is the shape of your busy life. The retreat will guide your prayer and reflection on life within your daily routine.

The Jesuit giving the retreat will be offering a retreat from the book by Michael Hansen SJ "*The First Spiritual Exercises - Four Guided Retreats*". Ideally each retreatant will be able to purchase a copy of the book before the retreat commences. (If you attended the Retreat in 2019 you will have a copy). Copies cost approx. \$35 each (TBC). The Parish Office can provide an electronic copy if needed. There is a brochure and application form in church foyers, on the parish website, Facebook or Twitter. Please request to order a copy of the book or an electronic copy on the application form provided. Applications and book orders must be provided to the South Belconnen Parish Office by **13 March**.

For more details contact the Parish Office at belconnensouth@cg.org.au or phone 6254 1827.

Pope Francis' next exhortation querida Amazonia is available at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-02/querida-amazonia-synthesis-pope-francis-exhortation-amazon.html>.

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

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will be holding its autumn plant stall on Thursday 12 March, from 7.30 am- 4 pm, near the main foyer, Calvary Hospital, Bruce. There will be an excellent variety of indoor and outdoor plants for sale, including succulents, natives, exotics, roses, geraniums, lilies, iris and more. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. Contact: Jan on 0437790980.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend - Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship! 17 to 19 April 2020 at the Mount Carmel Retreat Centre in Varroville (Campbelltown NSW). Book online at wwme.org.au or contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419 or at adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

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.

Merici College Enrolling Now! A wonderful opportunity for prospective families to see the College in action, meet our students and attend the Principal's Address, Year 7 and 11 Information Evenings and lots more. We are enrolling now for 2021 and beyond! Please visit www.merici.college for all dates and information for our Open Day, Be a Merici Girl Days and Talk and Tours. Register online now!

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.

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

23 February				1 March		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Mary Williams Bernie Leger	Janet Moyle Jen Muscat	Beth Berdin Tom Liddiard	Lorraine Higgins Bernie Leger	Denis Daly Elizabeth Owen	Adora Calub Ann Cleary
Senior Servers	Damien Sloane	John Woods	John Malycha	Damien Sloane	Vince Burns	Michael Allam
EMHC	Cheryl Hamill Margaret Sloane	Helen Baker Denise Hampson Joan Murphy Jan Woods	Mina Chiu Mary Malycha	Margaret Sloane Bernard Williams	Helen Baker Carolyn Burns Shahenie Burns Judy Williamson	Judi Ahern Jane Burroughs
Counters Banker	Yvonne McAdoo, Damien Sloane			John McKeough, Damien Power		
A&L	P - Jan Cashman A - No flowers during Lent			P - Yvonne McAdoo A - No flowers during Lent		