



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

1st Sunday of Lent
Year A
1 March 2020

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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 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, St Matthew's **only** middle 2 sections turn your hearing aid to the T switch

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

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

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

W. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

M. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

W. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

M. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

May Christ in his holy sacrament be with you, that, together with those you serve, you may find God.

Next Week: Gen 12:1-4 2 Tim 1:8-10
Mt 17:1-9



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

Anniversaries: Sean Reiher, 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.

Found in St Vincent's Church last Sunday (left-hand side of church) a **GOLD PENDANT**, capital letter "A" (no chain). Please see Robin, 10am Mass, or ring 625 1 1072.

Parish News

What's On ...

Fri 6/3	9.30am Anointing Mass, St Matthew's
Wed 11/3	7.30pm Plenary Council Session, OC
Mon 20/4-	Retreat in Daily Life
Sat 16/5	Register Now!

EMHC crosses are missing. If found please return to St Matthew's Church. Thank you.

Ember Days (from the German *Quatember*, 'quarter day' or, as the Irish used to say, *Quarter Tense*) mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. Kept in the Roman Church since the fifth century, they are observed in Australia on the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) as special days of prayer and penance.

On Rogation and Ember days the Church is accustomed to entreat the Lord for the various needs of humanity, especially for the fruits of the earth and for human labour, and to give thanks to him publicly. GNLYC 45, Ordo.

A Little Liturgy Line

So our Liturgical Year moves into the time of Lent. Pope Francis invites us to live it "more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy. How many pages of Sacred Scripture are appropriate for meditation during the weeks of Lent to help us rediscover the merciful face of the Father! *Misericordiae vultus 17.*" To assist in such readings we can consult our Missals or websites such as universalis.com, or apps such as *Universalis, Pray As You Go* or *Sacred Space*.

Any students (8+) wanting to help take up the collection at weekend Masses, please add their name to the sheet in Church foyers. Contact Claire Tagliapietra (Youth Minister) on 0435 725 525.

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.

For more information and an enrolment form please contact Trish at trish_glenn@bigpond.com or on 0408 561 255.



Plenary Council 2020 - "How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is Prayerful and Eucharistic?" What are the diverse ways we encounter God through our Eucharistic celebration, experience prayer, music and liturgy? Details: Orana Pastoral Centre, 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 or Peter Donnan on 0497 579 649.

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

Vinnies Bushfire Appeal - A Vinnies fund raising Sausage Sizzle will be held at Bunnings (Beconnen) on Sunday 15 March. Your patronage would be most welcomed.

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.**

Jean Vanier - It was with great sadness last weekend that many of us heard the news that Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche who died last year, sexually abused at least 6 women from the 1970s to 2005. This finding is the result of an independent enquiry commissioned by L'Arche International. The enquiry found that Jean Vanier initiated sexual relations with each of the women, often in the context of spiritual accompaniment.

When we hear news like this we may experience a range of responses including distress, anger, fear, shock, a lack of surprise, a sense of disbelief, sadness, and a reduction in our confidence to know who to trust.

At such times as these, we need to be mindful that different people will be impacted in different ways, and will respond in different ways.

We need to be aware of our own reaction and look after ourselves. We also need to actively watch out and care for those who are struggling with this sad news.

May we all strive to ensure our parish is a safe place for everyone.

Beth Gibson

Parish Safeguarding Volunteer

Please take home a **Project Compassion box** and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "**Go Further, Together**". Your support is life saving for people experiencing poverty and oppression. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

**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.

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.

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

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.

- Elsie Legge-Pearce, daughter of Alexander & Emily
- Isabella Taylor, daughter of Rob & Sheree
- John Buick, son of Mark & Irena

(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

	1 March			8 March		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Lorraine Higgins Bernie Leger	Denis Daly Elizabeth Owen	Adora Calub Ann Cleary	Bernie Leger Graham Williams	John Duck Christina Rowe	Irena Dennis Elizabeth Hannan
Senior Servers	Damien Sloane	Vince Burns	Michael Allam	David Ross	Dennis Morris	Robyn Grubmueller
EMHC	Margaret Sloane Bernard Williams	Helen Baker Carolyn Burns Shahenie Burns Judy Williamson	Judi Ahern Jane Burroughs	Cheryl Hamill	Jo Duck Denise Hampson Mary Morris	Mina Chiu Mary Malycha
Counters Banker	Ed Skrzypczak, Damien Power			John Duck, Irene Bilton		
A&L	P - Yvonne McAdoo A - No flowers during Lent			P - Ann Tierney A - No flowers during Lent		