



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

2nd Sunday of Lent
Year A
8 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 12:1-4
2 Tim 1:8-10
Mt 17:1-9

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

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

W. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

M. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

W. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Take this holy sacrament to our sisters and brothers who are sick, so that they may have the assurance of God's love for them.



Next Week : Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

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: Terrence McGuiness, Una Sadler, Annis Gall, Belinda Allen, Mary-Anne McGrath, Mary Smith, Isabel Fitzgerald, Maria Riebeiro.

Anniversaries: Lawrence Woolf, Sean Reiher.

South Belconnen Parish Choir -

There will be choir practice in St Vincent's Church at 5pm on **Saturday 14 March**, prior to singing the 6pm Mass. All interested in singing will be welcome.

Parish News

What's On ...

- Wed 11/3 7.30pm Plenary Council Session, OC
- Sat 14/3 5pm Choir Practice, St Vincent's
- Thu 19/3 Mass time changed to 5.30pm at St Vincent's**
- Sat 21/3 4.45pm Youth Group, followed by Mass, St Vincent's
- Mon 20/4- Retreat in Daily Life
- Sat 16/5 Register Now!

Please read Archdiocesan Protocols re **The CoronaVirus (COVID-19)** inserted in this bulletin. There are also copies in the foyer of the church.

Fathers Simon and Thomas need to attend a compulsory Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding meeting on the morning of **Thursday 19 March** so Mass will now be held at **5.30pm** on that day at St Vincent's Church.

A Little Liturgy Line

The Sick are also present to the assembly. They are in our thoughts and prayers. Their usual seats are vacant. We feel their absence. Our union with them is made concrete when Communion is brought to them from the assembly. The Bread of Life is for the nourishment of all members of the body of Christ. Moore, **Why the Mass Matters** 2004:65. If they desire, Mass can be viewed from hospital or home on <https://www.northsydney Catholics.com/spirituality/liturgy/mass-on-demand>.

Youth Group and Family Mass

The first Youth Group of the year will be held at **St Vincent's Church** on **Saturday 21 March at 4.45pm** for students in year 3-7. After Youth Group there will be a **Youth and Family Mass starting at 6pm** and we are looking for anyone who may be interested in having a part in the Mass. Whether that be welcoming parishioners and handing out bulletins, reading, the offertory procession, singing in the choir or altar serving - there are jobs for everyone!

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.



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Plenary Council 2020 - "How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is Prayerful and Eucharistic?" Parishioners are invited to attend this meeting which will focus on actions to help the Church in Australia respond to this theme; a summary of the discussion will also be sent to the relevant Plenary Council committee. **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 (Belconnen) next Sunday 15 March. Your patronage would be most welcomed.

Mothers of Belconnen South - next gathering for 2020!

This group of women meets monthly to enjoy a cuppa and cake and discuss and share ideas around bringing up their children in the Catholic faith. New friendships are formed and the group supports one another in bringing the faith alive for themselves and their families. If you are interested or know someone who maybe, please invite them along too. Children are welcome.

The next gathering for 2020 will be held on **Friday, March 20th** from **1:30PM until 3PM** at the **Marian Hall**, Page (next to St Matthew's Church). Our topic for discussion will be **'Praying with our Children'**. For more information please contact **Louise Heywood** (lmheywood@bigpond.com or 0421 288 302).

Library News

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

- Leonard, Richard, SJ: ***Hatch, match and dispatch*** an engaging journey through the history, liturgy and theology of the seven Sacraments.
- Mundy, Linus: ***A retreat with Benedict and Bernard: seeking God alone - together.***
- Ley, Amette: ***Stations of mercy with Pope Francis.***
- Pennington, M. Basil: ***The Song of Songs: a spiritual commentary.***

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.

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. Donations can also be made using the Qkr! App.



A key (and key ring) was found near the St Matthew's Church. Please contact the Parish Office if you think it is yours!

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

Around the Archdiocese

Amicus, a support group (created by Monsignor John Woods and Father Mick MaAndrew in 1992) for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering for 2020 at the Bread n Putter Bistro, Queanbeyan Golf Club on Saturday 14 March meeting at 7pm for dinner. To join us please call Lyn 0400 265 926.

St Joseph's College (Goulburn) Reunion - will be held on Sunday 22 March 2020. Mass will be held at 11am followed by a luncheon at 12.30pm. Please RSVP to Delma Nelson on 4821 4531 as soon as possible.

St Francis Xavier College 2021 Enrolment Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 5 May 2020. The evening will commence with guided tours from 5pm and an information session from 6.30-7.15pm. For more information regarding enrolments, please contact Jennifer.madgwick@sfx.act.edu.au or telephone 6258 1055.

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

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.

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.

St Patrick's Day Ecumenical Service

When: 12pm 14 March 2020

Where: Senior Hall, Marist College, Marr St Pearce

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

	8 March			15 March		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Bernie Leger Graham Williams	John Duck Christina Rowe	Irena Dennis Elizabeth Hannan	Cheryl Hamill Michael White	Victoria Gonzales Janet Moyle	Michael Allam Gerard Hogan
Senior Servers	David Ross	John Woods	Robyn Grubmueller	Bernie Leger	Damien Power	Paul Scholtens
EMHC	Cheryl Hamill	Jo Duck Denise Hampson Jan Woods	Annette Charge	Catharina Koopman Catharina Williams	Jo Duck John Duck Kevin McInerney Cathy Power	Mina Chiu Irene Scholtens
Counters Banker	John McKeough, Bernard Williams			John Duck, Irene Bilton		
A&L	P - Ann Tierney A - No flowers during Lent			P - Mary Morris A - No flowers during Lent		