



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul

South Belconnen

3rd Sunday of Lent
Year A
15 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:

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

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

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

W. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

M. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

W. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Take this holy sacrament to our sisters and brothers who are sick. Assure them of God's love and of ours. May they never doubt that the Lord is with them.



Next Week: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

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: Gail Mitchell, Terrence McGuinness, Una Sadler, Annis Gall, Belinda Allen, Mary-Anne McGrath.

Anniversaries: David Hardy, Paul Richter, Milly Baldock, Lawrence Woolf, Sean Reiher.

Any **students** (8yrs+) wanting to help at weekend Masses with: reading, collections, being an altar server, playing music, part of Youth Council, please complete the sign up sheet in church foyers.

Jesuit led Canberra First Spiritual Exercises Retreat

20 April – 16 May 2020. Have you ever got through a tough situation with the help of a really good friend? This retreat in daily life will draw on the ordinary but often life-changing experiences of friendship and how God is found in our work, relationships, family and friends.

For more details and/or to express interest in attending:
CLCinCanberra@gmail.com or 0407147540.

Parish News

What's On ...

- Thu 19/3** Mass time changed to **5.30pm at St Vincent's**
1.30pm Book Group, MH
- Fri 20/3** 1.30pm Mother's Group, MH
- Sat 21/3** 4.45pm Youth Group, followed by Mass, St Vincent's
- Mon 20/4- Sat 16/5** Retreat in Daily Life Register Now!

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!

A Little Liturgy Line

We have Project Compassion Mission appeals during Lent. These lead back to and are inspired by the Liturgy. "Through the preaching and the celebration of the sacraments, of which the holy Eucharist is the centre and summit, missionary activity makes Christ present, who is the author of salvation." **Vatican II, Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity (Ad Gentes) 9.** As Fr Timothy Radcliffe, OP states: "Why go to Church? To be sent from it!" **Why Go To Church?** (2008: 208).

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.

The Easter Triduum will be celebrated at St Vincent's Church:

Holy Thursday 9 April

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm

Good Friday 10 April

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3.00pm

Holy Saturday 11 April

Easter Vigil 7.00pm

Easter Sunday Masses

St Matthew's Church 8.30am
St Vincent's Church 10.00am
Korean Mass St Vincent's 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday

St Matthew's Church 11.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Good Friday St Matthew's 10-11am
Saturday St Matthew's 11-12pm

Please read Archdiocesan Protocol re **The CoronaVirus (COVID-19)**. There are copies in the foyer of the church.

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) this 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.

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.



Parent Information Evening for Sacraments 2020

For parents with children between the years of 3-6 who wish your child to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. Please attend a parent meeting:

Wednesday 25 March, 6pm, St Vincent's Church, Aranda

Please contact Shahenie Burns, Parish Sacramental Coordinator for more information M 0477 112 867 or E shahenie.burns@gmail.com.

Barry grew up in a tough environment. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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Parish Book Group - Our next meeting is on **Thursday 19 March** in Marian Hall (next to St Matthew's Church, Page) starting at **1.30pm**. At this meeting we will be sharing our thoughts on excerpts from See with the eyes of the heart by Father Chris Monaghan, CP. New comes are most welcome. For further information contact Megan Thompson on 6254 0524 or Beth Gibson on 6254 5044/0412 846 020.

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

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 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.

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.

Lenten Retreat with Fr Roni George VC & Fr Joby George VC

Let us get into a deeper union with Our Lord, let us contemplate his suffering for our sake, let us hold his unconditional love for us, so dearly and close to our hearts. Let us wear the robe of His sonship/daughtership at all times, especially during the Lenten season and offer our sacrifices unto Him. And let the Lord work wonders in our lives.

Date: Saturday 28 March (9.30am-4.30pm)

Venue: St Benedicts Catholic Church, 10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah

Admission is FREE, BYO lunch. Boxed lunch avail at nominal cost, RSVP by 27 March to pl.rebello@gmail.com. For enquiries please contact Parveen 0439 642 571 or Winnie 0451 015 527.

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

Encounter Timor Leste with Palms - 13-25 September 2020 - On this 13 day tour you will experience the diversity of our close neighbour, from bustling Dili to its remoter communities, where dedicated organisations and Palms personnel are building self-reliance and sustainability together. Gain a deeper understanding through new sights, smells, sounds, tastes, textures and experience, challenging old ideas. It might even inspire you to join Palms and work overseas yourself. We are also offering an Encounter on the Thai-Myanmar in November. For more information call Robert 02 9560 5333 or email Robert@palms.org.au.

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

	15 March			22 March		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Cheryl Hamill Michael White	Victoria Gonzales Janet Moyle	Michael Allam Gerard Hogan	Jenny Murphy Mary Patton	Mary Morris Jen Muscat	Belen Lamond Anne McCarthy
Senior Servers	Bernie Leger	Damien Power	Paul Scholtens	Paul Scholtens	Dennis Morris	Michael Allam
EMHC	Catharina Koopman Catharina Williams	Jo Duck John Duck Kevin McInerney Cathy Power	Mina Chiu Irene Scholtens	Dorothy Lalor Iren Scholtens	Helen Baker Janet Moyle Joan Murphy Judy Williamson	Helen Digan Rachelle Stannard
Counters Banker	John Duck, Irene Bilton			Fay Margaret Shaw, Dennis Morris		
A&L	P - Mary Morris A - No flowers during Lent			P - Christina Rowe A - No flowers during Lent		