



# Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
Year A

5 April 2020

## As per Updated Diocesan Protocols re COVID-19 CoronaVirus (25 March)

Churches are **CLOSED** 24 hours  
each day.

There are **NO** catechetical,  
spiritual or social gatherings in  
parishes.

Given that Churches are closed, the  
following liturgical and pastoral protocols  
are to be followed, without exemption.

- No public Masses are to be celebrated until further notice.
- No Communion to sick persons in hospitals, aged care homes or private homes until further notice.
- Priests must use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), i.e. gown, gloves, mask, goggles, when visiting sick person in hospital, aged care homes and private homes.
- Graveside funerals only with a max of 10 people, including celebrant.
- Weddings to be conducted outside sacred space only, with a max of 5 people, including the celebrant.
- Baptisms suspended until further notice, unless emergency.
- 1st rite of penance conducted in an open space observing 1.5m spacing. Persons under 18 with adult supervision.
- There will be no liturgical celebrations with a congregation for Holy Week.

**Thank you for your co-operation and  
assistance at this time.**

**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:

Is 50:4-7  
Phil 2:6-11  
Mt 26:14-27:66

**Entrance Antiphon:** (*—not said if  
hymn is sung*)

Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. My God, my God, why have  
you abandoned me?**

**V.** All who see me deride me. They  
curl their lips, they toss their  
heads. 'He trusted in the Lord,  
let him save him: let him release  
him if this is his friend.' **R.**

**M.** Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and  
my feet, I can count every one of  
my bones. **R.**

**V.** They divide my clothing among  
them. They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help  
me! **R.**

**M.** I will tell of your name to my

brethren and praise you where  
they are assembled. 'You who  
fear the Lord give him praise; all  
sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king  
of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even  
to death, dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other  
names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king  
of endless glory!

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

Father, if this chalice cannot pass  
without my drinking it, your will be  
done.



**Next Week :** Acts 10:34, 37-43  
Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

## 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, Kathleen Preece, Dana Riminic, Peter Robbins, Heather Robinson, Paul Shanahan, Sister Yvonne, Peter Stewart, Nicole Tavares, Richard Toombs, Lina Varmiento, Jenny Webster, Angela Williams, Berenice Wright and Robert Wrightson.

### We pray for the deceased:

Recently: Geoff Meagher, Maurice Bobbin, Josip Grilec, Carmela Russoniello, Norma French, Bryan Ward, Nelson Waslin, Margaret Wilkinson, Regis Kanagasuntherie, Mele Hamilton, Maria Belen Gill, Gail Mitchell, Terrence McGuinness, Una Sadler.

Anniversaries: Madeline Williams, Denis Dean, Arthur Bryan, Anna Tamm, Aniela Sobiepanek, Merle Bryan, David Hardy, Paul Richter, Milly Baldock, Lawrence Woolf, Sean Reiher.

The monthly publication of the *Catholic Voice* has temporarily ceased. The Editor is planning to email a two page *Weekly Voice* to parishes which will then be emailed to parishioners and also kept on our website.

## Parish News

### A Little Liturgy Line

Fr Simon will proclaim the Gospel reading and provide a reflection for the weekend (through a sound file) on our website ([cg.org.au/belconnensouth](http://cg.org.au/belconnensouth)) under **links**, Facebook ([www.facebook.com/southbelconnen/](http://www.facebook.com/southbelconnen/)) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/BelconnenP>).

Fr Simon will also provide a **mid week** message on our website under **links**, Facebook and Twitter.

Daily Mass is available on the Catholic Voice website online from 6am each day ([www.catholicvoice.org.au](http://www.catholicvoice.org.au)) or Mass on demand <https://www.northsydneycatholics.com/spirituality/liturgy/mass-on-demand> or Mass for you at home <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>. Other sites such as Pray as you go <https://pray-as-you-go.org/> and Sacred Space <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> offer reflections and prayers on daily readings.

The **first collection** supports our clergy and the administration of the Archdiocese, both of which need to continue in these difficult times. Unfortunately, we have been asked **not to encourage cash payments** for our collections as there is a risk of passing on COVID-19 through handling money.

There are three options for contributing to the first collection:

1. complete the CDF Direct Debit Form (**attached in the email with this bulletin or on our website**) and return it to the parish office to be set up.
2. direct transfer to:

Account Name:	South Belconnen Parish
BSB:	062-786
ACC no.:	29248
Reference:	Sth Belc(your surname) <b>Very important this is included</b>
3. use the **Qkr! App** to pay with credit card. Instructions for using Qkr! can be found on our website.

**Please note:** Fathers Simon and Thomas are still offering Masses privately for our parish, country and world and you are welcome to place any Mass offerings in the slot beside the front door of the Presbytery at Page or in the letterbox outside St Vincent's Church.

The **second collection (incl Planned Giving)** supports the operation of our parish, including many projects, programs and capital improvements.

There are four options for contributing to the second collection:

1. complete the CDF Direct Debit Form (**attached in the email with this bulletin or on our website**) and return it to the parish office to be set up for ongoing planned giving.
2. direct transfer to:

Account Name:	South Belconnen Parish
BSB:	062-786
ACC no.:	29461
Reference:	Sth Belc(your surname) <b>Very important this is included</b>
3. use the **Qkr! App** to pay with credit card. Instructions for using Qkr! can be found on our website.
4. set up a credit card payment each month with the parish office - contact the office on [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au).

If you are currently contributing to Planned Giving using envelopes, please think about changing to electronic means. Please contact the parish office on [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au) for more information.

## Prayer of the Faithful - Palm Sunday Yr A- 5 April 2020

**Father:** We have begun our Holy Week observances today, albeit very differently from the way to which we are accustomed. In a spirit of hope, we present our needs to our loving God.

**Reader:** For all Christians who are suffering throughout the world:

That at the beginning of this Holy Week, our holy Father, Pope Francis, all church leaders and all our Christian brothers and sisters may be united in suffering with Jesus. May we truly be one in a special way this Holy Week... Lord, hear us

Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** For those presently suffering from covid-19:

That we may be in solidarity with those who are ill and with their families. May they be united closely with the suffering Jesus and may the sick know his healing power... Lord, hear us

Lord hear our prayer.

**Reader:** For true peace in the midst of present turmoil and uncertainty:

That all may experience the gift of inner peace and that those who are able may have the strength to support the sick with patience, understanding and love.... Lord, hear us

Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** For those in our parish who are lonely, afraid and finding imposed restrictions difficult to observe:

That we may be closely united in Christ as we pray for each other today. As Jesus entered Jerusalem in triumph, may we welcome him spiritually into our hearts... Lord, hear us

Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** For all our parishioners, those who are here with us and those enjoying eternal rest:

That in the silence of our homes we may make good use of this Holy Week by reflecting on and praying for renewal, by sharing deeply in prayer for each other for comfort and strength and by remembering those who are living in eternal joy... Lord, hear us

Lord, hear our prayer.

**Father:** God of compassion, keep us true to you more than ever in this time of suffering and bring us to Easter joy. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

### Missing Children's Liturgy?

Want to spend time in prayer together as a family? The Cathfamily website are offering their weekly CathKids resources free until June 30. They include an animated video of the gospel story, explanations, discussion questions, prayers and activities. Families can also choose to subscribe to the resources to support the work of CathFamily.

For more information and to subscribe, go to <https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/>

Also have a look at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqx5erP6o9Y&t=18s> - a Mass for kids.

