



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

5th Sunday of Easter
Year A
10 May 2020

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Online Masses, reflections and resources

South Belconnen Parish Mass:

Saturday Vigil 6pm 9/5/20

<https://bit.ly/2xiRuHe>

**Youth & Family Group Online
from 5pm-5.45pm 9/5/20**

<https://bit.ly/2xiRuHe>

**Gospel & Reflection - Gate of the
Sheepfold Sunday - 10 May**

<https://bit.ly/2Yzr7lh>

**Fr Simon's Mid week
Messages**

6 May 2020

<https://bit.ly/2xFdbBi>

Fr Simon's Blogs

**Celebrating Milestones During
COVID-19 Isolation Times**

<https://bit.ly/2L95KWm>

**Restrictions and Rations Then and
Now (see insert)**

<https://bit.ly/2V8zUy4>

**Daily Mass is available on the
Catholic Voice website online
Monday - Friday at 12.15pm,
Saturday at 9.00am and
Sunday at 11.00am.**

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

This Week:

Acts 6:1-7

1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

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

○ sing a new song to the Lord, for
he has worked wonders; in the
sight of the nations he has shown
his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

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

W. Ring out your joy to the Lord,
O you just; for praise is fitting
for loyal hearts. Give thanks
to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing
him songs. **R.**

M. For 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.**

W. 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.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord; no one comes to the
Father, except through me. Alleluia!

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

I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord. Whoever
remains in me, and I in him, bears
fruit in plenty, alleluia.



Next Week : Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

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, 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: Dr Graeme McIntosh (brother of Heather Robinson), Billy, Therese & Rodrick Loard, Sr Stephanie Duck RSM, Peter Sullivan, Josip Grilec, Maurice Bobbin, Josip Grilec, Carmela Russoniello.

Anniversaries:

Confession Times: Saturday

St Matthew's 11.00am-11.50am
St Matthew's 5.00pm - 5.30pm
Fr Simon will sit on the bench seat outside St Matthew's Church and he is happy to walk the grounds with you if you wish.

Parish News

Youth and Family Group Online
this Saturday 9 May from 5pm-5.45pm followed by online Mass

Liturgy Line

As we noted previously, May is a Marian month. It is also a month where we follow the Season of Easter through to Pentecost. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was with the early disciples at that Pentecost time. Just as she offers us a model of those hear the word of God and keep it, so, this weekend, we look to the example of our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all mother-like people in our lives. They are with us as we hear God's word and at the altar, their offering of their own lives united with Christ offering of his life.



Vinnies COVID-19 Emergency Appeal

Vinnies is launching a COVID-19 Crisis Appeal to raise funds for the additional need we are already seeing due to Covid-19. **This appeal is replacing the Winter Appeal.**

Please donate online at www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal or by calling 13 18 12.

To receive the Catholic Voice Weekly by email each week, please go to <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/weekly-voice/> to add your email address to the list or email directly catholic.voice@cg.org.au.

Roster for Webex Mass Readers

Here is a roster to the end of May for the Vigil Mass that is being celebrated at 6.00pm each Saturday for the time being.

The first named for each week is the for the First Reading and Psalm and the second named for the Second Reading and the Prayer of the Faithful.

Please contact the parish office if you have any queries regarding online Mass.

10 May	Christina Rowe Bernie Leger
17 May	Colleen Meadley Mary Williams
24 May	Lorraine Higgins Mary Morris
31 May	Anne McCarthy Michael White

Do you know of an isolated parishioner in your neighbourhood who would appreciate regular phone contact during these socially restricted times? If so please contact the parish office on 6254 1827 or belconnensouth@cg.org.au.

Project Compassion boxes can be left at the office door (Page) during office hours - **Tues - Thur 9am - 3.30pm only**. Envelopes can be placed in the slot beside the door.

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

Prayers of the Faithful 5th Sunday of Easter 10 May 2020

Father Simon; Dear friends, built on Jesus Christ our cornerstone, we are living stones making up the house of God. From that house let prayers arise to seek God's blessing on our world.

Reader; For the bishops, priests and deacons of our Church, that they may always accomplish the work of God, Lord hear us.

All; Lord hear our prayer.

Reader; For the unity of all Christians, that we find new energy to reach out to each other across the divide of denominations and forge anew the unity reflected in Jesus' words, "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." Lord hear us.

All; Lord hear our prayer.

Reader; For nurses around the world, especially those caring for Covid-19 patients, that this week's International Nurses Day truly honour their skill and dedication, Lord hear us.

All; Lord hear our prayer.

Reader; For people who are isolated and lonely at home, especially the elderly-that they will sense the care of others who attempt to reach out to them, Lord hear us.

All; Lord hear our prayer.

Reader; For mothers, grandmothers and all who play a motherly role in others' lives, that Mothers' Day will be a time of great joy and thanksgiving, and wherever needed reconciliation, Lord hear us.

All; Lord hear our prayer.

Reader; For the recently deceased, especially those who have died isolated from loved ones... and all the faithful departed, that they will be made welcome in the Father's house, Lord hear us.

All; Lord hear our prayer.

Father Simon; Holy God and Father of Jesus, you gave us your Son to be the way that leads to you, the truth that sets us free, and the life that fills us with gladness. Keep us close to him. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **All; Amen**

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 four options for contributing to the first collection:

1. complete the CDF Direct Debit Form (**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)
Very important this is included
3. CDF Bpoint payment page. Go to <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOFCANBERRA> and follow the prompts.
4. 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 five options for contributing to the second collection:

1. complete the CDF Direct Debit Form (**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)
Very important this is included
3. CDF Bpoint payment page. Go to <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOFCANBERRA> and follow the prompts.
4. use the **Qkr! App** to pay with credit card. Instructions for using Qkr! can be found on our website.
5. set up a credit card payment each month with the parish office - contact the office on 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 for more information.

A parish group is hosting two webinars about **Laudato Si**, the encyclical **On Our Common Home**, a key focus in the Pope's personal Christian ministry across the world, and what it means for us all.

The webinars will be at 6-7 pm on 19th & 21st May to help mark the Vatican's *Laudato Si* week. World-class consultant, Jacqui Rémond will present on what *Laudato Si* is about on the Tuesday evening and facilitate discussion on its deep implications on the Thursday.

Hosted on Zoom by Belconnen South, the webinars *On Our Common Home* reach out particularly to towns and parishes affected by drought and bushfires, as well as those in Canberra. Please let other parishioners know.

Express interest/RSVPs to: Email belconnensouth@cg.org.au OR) Phone/Text 0428 625 110.

Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God, thank you for all mothers.

For the new ones, who endure sleepless nights with infants in arms.

For the busy ones, who juggle the pressures of home and family life.

For the steadfast ones, who nurture and care for our special children.

For the patient ones, who always seek to forgive and engage with their pre-teens.

For the persistent ones, who find new ways to connect with their young adults.

For the mother aunts, who step in to cradle and care for nieces and nephews.

For grandmothers, who love and support their precious grandchildren. For the foster mums that are called to gather and cover the fragile ones.

Thank you, Lord for all our beautiful mothers. Help us to support them and keep them in our prayers. Bless them now, in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



If you have the time, you might like to knit **Beanies for Vinnies**. If you have no wool, give Gabrielle a call on 0429413562 (please leave a message) and she can drop some over for you, or you can get some at the shops. Acrylic is better than wool as it stands up to bad treatment better. All sizes and colours are welcome!!

Vinnies night van likes beanies. If you need a pattern go on line and you can get free patterns - fingerless gloves which are 50 stitches and 19 rows. When you come to sew them up leave the middle 1/3 open as that is where your thumb goes. If you do not want to sew them leave them in Gabrielle's letter box and she will do it. Lastly knee rugs which are knitted to finish about 70 x 95 cm. When finished drop them in Gabrielle's letter box at 3 Lyndon Street Kaleen or give her a call.



SINGER URGES SUPPORT TO PROTECT THE WORLD'S MOST MARGINALISED DURING COVID-19

Australian singer, songwriter and musician, Gary Pinto will lead a free online concert on Saturday, May 9 for **Project Compassion**, bringing Australian and international music stars direct from their loungeroom to yours. Gary is urging thousands of school children, teachers, churches and families across Australia during this challenging time, to stand in solidarity with those most vulnerable to COVID-19 globally, during Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

To donate to Project Compassion or find out more about the upcoming loungeroom session visit Caritas Australia's website, lent.caritas.org.au or call 1800 024 413.

Celebrating Milestones During COVID-19 Isolation Times

Some of us had been jokingly saying, as more and more events and activities had to be shut down to 'flatten the curve', "Oh, that's another COVID cancel!" (By way of a red herring, some of us are not so sure about flattening another curve - the one around our midriff! Anyhow, let's pop that red herring back into the sea).

Enter Doug and Pat Blake.

Parishioners Doug and Pat Blake are celebrating their 70th, that's right 70th, wedding anniversary! Attached is a photograph of the small classified that appeared in the Canberra Times today 6 May 2020.

It is wonderful that their family have been able to pop this in the *Canberra Times*.

It is also challenging, I'm sure, for their family to be able to celebrate this great milestone at a time when we are isolating ourselves as a way of protecting love ones from contracting the COVID-19 virus.

As we continue these days and are aware of the isolation, particularly of our more elder members, we might pause to consider opportunities to connect and celebrate in creative ways.

Although people cannot gather face-to-face they may be able to use different technologies to be in touch.

This is particularly the case as we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend on the Fifth Sunday of the season of Easter.

We think of Mary, the mother of Jesus, who, in the face of so much, treasured these things and pondered them in her heart (Luke 2:19).



Source: Canberra Times 6 May 2020.