



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

6th Sunday of Easter  
Year A  
17 May 2020

## Online Masses, reflections and resources

### South Belconnen Parish Mass:

**Saturday Vigil 6pm 16/5/20**

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

**Gospel & Reflection - Deacon Joe  
9/10 May**

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

**Fr Simon's Mid week  
Messages  
13 May 2020**

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

### 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/>

**Please see the latest (15 May 2020)  
Archdiocesan Protocols for COVID-  
19 on the back of this bulletin. There  
are NO official Masses celebrated in  
the South Belconnen Churches at  
present.**

### This Week:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 | Pet 3:15-18 | Jn 14:15-21

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

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be  
heard; proclaim to the ends of the  
earth: The Lord has freed his  
people, alleluia.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. Let all the earth cry out to  
God with joy.**

**W.** Cry out with joy to God all the  
earth, O sing to the glory of his  
name. O render him glorious  
praise. Say to God: 'How  
tremendous your deeds!' **R.**

**M.** 'Before you all the earth shall  
bow; shall sing to you, sing to  
your name!' Come and see the  
works of God, tremendous his  
deeds among men. **R.**

**W.** He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river  
dry-shod. Let our joy then be in  
him; he rules for ever by his  
might. **R.**

**M.** Come and hear, all who fear  
God. I will tell what he did for  
my soul: Blessed be God who

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did not reject my prayer nor  
withhold his love for me. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my  
words, and my Father will love  
them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

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

If you love me, keep my  
commandments, says the Lord, and  
I will ask the Father and he will  
send you another Paraclete, to  
abide with you for ever, alleluia.



**Next Week :** Acts 1:1-11  
Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

## 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, John Toye, Lina Varmiento, Jenny Webster, Angela Williams, Berenice Wright and Robert Wrightson.

### We pray for the deceased:

Recently: Sr Mary Agnes OCD, 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

### Liturgy Line

As we enter **Laudato si** week, we are reminded of links between the grace of the Eucharist and the whole created order. As Bishop Robert Barron states:

*We see this dimension especially in the gifts of bread and wine presented at the offertory. To speak of bread is to speak, implicitly, of soil, seed, grain, and sunshine that crossed 90 million miles of space; to speak of wine is to speak, indirectly, of vine, earth, nutrients, storm clouds and rainwater. To mention earth and sun is to allude to the solar system of which they are a part... Therefore, when these gifts are brought forward, it is as though the whole of creation is placed on the altar before the Lord.*

**Barron, Eucharist (2008: 57).**



### Vinnies COVID-19 Emergency Appeal

The St Vincent De Paul Society is still continuing to provide emergency assistance to those in need in the South Belconnen area despite the impact of COVID 19. The Society has in place processes to help those who seek help that are in accordance to COVID-19 restrictions. As you would expect our donations are down at this very critical time. Your donations are gratefully appreciated to help maintain the work of Vinnies.

**This appeal is replacing the Winter Appeal.**

Please donate online at [www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal](http://www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal) or by calling 13 18 12.

### 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.

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](mailto: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.

## Prayers of the Faithful 6th Sunday of Easter 17 May2020

**Father Simon;** Pope Francis speaks to the whole Church today, asking each one of us to participate in Laudato Si week, planning what we might do to care for our planet which he calls, 'one of the most maltreated and abandoned of the poor.' As God's people, we are called to pray for the needs of the whole world.

**Reader;** We pray for the world-wide church, our local diocese and our parish. May the church at every level be a vibrant community of the Holy Spirit and enter willingly into conversations about the state of the earth and what we all must do to care for the planet and for all its creatures. **Lord, hear us.**

**All; Lord hear our prayer.**

**Reader;** We pray for leaders guiding their nations through the coronavirus crisis. As restrictions begin to ease may they chart the way forward with wisdom, justice and courage, and work together for the benefit of the earth and all peoples. **Lord, hear us.**

**All; Lord hear our prayer.**

**Reader;** We pray for our families, friends and fellow parishioners. May our common experience of the pandemic inspire us to work all the more readily for a new world of justice, love and peace for one another and our natural world. **Lord, hear us.**

**All; Lord hear our prayer.**

**Reader;** Praise be to you O Creator God. Bring your healing and joy to our lives that we may look after and protect one another; that we may keep the beauty of your creation for our future generations and not pollute or destroy Our Common Home on Earth. **Lord hear us.**

**All; Lord hear our prayer.**

**Reader;** We pray for the sick, the suffering, and the troubled that they may rejoice in the healing presence of Christ. **Lord hear us.**

**All; Lord hear our prayer.**

**Reader;** We pray for the recently deceased, and for those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they see the face of God and live. **Lord hear us.**

**All; Lord hear our prayer.**

**Father Simon;** God our Father, you have called us to live your commandments, and to love the human family and the whole of creation as you do. Grant to us, your children, that we learn to love as you love, selflessly and fully. We ask this through Jesus Christ your son. **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](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.

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](mailto:catholic.voice@cg.org.au).

### Parish Financial Report for April 2020

	Actual 4 mths to 30/04/2020 \$	Planned 4 mths to 30/04/2020 \$	Variance against Plan \$	
<b>1st Collection</b>	*21520	N/A	N/A	
(for Clergy and administration of the Archdiocese)				
*This amount excludes contributions directly paid into Central Presbytery Fund.				
<b>2nd Collection</b>	60,249	60,800	-551	under budget
(Incl Planned Giving for administration of the Parish)				
<b>Parish Income &amp; Expenditure Statement</b>				
Income **	70,416	68,270	2,146	over budget
Expenditure	76,618	79,409	2,791	under budget
Surplus/(Deficit)	-6,202	-11,139	4,937	

\*\* Income = 2nd collection + other income

Income from the first and second collections effectively ceased in April due to the COVID-19 shut-down. Total Parish income does not yet fully reflect this decrease due to a once-off donation towards the installation of a solar system at the Orana centre. While some expenses have ceased or been reduced with the shut-down, many Parish expenses are ongoing. In addition, some essential repairs were carried out across the sites in March and April.

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 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au) OR )  
Phone/Text 0428 625 110.



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### COVID-19

#### Latest protocols for ACT parishes only, not NSW parishes

The NSW Premier has announced changes to COVID-19 restrictions which will bring NSW in line with the ACT effective Friday, May 2020.

Please note the following:

1. Churches may now be open but will be restricted to **no more than 10 people** in the building at any time.
2. Mass may be celebrated for **no more than 10 people**, excluding those conducting the service.
3. Funerals celebrated inside the church building are restricted to 20 people, excluding those conducting the service.
4. Funerals celebrated outside the church building are restricted to 30 people, excluding those conducting the service.
5. Weddings may now be celebrated with 10 people, excluding those conducting the ceremony.

These gatherings are permitted with the physical distancing rule of 1.5 metres. No physical sign of peace is permitted and the current protocols for Holy Communion remain in place.

Father Anthony Percy  
Vicar General  
15 May 2020

**Please note that the South Belconnen Parish CANNOT CELEBRATE OFFICIAL MASSES at the moment as we are unable to keep the number of parishioners to no more 10 people.**