



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

The Ascension of the Lord
Year A
24 May 2020

Online Masses, reflections and resources

South Belconnen Parish Mass:

Saturday Vigil 6pm 23/5/20

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

**Gospel & Reflection - Sixth Sunday
of Easter - 17 May 2020**

<https://bit.ly/3g7B9qr>

**Fr Simon's Mid week Message
20 May 2020**

<https://bit.ly/36eOLLY>

Fr Simon's Blogs

**The Piano Guys bring Charlie
Brown to the elderly**

<https://bit.ly/3cP0uU1>

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

<https://bit.ly/2L95KVVm>

**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 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.**

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

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

You kingdoms of the earth, sing to
God; praise the Lord, who ascends
above the highest heavens; his
majesty and might are in the skies,
alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. God mounts his throne to
shouts of joy: a blare of
trumpets for the Lord.**

W. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High,
we must fear great king over all
the earth. **R.**

M. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet
blast. Sing praise for God, sing
praise, sing praise to our king,
sing praise. **R.**

W. God is king of all the earth. Sing
praise with all your skill. God is
king over the nations; God
reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end
of the world. Alleluia!

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

Christ, offering a single sacrifice for
sins, is seated for ever at God's
right hand, alleluia.



Next Week : Gen 11:1-9 Rom 8:22-
27 Jn 7:37-39

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, 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: John Toye, Cathy Sullivan, Geoff Meagher SJ, Sr Mary Agnes OCD, Dr Graeme McIntosh (brother of Heather Robinson), Billy, Therese & Rodrick Loard, 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

Whilst we cannot experience public Masses at the moment the first part of our liturgy, Liturgy of the Word, can be entered into in various ways. There are various reflections available including the following quotation.

*Only in **silence** can the word of God find a home in us, as it did in Mary, the woman of the word and, inseparably, woman of silence.*

Ordo Verbum Domini (2010) 66

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Vincent's until further notice.

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 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.

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| 24 May | Lorraine Higgins Mary Morris |
| 31 May | Anne McCarthy Michael White |

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

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

Prayer of the Faithful The Ascension of our Lord 24 May2020

Father Simon; Dear friends, as Jesus returned in glory to God's right hand, he commissioned his disciples to proclaim the good news to all. In that spirit let us pray for the needs of the whole world.

Reader; For our Church and Parish family on this World Communications Day. May we heed Pope Francis' call to tell God's story and our story and be witnesses to the Risen Christ in our own community and to the ends of the earth. **Lord, hear us. All; Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader; For all missionaries and those who seek to be disciples of Jesus. May they receive "a spirit of wisdom and insight to know God clearly" as they spread the good news. **Lord, hear us. All; Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader; For teachers in our schools. May they understand their role as disciples and story-tellers, forming children in their care to love God, to know they are loved by God, and to try to be guided by Jesus. **Lord, hear us. All; Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader; For churches around the world. May Christians join together in praying for church unity this week; that we be one in generous hospitality and welcome to all. **Lord, hear us. All; Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader; For the church in Australia. May Mary, Help of Christians, be our companion and guide through these challenging times in which we live. **Lord, hear us. All; Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader; For the people of Australia. May National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week advance our truthful acceptance of the past and our desire for a new and united future. **Lord, hear us. All; Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader; Praise be to you Risen Christ. At your ascension you told us to proclaim your gospel 'to all of creation'. In this, our mission, help us learn from indigenous peoples; to see the earth as a gift from God, a shared sacred space in which we maintain our identity, and so help us value the beauty of your creation, Our Common Home on earth. **Lord hear us. All; Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader; For our deceased relatives and friends, may they be reborn in the life of the Risen Christ. **Lord, hear us.**

All; Lord hear our prayer.

Father Simon; Father of Jesus and God of glory, your Son promised to be with us to the end of time. May we live by his truth and rejoice in his love. We ask this through Christ, our risen 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.

Our local Catholic Schools are accepting enrolments for the 2021 school year. You are welcome to visit your local school's web page or contact the school directly. We welcome all!



St Vincent's Primary School ARANDA

<https://www.svdpc.act.edu.au>

Contact: 6251 2442



St Matthews Primary School PAGE

<https://www.stmattsps.act.edu.au>

Contact: 6254 2653

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 cm. 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. Thank you to those who have contributed to Beanies for Vinnies!

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



O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!