



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year A
12 July 2020

Hearing Aid Loop is installed in both church centres, St Matthew's **only** middle 2 sections turn your hearing aid to the T switch

Masses:

Saturday Vigil St Matthew's 6.00pm
This Mass will also be streamed through our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/southbelconnen/live/>

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

Confessions:

Saturday		
St Matthew's	11.00am-11.50am	
St Matthew'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

This Week:

Is 55:10-11
Rom 8:18-23
Mt 13:1-23

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

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

W. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **R.**

M. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **R.**

W. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

M. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

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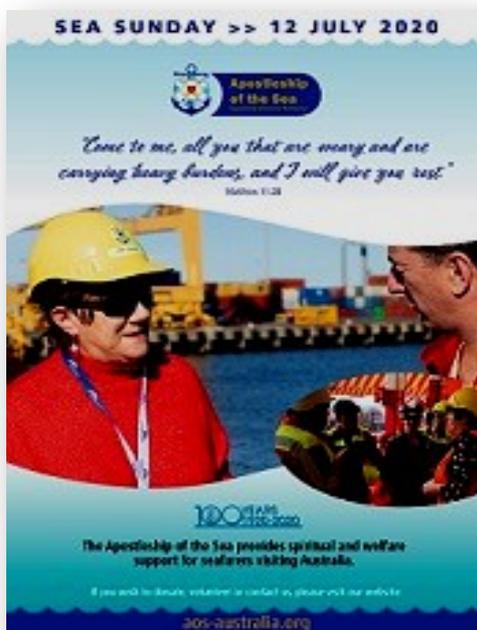
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower, all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

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

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.



Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Naomi Aldons, Caroline Aldridge, Martin Baker, David Baker, Lisa Baulman, Sue Bartlett, Nancy Biviano, Fr Laurie Blake, Michael Brayshaw, Ian Brown, Mary Bryan, George Bulbrook, Vince Burns, 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, Berty Jacob, Cath Jane Keen, Sarah Kelly, Val Kilmier, Michael Mathias, Jill McDonald, Monica Molloy, Geraldine (nee Lawler) Muttukumaru, Peter Naughton, Cedric Netto, Me con Nguyen Thi No, Noel Noonan, Belinda O'Flynn, Kathleen Preece, Dana Riminic, Peter Robbins, Paul Shanahan, Peter Stewart, Nicole Tavares, Richard Toombs, Lina Varmiento, Jenny Webster, Angela Williams, Berenice Wright and Robert Wrightson.

We pray for the deceased:

Recently: John Colquhoun, Ethna Harvey, Sister Yvonne, Leslie Phillips, Claire Ferguson, Glennys Hardy, Tania Bradley, John Toye.

Anniversaries: Stephen Garrett, Karl Yarrington, Ron Baker, Andrew Sobiepanek, Tim Durick.

2019/20 Tax Receipts for Planned Giving have been emailed to parishioners. If you have not received your tax receipt by email, please check the box of receipts in Church foyers this weekend. If you wish to receive your tax receipt by email in future, please contact the Parish Office on **6254 1827** or **belconnensouth@cg.org.au**.

Parish News

Youth & Family Group will be held on Saturday **25 July** at Marian Hall, St Matthew's, Page. Mass will follow at 6pm.

Liturgy Line

Our Gospel this weekend reminds us about being ground open to receive God's word. This is well captured in the *Rite of Ordination of Deacons*, where, the newly ordained kneel before the bishop and receive the book of the Gospels to these words:

*"Receive the Gospel of Christ,
whose herald you now are.
Believe what you read,
teach what you believe,
and practise what you teach."*

It also reminds us of part of what it means for all of us to be a diaconal Church, serving God's word for life of the world. The implication: God's word is to make a home so deeply in us that people can see God's word alive in the words and actions of our lives.

This is the closest weekend to **Deacon Joe Blackwell's 20 year Anniversary of Ordination as a Deacon** (14 July 2000) of the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn. We give thanks for God's work in his ministry here and in other parishes of the Archdiocese, in Catholic Missionary and Aid agencies, in hospital ministry and beyond. May his life and ministry continue to be blest among us and further afield. May his family also be blessed as they continue their support and care of Deacon Joe.

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work on the sea. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Today's Appeal supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. During the COVID-19 pandemic, seafarers continue to bring products to sustain our population and economy, often at personal risk to their health. To support this ministry, please send your donations to: bit.ly/seasundayaustralia.

Giving & Receiving

The Archdiocese is transitioning to **cashless collection of money**. Recent events have quickened the pace of change.

As per Archdiocesan Protocols, there will be **no more collection plates at Mass**. There will be collection points set up in both of our Churches (just inside the doors leading you from the foyer into the Church) to place cash or planned giving envelopes **before** Mass or **after** Mass.

Please note: during COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no offertory procession during Mass. Information about ways you can contribute can be found at <https://bit.ly/37Syi0O>.

Please give serious thought to begin contributing electronically instead of cash. If you have any questions about setting up one of the three electronic options please contact the parish office on 6254 1827 or belconnensouth@cg.org.au.

New boxes of Planned Giving envelopes will be available in Church foyers from the weekend 18/19 July.

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

Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Restrictions for our Churches and Parish Centres

1. Are our Churches open and have Masses recommenced?

Yes, our Churches are open again and we must follow the Archdiocesan Protocols when entering our Churches. We have recommenced our usual Masses (see front of the bulletin for Mass times).

2. Are our Parish Centres open?

Yes, our Parish Centres can now be used. Please contact the parish office to book in or re book (even if you had a regular meeting previous to COVID-19). Please read the notice in this bulletin about using our parish facilities. Please also see questions number 8.

3. How many people are allowed to attend each Mass?

No more 100 people at 4sqm.

4. What do I need to remember when I come along to Mass?

- Sanitise your hands before entering the Church.
- Sign the register (only **100 people** can sign in) and please wipe down the pen with the wipes provided.
- Limit the use of books. They will be cleansed between use.
- Priest and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will purify hands with sanitiser before and after offering Holy Communion.
- Communion in the hand only. Sacred Host, not the Precious Blood, to be offered.
- No touching at the sign of peace.
- No collection plates will be passed around the Churches, but money/envelopes placed at collection points at the back of the Churches.
- Follow the 4sqm per person rule -
 - when seated
 - when standing
 - during the Communion Procession
 - during the movement to place money/envelopes at the collection points.
- If you are **unwell**, please do not attend Mass or visit the Churches.

5. Do I need to book in prior to coming along to Mass?

No, you don't need to book in. Please complete the register in the Church foyer before entering for Mass.

6. Are the toilets open in our Churches?

Yes. They are only open during Mass.

7. Are our Churches being cleaned regularly?

Yes. The Church pews and entry tables are being disinfected after each Mass. **If you able to help with this cleaning process, please volunteer after the Mass you attend.**

8. Are the kitchens open in our Churches and Parish Centres?

No, our kitchens in our Churches and Parish Centres are closed.

9. What happens to the registers being kept in our Churches?

The registers are kept safe (in the parish office) for 28 days for the chief medical officer before being destroyed.

Please contact the Parish Office on 6254 1827 or belconnensouth@cg.org.au if you have any questions.

Re-booking our Parish Facilities - Please contact the parish office on 6254 1827 or belconnensouth@cg.org.au before organising any meetings or gatherings in our parish facilities. **Even if you had a regular booking previous to COVID-19 you will need to re-book.** To use our facilities, you must comply with protocols relating to hygiene, registering people's attendance and the 4sqm per person rule (maximum number of people allowed to enter each meeting room is displayed in each of our meeting rooms/buildings). Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

Catholics all over Oceania are coming together on Zoom at 1pm AEST on **14 July** to reflect on Pope Francis' teachings on "Care for Our Common Home". Our Archbishop Christopher Prowse is to lead opening prayer. Register at https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjEqdeqqjloGNTX8FWIMGemmXKmM8NE_pji .

Library News

The libraries at St Matthew's and St Vincent's are now open for borrowing. Please remember that hygiene protocols will be mandatory before handling books and filling in the borrowing sheets.

- **Sanitise** your hands before entering the library (sanitiser provided in the foyer).
- **Fill in the sheet** in the borrowing folder and wipe down the pen with wipes provided in the foyer.
- Distance yourself **1.5m** from others in the foyer of the Church and the library.

Currently there is a display on the **Church and the environment** including Pope Francis' *Laudato Si*.

Our libraries are located in the vestibule of each church and is open when the churches are open. Any queries or suggestions contact Megan Thompson on 6254 0524 (St Matthew's) or Suzanne Groves on 6251 6681.

Reminder - Please return items as soon as you have finished.

Parish Financial Report for June 2020

	Actual 6 mths to 30/06/2020 \$	Planned 6 mths to 30/06/2020 \$	Variance against Plan \$	
1st Collection	*25326	N/A	N/A	
(for Clergy and administration of the Archdiocese)				
*This amount excludes contributions directly paid into Central Presbytery Fund.				
2nd Collection	90,676	91,200	-524	under budget
(Incl Planned Giving for administration of the Parish)				

Parish Income & Expenditure Statement

Income **	98,200	104,375	-6,175	under budget
Expenditure	<u>103,968</u>	<u>117,526</u>	<u>13,558</u>	under budget
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>-5,768</u>	<u>-13,151</u>	<u>7,383</u>	

** Income = 2nd collection + other income

Income from the first and second collections in June continued to be affected by COVID 19 shutdown. While some expenses have ceased or been reduced with the shut-down, many Parish expenses are ongoing. The Archdiocese was successful in obtaining the Federal Government's JobKeeper subsidy for some parish staff and priests for the months of June, July, August & September which was welcome news.



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.

We are about to clean out the alb cupboard at St Vincent's. If you have an alb in the cupboard and you no longer use it but wish to keep it, please take it home. **If you no longer need your alb**, then leave it in the cupboard. Albs currently in use should be clearly marked with the name of the owner. The clean-out will begin after **Sunday, July 26**.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has resumed at St Vincent's next Tuesday at 4.20pm as usual.

Roster for St Matthew's and St Vincent de Paul Churches

	12 July			19 July		
	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Michael White	Victoria Gonzales	Michael Allam	Cheryl Hamill	Mary Morris	Anne McCarthy
Senior Servers	Bernie Leger	John Woods	Brenda Healy	Damien Sloane	Vince Burns	Robyn Grubmueller
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