



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year A
2 August 2020

8.30am Mass this weekend only.

Masses:

Saturday Vigil St Matthew's 6.00pm
Sunday St Matthew's 8.30am
This Mass will also be streamed through our Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/southbelconnen/live/>

	St Vincent's	10.00am
Samoan (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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Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays	St Vincent's	4.20pm
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Prayers only

Mondays	St Vincent's	10.00am
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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

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 55:1-3
Rom 8:35,37-39
Mt 14:13-21

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

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

W. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

M. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

W. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. **R.**

Next Week :

1Kg 19:9, 11-13
Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:22-33

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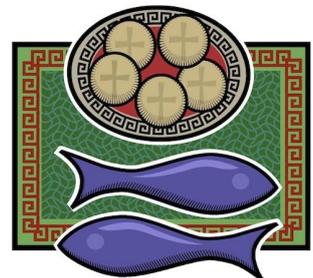
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

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

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



"He took the five loaves and the two fish."

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Caroline Aldridge, Martin Baker, David Baker, Lisa Baulman, Sue Bartlett, Eleanour Romano Berdin, Nancy Biviano, Fr Laurie Blake, Mando & Grace Bondad, Michael Brayshaw, Ian Brown, Mary Bryan, George Bulbrook, Vince Burns, Leslie Cheeseman, Mary Cleary, John Clerk, Monica & Colin Colquhoun, Mary Coman, Xevidy Cortez, Vic & Marie Cuison, Vince-Marie Cuison, Vincent Cuison, 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: Denis Dean, Herk Verhoeven, John Colquhoun, Ethna Harvey, Sister Yvonne, Leslie Phillips, Claire Ferguson, Glennys Hardy, Tania Bradley, John Teye.

Anniversaries: Sheila Cleary, Denis Cleary, Marie Deppe, Sr Abdon Berdin, Michael Jarvis, Carmela Russionello, Rodrigo Victorino, Lydia Pattugalan, Juanita Santos Chan, Stephen Garrett, Karl Yarrington, Ron Baker, Andrew Sobiepanek, Tim Durick.

A Vigil Mass will be celebrated for the **Assumption** of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday 14 August 2020 at 5.30pm at St Vincent's Church, Aranda.

Parish News

The Vigil Mass will not be streamed through Facebook this Saturday 1 August. The 8.30am Mass on Sunday 2 August will be streamed instead.

From the Liturgy Committee

Feast of the Transfiguration - 6 August

What is the Feast of the Transfiguration all about? Significantly, Jesus took with him up the mountain Peter, later to be martyred, who would become head of the newly founded church; James, also martyred, who would become the first bishop of Jerusalem and John, not martyred, would be given the care of Mary, Jesus' mother; would write the fourth gospel containing so much of the discourse of Jesus at the Last Supper and would be there to guide the church as it moved into further years of growth. With dazzling light, these three were given a glimpse of the divinity of Jesus - an indescribable privilege. But as the words of Moses and Elijah pointed to the passion and death of Jesus, Peter, James and John may well have wondered what life might hold for them, too, as followers of their Master. Undoubtedly silent and unable to make sense of the dazzling experience they had just witnessed, they were disappointed that Jesus would not allow them to stay on high. Their place was back with the crowd at the foot of the mountain. Jesus went even further, warning them to tell no one what they had seen.

So ... what of us? What can we take from this feast? Most of us belong with the ordinary crowd at the foot of the mountain. No great transfiguring moment for us! BUT Jesus offers us, too, tiny moments of transfiguration as we live our lives; tiny sparks that, if we are open and receptive to these gifts from Jesus, we will come to know him better, to understand what he is offering us so that we, too, can say with Peter, James and John "It is good for us to be here!"

St Mary of the Cross - 8 August

Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully, remembering whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you in all your life. – St Mary MacKillop

St Mary MacKillop was remarkable as a strong female leader in 19th century Australia. Her vision was to provide education for underprivileged children and inspired by Mary, many other women came to join her in this mission. Her first classroom was in a disused stable in Penola, SA. There, Mary and Fr Julian Tenison-Woods founded Australia's first religious order, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Mary and her sisters were committed to serving the poor, going to where the need was. She carried her love for teaching and serving the poor throughout her life.

Mary knew what it meant to bear troubles joyfully. She almost lost her life's work and her religious community, experiencing difficulties with acceptance by some priests and bishops. She was even excommunicated, yet she didn't give up her faith or joy.

As we face struggles in our lives, may we remember St Mary MacKillop's unwavering courage and let charity be our guide. May we bear our troubles cheerfully remembering that obstacles are an invitation to trust in our loving God.

Parish Safeguarding News

As some of you may remember, last year Catholic Professional Standards Ltd (CPSL) issued a document outlining the Standards that all Catholic entities, including dioceses, services and agencies, are required to meet, in terms of safeguarding children. Entities are audited on these Standards and the results are made public. This level of transparency and accountability is largely thanks to the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Now CPSL has released a second edition of these Standards, which includes requirements and practices for how Catholic entities must safeguard and protect adults at risk, previously referred to as 'vulnerable adults', as well as children.

You can read this edition through the following link:

https://www.cpsltd.org.au/media/1698/nationalcatholicsafeguardingstandards_draftsecondedition_july2020.pdf

CPSL is asking for feedback on the second edition. In these COVID-19 times there is a formal stakeholder consultation occurring, but anyone can complete a survey about this new edition of the Standards, available on the CPSL website. I encourage those interested to do so.

The Standards cover topics such as governance, HR, ongoing training, participation of and communication with children and families, and continuous improvement.

We are all responsible for the safety and protection of children and adults at risk in our Parish community. They have a right to be welcomed, cared for and supported, as Jesus showed throughout his life.

Please contact me with any concerns or questions through the email address below.

Beth Gibson

Parish Safeguarding Volunteer

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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.

Help is needed in cleaning and sanitising St Matthew's Church for the next few weeks. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office at belconnensouth@cg.org.au or phone 6254 1827. Thank You!

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 the receipts and **boxes of new envelopes and receipts** will be available at St Vincent's Church foyer and the following weekend 9/8 they will be available at St Matthew's Church foyer. 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.

Commencing August/September an ecumenical group of participants will look together each fortnight at **Laudato Si**, Pope Francis' letter "**On Care for Our Common Home**". You can register interest in obtaining further information in taking part at BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au or on 0428-625-110.

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.

The following items are now available for loan from the library at **St Matthew's Church**.

- Evans, Bernard F.: *Lazarus at the table: Catholics and social justice*.
- Doherty, Beth: *All the beautiful things: finding truth, beauty and goodness in a fractured church*.
- Kelly, Anthony J.: *Integral ecology and the fullness of life: theological and philosophical perspectives*.

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.

Interested in growing your capacity to be fully present to others?

An Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered online at the reduced rate of \$200 plus \$50 for the NSW College of CPE certificate. The course is suitable for kind hearted people wanting to learn more about providing holistic spiritual and pastoral care to patients in hospital, residents of aged care facilities or people in the parish.

This 40 hour course will comprise of 7 sessions to be held on Saturdays commencing **8 August**. Spaces are limited and applications are now being received. For more information contact Barbara Hall at barbarahall1909@gmail.com or phone 0418 413 731.

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.
- The Church pews need to be sanitised after each Mass - if you can stay for 5 minutes to help sanitise where you were sitting, that would be appreciated.

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

	2 August			9 August		
	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
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