



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul

South Belconnen

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year A
9 August 2020

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

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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
Samoan (4th Sun) commencing 23/8	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

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

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

W. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

M. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

W. The Lord will make us proper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

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

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Dear friends, as you bring this Holy Communion to the sick and housebound people of our parish, remind them of our love and our prayers for them.



Next Week : Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

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, 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: Geraldine (nee Lawler) Muttukumaru, John Hume, Dorothy Challans, Denis Dean, Henk Verhoeven, John Colquhoun.

Anniversaries: Sheila Cleary, Denis Cleary, Marie Deppe, Sr Abdon Berdin, Michael Jarvis, Carmela Russionello, Rodrigo Victorino, Lydia Pattugalan, Juanita Santos Chan.

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!

Parish News

From the Liturgy Committee

Feast of St Lawrence 10 August

The life and death of Deacon Lawrence speaks the timeless message of the Gospel. St Lawrence became the head of deacons who served the Roman church at the time of Pope Sixtus. He distributed the goods of the community to the poor whom he regarded as the true treasures of the Church. Lawrence was executed during persecution under Roman emperor, Valerian, in 258 aged 32. This young deacon and martyr is numbered among those saints who were most highly venerated by the ancient Roman Church. St Lawrence is a great example of how to live a life of service, faithful to the Gospel.

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.

National Vocations Awareness Week

This week we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop. Our first Australian born canonised saint. St Mary took bold new directions in education and care of children. We know her saying 'Never see a need without doing something about it'. We pray this week that many young people in our communities may embrace this spirit in response to the call of the Lord to serve as priests or consecrated religious.

Please also see **Fr Simon's midweek message** on Vocations Awareness Week at <https://bit.ly/2EVm4Kq>.

Work, Health and Safety (WHS) Review

Twice a year the Parish is required to review buildings and grounds for compliance against an Archdiocesan WHS checklist. The Parish is also required to submit an annual WHS report to the Archdiocesan Office. The WHS reviews are conducted by members of the Finance Council with assistance of the Parish Secretary and other parishioners. The Parish continues to be a safe place for staff, volunteers and parishioners, but the latest review identified a number of areas that are being addressed to make it even safer. Parishioners can assist with WHS compliance in two aspects in particular:

- Some parishioners have generously donated electrical items by leaving them in various buildings. However, we are required to have all electrical items tested and tagged, and donated items cannot be used without this safety check. If an electrical item is required please advise the Parish Office.
- The chemicals held across the sites are being reviewed with some dangerous items removed or stored more securely. In the interest of safety, chemicals will only be retained if they are in their original container and retain their official label. Only normal household chemicals should be used and only if they are in their original container.

If you notice any potential WHS risks, please advise the Parish Office.

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.

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.

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 Matthew's Church foyer and the following weekend 15/16 they will be available at St Vincent'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.

8 August is the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and was to be the Annual Archbishop's Pilgrimage to Eden. Of course, with social distancing and the current threat that many communities are facing, the way we are travelling has changed. This year we will still celebrate this feast together, albeit virtually. Archbishop Christopher will celebrate Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral at 12.15pm on Saturday 8 August. This Mass will be live streamed at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/annual-archbishops-pilgrimage-to-eden0-live-stream-mass/>. Or go to the Catholic Voice You Tube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/catholicvoice>.

CCR presents a 2 day seminar on "**Christ-like Leadership**" with Joe and Julie Chircop from the Servants of Jesus Community. At St Benedicts Church, Narrabundah. **Friday 21 August 5:30pm - 9pm & Saturday 22 August 9am - 4pm**. Come and learn about Jesus' way of servant leadership! All welcome! Free with collections taken to cover costs. Soup supper available on Fri night, Bring your own Lunch on Saturday. To register call Neda 0415 266 019 or Maida 0423 658 326 or online at www.ccract.org.au.

Have a look at this link <https://johnmenadue.com/eric-hodgens-reflections-on-sixty-years-as-a-priest/#more-49722> for *Reflections on sixty years as a priest* by Eric Hodgens.

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 cleanse 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

9 August				16 August		
	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Mary Williams	John Duck	Beth Berdin	Lorraine Higgins	Victoria Gonzales	Adora Calub
Senior Servers	Bernie Leger	Damien Power	Robyn Grubmueller	Paul Scholtens	Vince Burns	John Malycha
EMHC	Lynne Foster	Mary Morris	Mina Chiu	Colleen Meadley	Carolyn Burns	Helen Digan