



# Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul

## South Belconnen

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year A  
13 September 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*

**This Week:**  
Sirach 27:30-28:7  
Rom 14:7-9  
Mt 18:21-35

### Parish Pastoral Team

Fr Simon Falk PP (6254 1827)  
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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/>

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| Sunday           | St Matthew's | 8.30am  |
|                  | 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:

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| 1st Friday in Mar & Sept  | St Matthew's | 9.30am |
| 1st Thursday in Jun & Dec | St Vincent's | 9.30am |

### Confessions:

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| Saturday     |                 |  |
| St Matthew's | 11.00am-11.50am |  |
| St Matthew's | 5.00pm - 5.30pm |  |

### Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion:

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| Monday | St Matthew's | 7.00am |
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### Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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| Tuesdays | St Vincent's | 4.20pm |
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### Prayers only

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| Mondays | St Vincent's | 10.00am |
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### Legion of Mary

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| Saturday | St Vincent's | 10.15am |
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### Baptisms:

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| 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*)

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

W. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

M. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

W. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

M. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

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

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

### Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Take this holy sacrament to our sisters and brothers who are sick. May they know how much they are loved.



**Next Week :** Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20-24, 27  
Mt 20:1-16

## 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, Henry Gasperski, Grant Hanrahan, Bruce Hassall, Mick Hay, Christine Hermely, 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, Jan Stuart, Nicole Tavares, Richard Toombs, Lina Varmiento, Jenny Webster, Angela Williams, Berenice Wright and Robert Wrightson.

### We pray for the deceased:

Recently: Geoff Tyrrell, Professor Graeme McIntosh, Patricia McInerney, Lady Mary Scholtens, Nancy Rowe, Rosaria Trionfi, Richard Hourigan, Geraldine (nee Lawler) Muttukumaru, Henk Verhoeven.

Anniversaries: Arthur Bryan, Palmira De Simone, Thomas & Eileen Pearson, Douglas Dowler, Ellen, John & Vera McInerney, Anton & Antonia Mrsnik, Mary Moras, Jolán Bogsányi, Kevin Moyle, Geraldine Pratt, Michael Craft, Adam Groves, Videli Kabaila.

**Youth Group** will be held on Saturday 26 September at Marian Hall (next to St Matthew's)

## Parish News

There will be **no Adoration & no 5.30pm Mass** at St Vincent's on Tuesday **15 September** due to the Sacrament of Confirmation being held at 6pm.

### From the Liturgy Committee ....

#### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast - 14 September

History has it that while on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, St Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, discovered the True Cross and the Holy Nails in 320. In 335 Constantine ordered a Basilica and Shrine to be built on Calvary, marking the site of the crucifixion. The Basilica was destroyed in 614 and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre now stands on the site.

The liturgy for the feast of the Exaltation rings with triumph. The Entrance Antiphon exhorts us "to glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ". The Gospel Acclamation reminds us that we adore and praise Christ because by his Cross, he redeemed the world. The Communion Antiphon gives us the words of Christ himself drawn from John's gospel: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

The Cross also foreshadowed in the reading from Numbers where the Israelites spoke out against God and Moses. Punishment came in the form of poisonous snakes: salvation came in looking upon the fiery copper snake hanging on the flagpole - the first suggestion of salvation by the Cross.

Think how often we make the sign of the Cross: before prayer, after prayer; with holy water upon entering and leaving the church (outside pandemic times!), at the beginning of Mass and before the end of Mass - and many other times. And at our Baptism, we were sealed with the sign of the Cross.

This feast, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, is a celebration of God's greatest work: his Son's salvific death on the cross and his Resurrection, thus defeating death and opening heaven for us.

#### Parish Financial Report for August 2020

|   | Actual     | Planned    | Variance |              |
|---|------------|------------|----------|--------------|
|   | 8 mths to  | 8 mths to  | against  |              |
|   | 31/08/2020 | 31/08/2020 | Plan     |              |
|   | \$         | \$         | \$       |              |
| <b>1st Collection</b>   | *32584     | 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>   | 122,297    | 121,600    | 697      | over budget  |
| (Incl Planned Giving for administration of the Parish)                          |            |            |          |              |
| <b>Parish Income &amp; Expenditure Statement</b>                                |            |            |          |              |
| Income **   | 140,709    | 138,275    | 2,434    | over budget  |
| Expenditure   | 145,405    | 146,058    | 653      | under budget |
| Surplus/(Deficit)   | -4,696     | -7,783     | 3,087    |              |

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

Many Parish expenses (including some unexpected repairs) are ongoing despite the COVID-19 restrictions. Your ongoing financial support of the Parish and Clergy is required and greatly appreciated despite reduced Mass attendance. Our expenditure for June to September was reduced as the Archdiocese obtained the Federal Government's JobKeeper subsidy for parish priests and some staff for these months.

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

## 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.

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.

**Last Sunday's Father's Day Appeal** - Please give generously to the Father's Day Appeal conducted at all Masses last weekend. Special envelopes are provided in the church and donors will be issued with a tax deductible receipt. Please place envelopes in plates at collection points in the church. Donations can also be made at: [www.cgatholic.org.au/donate](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/donate) or via the Qkr! App.

## 1 September to 4 October (Week 2)

In "The gospel of Creation", the second chapter of *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis calls us to accept the "tremendous responsibility" (90) we all have as caretakers of creation. Referring to both the Old and New Testaments, the pope explains that there are three theological imperatives that are significant for us to understand in relation to our role in the care of our common home:

- All creatures and aspects of creation have an intrinsic value. God has called all things into being for a purpose which is known only to God.
- The gift of creation is a continuing revelation of God - that "God is reflected in all that exists."(87). "The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God."(84) This gift was meant for us all, to be cared for by all.
- All creation is connected, "linked by unseen bonds...a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect."(89). Ideally, we should aim to be in proper or right relationship with all humans, all of creation and God.

"The ultimate destiny of the universe is in the fullness of God...The ultimate purpose of other creatures is not to be found in us. Rather, all creatures are moving forward with us and through us towards a common point of arrival, which is God, in that transcendent fullness where the risen Christ embraces and illumines all things. Human beings, endowed with intelligence and love, and drawn by the fullness of Christ, are called to lead all creatures back to their Creator." (83)

Pope Francis concludes this chapter by reminding us of the many examples "in the New Testament that not only tell us of the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationships with the world. It also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout creation by his universal Lordship."(100)



**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

We thank all parishioners of St Vincents and St Matthews for your thoughts, prayers and messages of kindness and love at the time of our mother's death. We have appreciated the many acts of kindness and care shown to us.

Paul Scholtens, Maryanne Barton, Maureen Hilton, Kathy Coulter, Libby Scholtens and Margie Frawley.



**St Vincent's Primary School** is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year. We invite you to come on a virtual historical journey with us. Simply log into our school web page <https://www.svdp.act.edu.au/> click on the 'Our School History' tile and enjoy reading some wonderful stories of St Vincent's early history and view photos from 50 years ago. Please consider sharing this link with family and friends. We would love to build on the stories we currently have. All contributions welcome.

**2019/20 Tax Receipts and boxes of new envelopes** - if you haven't received your tax receipt or picked up your new envelopes, please contact the Parish Office on **6254 1827** or **belconnensouth@cg.org.au**

New Life in God's Spirit seminar, an opportunity for a deeper encounter with Jesus! Everyone is welcome to this free seminar held at the parish room, St Peter Chanel's Catholic Church, Weston St, Yarralumla each Wednesday evening 7pm-9pm from Weds 9 September to Weds 28 October. Talks, testimonies, prayer ministry and fellowship. Speakers include Fr David Tremble MGL, Fr Emil Milat and Fr Josh Scott, Canberra Central parish, and Roby Joshua, Jesus Youth Australia. For more info and to register, call Neda 0415 266 019, Susanna 0419 902 293.

**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.

**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](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au).

**Vocations Discernment Weekend**

Ever asked yourself, "where is God calling me?" Join our Vocations Chaplains Fr Paul and Fr Trenton and Archbishop Christopher for a weekend of community, prayer and discernment.

**Where:** St Clement's Retreat Centre  
Galong NSW

**When:** 6pm Friday 18 September - 10.30am  
Sunday 20 September

**Who:** For any man over 18 years old

**Contact &**

**Application:** Fr Paul Nulley 0422 038 565  
[paul.nulley@cg.org.au](mailto:paul.nulley@cg.org.au)

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

|                       | 13 September  |                   |                | 20 September    |              |                   |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                       | Page 6.00pm   | Page 8.30am       | Aranda 10.00am | Page 6.00pm     | Page 8.30am  | Aranda 10.00am    |
| <b>Readers</b>        | Jenny Murphy  | Victoria Gonzales | Ann Cleary     | Colleen Meadley | John Duck    | Beth Berdin       |
| <b>Senior Servers</b> | Bernie Leger  | Vince Burns       | Brenda Healy   | Damien Sloane   | Damien Power | Robyn Grubmueller |
| <b>EMHC</b>           | Dorothy Lalor | Helen Baker       | Robin Taylor   | Margaret Sloane | Cathy Power  | Mina Chiu         |