



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
The Feasts of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul
20 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:

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

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)	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

Parish Pastoral Team

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Fr Thomas Jin APP (6254 1827)
Deacon Joe Blackwell
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Entrance Antiphon: (*as ministers gather in courtyard—not said if hymn is sung*)

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

W. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

M. 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.**

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

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

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

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Take this holy sacrament to our sisters and brothers who are sick, with the prayers and blessings of our parish community.



Next Week :

Ez 18:25-28
Phil 2:1-11
Mt 21:28-32

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

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, 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: Mark Cooney, Henry Gasperski, Geoff Tyrrell, Professor Graeme McIntosh, Patricia McInerney, Lady Mary Scholtens, Nancy Rowe, Rosaria Trionfi.

Anniversaries: Arthur Bryan, Palmira De Simone, Thomas & Eileen Pearson, Douglas Dowler, Ellen, John & Vera McInerney, Anton & Antonia Mrsnik, Mary Moras, Jolán Bogsányi, Kevin Moyle.

Youth Group will be held on Saturday 26 September at Marian Hall (next to St Matthew's Church, Page) 5-5.50pm followed by Mass at 6pm

Parish News

Pastoral Care and Holy Communion to Parishioners Sick and Housebound

The *Rite of the Pastoral Care of the Sick* (n.73) reminds us of deeply held truths and sentiments that "faithful who are ill are deprived of their rightful and accustomed place in the eucharistic community. In bringing communion to them the minister of communion represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at the eucharist." For this reason we are delighted that those in our parish who are sick and housebound can receive Holy Communion once again. We are also delighted that teams of parishioners who conduct these visits are keen to do so once more. These visitors conduct themselves with great care and we thank them very much. Like with other roles, they will be updated on relevant COVID safe and safeguarding matters for these visits because they are acting on behalf of the Parish.

We are also blest to have two parishioners, formed in hospital level pastoral care, available for parishioners who may be seeking a little more extended visits. These visits might or might not involve Holy Communion, but will involve a deeper pastoral opportunity for the person at home to explore their inner life as people of faith. The visits may also assist people to determine when extra help is needed from health care and mental health support agencies. These visits are not replacing the good work of the Holy Communion teams but are adding another pastoral opportunity. We are sure they all would appreciate our prayers.

If any parishioners wish to be visited to receive communion or for an extended pastoral care visit, please contact the Parish Office on 6254 1827 or belconnensouth@cg.org.au.

Our Patron Saints whose feasts we celebrate this week



St Matthew - also known as Levi - was a tax collector working for the Romans and hated by the Jews: tax collectors were considered "cheats and sinners." Matthew was neither a cheat nor a sinner. Jesus saw him hard at work in the customs house one day, "knew him" as a good man, simply said "Follow me" and Matthew immediately left his work and followed Jesus. Matthew wrote the Gospel that bears his name and died as a martyr. He is the patron saint of bankers!



St Vincent de Paul was born of a peasant family in France in 1581. His desire was to be a priest so he earned money by tutoring until he was able to afford his studies. His great concern was the poor and as he was able to afford it, he gave all the money he could to those who were in great need. He also turned his attention to the sick and to those in prison. He died in Paris at the age of 79 and is the patron saint of all charitable institutions.

The parish is in good hands: St Matthew who took in all the money as his job required, and St Vincent de Paul who gave all the money away - for charity.

I September to 4 October (Week 3)

In the third chapter of *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis looks at the current ecological crisis in the light of two root causes.



Technocratic world view - Pope Francis acknowledges the great benefits that technology and science have brought to the world over the last two hundred years. However, he cautions that to rely solely on technology to solve all our complex problems is risky in that it gives “those with the knowledge, and especially the economic resources to use them, an impressive dominance over the whole of humanity and the entire world.” (104). Human beings have not always used power well and this technological growth has not been “accompanied by a development in human responsibility, values and conscience” (105). In other words, the technology and its use should be seen within an ethical framework and a holistic and spiritual vision of life - . “a technology severed from ethics will not easily be able to limit its own power.”(136)

Anthropocentrism - Human beings have become increasingly self-centred in that they see the world and its creatures and even other humans as objects to be exploited for their own advantage. This has resulted in “use and throw away” reasoning that results in many forms of domination. “Neglecting to monitor the harm done to nature and the environmental impact of our decisions is only the most striking sign of a disregard for the message contained in the structures of nature itself. When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of [every human life] ...it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected.” (117)

For Pope Francis, pollution and over-consumption are not the problem in themselves, they are symptoms of a far more serious disconnect in the values of society where we have failed to have an **integrative** world view.

Ozanam Appeal

The St. Vincent De Paul Society is holding its annual Ozanam Appeal on Sunday, 27 September. It will be a retiring collection; tax deductible receipts will be available.

Our Parish has two Society conferences, Aranda and Page, and both are twinned with conferences in India. Funds raised through this Appeal will be used to sustain these Indian “twins” in their continued charitable works.

Your financial support to allow this vital work to continue would be greatly appreciated.

Electronic contributions can be made to BSB: 062-786, ACC: 14760, **Reference:** ‘Ozanam Sunday - Aranda **OR** Page’. If you require a donation receipt, please email finance.cg@vinnies.org.au with your name, donation amount, donation date and your parish location.

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.



St Vincent's Primary School is celebrating it's 50th 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.

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is pleased to advise that it will be holding its annual Spring Plant Stall at Jamison Centre on Thursday 24 September, 8am-4pm. There will be a great variety of plants including succulents, natives, exotics, roses, geraniums, lilies, iris, shrubs, strappy plants and trees, to suit all conditions - hardy, ground cover, shade or heat loving, and indoor. To look after our planet please bring your own bags or use one of our recycled boxes. All funds raised will be used to purchase equipment for the care and comfort of public hospital patients. For further information contact Jan on 0437 790 980.



In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to

“Take fresh courage.”

This year is the ten year anniversary of Mary's canonisation. During the challenging times we all face, please pray and support Mary MacKillop Today, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vital works and carry on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross. For more information please call 02 8912 2777 or visit marymackilloptoday.org.au

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

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