



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

First Sunday of Advent
Year B
29 November 2020

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Masses:

Saturday Vigil St Vincent'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
2nd Thursday in Dec	St Vincent's	9.30am

Confessions:

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

Thursdays	St Vincent's after 9.30am Mass
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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 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8
I Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37

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

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

W. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

M. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

W. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

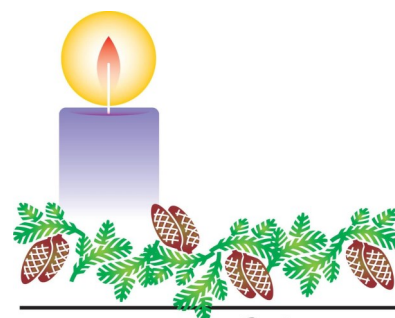
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

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

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

United in Christ through this Holy Communion, we send you out to share Christ's love and hope with those you visit today.



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Next Week : Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pet 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

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 Dunne, Frances Dyball, Joachim Exell, Ryan Fawke, Ivka Ferinas, Grace Fluitsma, Amy Fogarty, 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, Nicole Tavares, Richard Toombs, Lina Varmiento, Jenny Webster, Mariette William, Angela Williams, Berenice Wright and Robert Wrightson.

We pray for the deceased:

Recently: Ida Feld, Jan Stuart, Richard O'Shea, Nihal De Zoysa, Roger Guest, Carolyn Vink, Grant Hanrahan.

Anniversaries: Yoni, Budi & Nihal de Zoysa, Brian Williams, Terry Williams, Orsola Grieci, Gerry Grieci, Anthony Cella, Philip, Keith, James and Darcy McLean, Andrew Sobiepanek.

Parish News

The Anointing Mass in December will now be 9.30am on **Thursday 10 December** at St Vincent's Church. This will be followed by morning tea.

Liturgy Line

We now enter a new year. Happy Liturgical New Year! At this time of the year some have customs of making new year resolutions in their life of faith. With First Sunday of Advent we enter Year B. It is a year of mainly the Gospel of Mark on the weekends. As with other years, Advent wreaths will be in both Churches to prepare the way of the Lord both at the end of time, and at the end of our own lives, and at Christmas, and in those moments that Christ meets us each day.

St Andrew, Apostle. Feast Day 30 November.

Andrew was born in Bethsaida, Galilee around 5-10AD and is the brother of Simon Peter, and son of Jonah. Both brothers were fisherman who were called by Jesus to become his disciples. St John's Gospel (1:35-42) tells us the Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist and it was his testimony inspired Andrew to follow Jesus and recognise Jesus as the Messiah. Andrew introduced Jesus to his brother, Peter.

Andrew is mentioned several times in the Gospels as one of the disciples more closely attached to Jesus: he told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes (John 6:8), when Philip wanted to tell Jesus about certain Greeks seeking him, he first told Andrew (Jn 12:20-22). Andrew was present at the Last Supper and one of the four disciples who came to Jesus on the Mount of Olives.

Andrew, whose name is Greek, was the preacher and interpreter of Jesus for the Greeks in the years following Pentecost and they consider him as the "Apostle to the Greeks". He is also the Patron quite a few countries, Greece, Barbados, Georgia, Russia, Scotland, Ukraine among them and of fishermen, rope and textile workers and more. He died in Patras, Greece, where he was crucified, nailed to a diagonal or X shaped cross which is now known as St Andrew's Cross. He chose this as he didn't himself worthy to be nailed in a similar way to the cross on which Jesus was crucified.

Andrew took up the invitation from Jesus to "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of my people".

We are having the new problem of more than 100 people per Mass on the weekends. This is good and will need some measures in place. Until the 4sqm rule is removed, those who have a comprised immune system might consider coming to a weekday Mass instead and then going to "online Mass" for the weekends. Those who find themselves coming late for Masses could be in the foyer or outside. We may need to get in the habit of keeping hats, sunscreen and water in our vehicles lest we need to be outside. Some have a self-endorsed pious custom of attending more than one Sunday Mass. Not only is it a "consumeristic" distortion of our faith but is a very inconsiderate act in the current circumstances. Persons found attending a second Mass will be asked to leave that second Mass so their place can be taken by another.

Please see updated **Archdiocesan Protocols re COVID 19 effective from 13 November 2020** on church noticeboards. **Please note:** Because of the size of our churches we can only accommodate **100 people inside**. For outside gatherings up to 500 people is permitted, applying 2sqm rule. Singing is possible, respecting 4sqm rule inside and 2sqm rule outside, with people facing the same direction.

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

Tap & Go Machines in our Churches - Tap & Go machines have been placed in each of our churches. They will be located at the back of the Churches (not in the foyers). Each payment made through Tap & Go is split between 1st Collection (Clergy) and 2nd Collection (Parish). This cannot be used for Planned Giving contributions. To use:

- Use your credit card
- Tap the machine
- One payment for Parish & Clergy
- A fixed amount is deducted (currently \$10) with each Tap
- Tap multiple times till reaching the amount you wish to donate
- 30% of your payment will go to Clergy (1st Collection) and 70% to Parish (2nd Collection)

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

Eileen O'Connor, the co-founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, was recently made Servant of God by The Vatican. There are Beatification Prayer Cards for Eileen O'Connor available in church foyers. Please have a look at www.eileenocconnor.com.au for information about Eileen's life. Parishioners can also get another perspective in the Australian Dictionary of Biography <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/oconnor-eilyn-rosaline-eileen-7875>

Following our recent Season of Creation and in line with Pope Francis' call for Care of Our Common Home, the parish **Laudato si** can provide information to parishioners about having solar energy for their home. The group can assist with guidance on practicalities that sometimes appear daunting (eg rebates available for pensioner home-owners, technical aspects etc). Expressions of interest welcome at 0428 625 110 or belconnensouth@cg.org.au.

Please also note that there will be a free information session on

- "how to" installing solar power at your place
- Are they beneficial?

Tuesday 8 December 5.30pm-6.30pm
Parish Hall, St Brigid's Catholic Church, 2 Bancroft St Dickson.

RSVP by Sunday 6 December to Vikki McDonough mulvaney@netspeed.com.au 0437 876 487. Limited numbers due to COVID restrictions.

2020 Christmas Mass Times



Christmas Eve

6.30pm St Vincent's Primary School Oval, Aranda
9.00pm St Matthew's Church, Page (This Mass will be streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/southbelconnen/live/>).

Christmas Day

8.30am St Matthew's Church, Page
10.00am St Vincent's Church, Aranda
3.00pm Korean Mass St Vincent's Church, Aranda

There will be no Confession and midday Mass on Boxing Day (Saturday 26 December).

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal – 5/6 December 2020

The annual Christmas appeal for the poor is taking place in both Churches as a retiring collection. Thank you for your generosity. If you can help with the collection at any Mass on that weekend, it would be greatly appreciated.

Working Bee St Vincent's grounds and gardens Saturday 12 December 8:30 – 12:00

Please come and give a hand weeding, trimming and general tidying up the church gardens and grounds so they look in good shape over the Christmas period.

Any assistance greatly appreciated. Equipment supplied.

Morning Tea provided and COVID protocols observed.

A big thank you to the helpers at the October working bee.

Further info: meadley@netspeed.com.au.

Library News

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

- Houdek, Diane M.: **The joy of Advent: daily reflections from Pope Francis**
- Main, John: **Door to Silence: an anthology of Christian meditation**
- Rupp, Joyce: **Little pieces of light: darkness and personal growth**

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 (St Vincent's). **Reminder** - Please follow COVID 19 Protocols for using the Library and return items as soon as you have finished.

Wanted: Loving Married Couples Become a Sponsor couple

SmartLoving is a Catholic marriage ministry and is calling for enthusiastic married couples to journey with an engaged couple as they prepare to be married in the Catholic Church. Find out more at this free information session: Wed, 9 December - 8pm AEDT|

www.smartloving.org/webinar

November Masses

Bryant & Tkaczuk families, Thomas, Metha, Cassidy, Pappos, McLaughlin, Doherty, O'Brien Minz & McQuilten families, Anieli Sobiepanek, Collier & Darmody families, Grant & Hanrahan families, Laracy & Jackson families, Tania & Paul Bradley, Sally Davis, John Hume, Susan Ryan, John Jameson, Michael McKeown, John Duffy, Barney Devlin, Pól ó Dúalaigh, Terry Shiels, Bradley & Ogle families, Phyllis, Gordon, Richard, Vecchi, Memmolo and Blasi families, Beryl Eastley, Andrew Rowe, Alice & Edward McCarthy, Marea & John Baynes, Win & Bridget Clarke, Shirley & David Coen, Frino & Giorgio families, Taylor & Craft families, Berdin, Bermundo, Salcedo & Zmajla families, Glass & Berry families, Daly, Barr & Back families, McIntosh & Robinson families, Julia Giffard & family, Theodore & Robert Aldons, Lucus, Claudi, Esther & Mary Holmes, John & Irene Harley, Iris & Kevin O'Leary, Groves, Anderson, Holmes & Barclay families, Nash & Brown families, Paul Cunneen, Nilan & Cunneen families, Charlie Gretch, Teresa, Frank & Mary Parnis, Gretch family, Bryan & Sobiepanek families, Thomas & Eileen Pearson, Douglas Dowler, Churchill & Cooper families, relatives & friends of Jan & John Woods, Ethna & Geoff Harvey, Ethel & Bill Ahern, Alice & Don Reid, Denise Watts, Emma S Reid, Baker & Yarrington families, Cleary and Carrol families, Ramon & Angelita Sarte, John Toye, Dianne Quinn, John & Bettie McGrath, Jack & Mavis Toye, Sam & Doris Pickering, Antonio, Maria Domenica & Francesco Di Iulio, Cornelis & Anna Koopman, O'Dea & Goyne families, Madeline & Terry Williams, Harry & Dorothy Hoysted, Luigi, Anna & Aquilino Martiniello, Antonio Flammia, Maria Ianuzzi, Donnika Wright, Tierney & Harrington families, Frank Hurtis, Savio Ellis, Stanley Lewis, Farrell, Jones & Vaughn families, Belcher & Keenan families, Bert Burgess, Dell Burgess, Bishop Tony Burgess, Bernard Bergess, Michael & Rachel Lopilato, Ciriaco & Giovannina Guarino, Roberts & Pollard families, Fedir & Eugenia Chamczuk, Gyula Bendessy, Larry O'Sullivan, Harris & Grubmueller families, Domenico Staltari, Antonio & Maria Staltari, Teresa & Francesco Staltari, Nicola, Mario, Francesco, & Rosa Trimboli, Anton, Maria, Teresa & Luca Dao, Maria & Mattaia Nguyen, Bregitta & Maria Pazsit, Giuse & Maria Pham, Kevin Moyle, Macmichael & Moyle families, J & S Dallen, J & F Ryan, J & M Stibohar, Gertrude, Roger & Robert Crompton, Kathleen & Lawrence Brink, Doug Chandler and Leonard McMahon.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: *(The Celebrant blesses the wreath and the assembly with the sprinkling of holy water saying)*

May the sprinkling of this water remind all of us gathered here of our first sharing in the grace of baptism.

During this time of Advent may we prepare for the Lord's coming with open hearts and minds. May this wreath be a symbol to us of this time of prayerful watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord, and a symbol of faith in the power of the Holy Spirit as we anticipate the fruits of the Plenary Council. *(The Celebrant, or an assistant, lights the first candle, which is often named the Prophets' Candle as the prophets prepared the way for the future coming of the Messiah.)*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old. The Prophet Isaiah proclaimed to the people that we are the work of God's hands; we

are the clay, and he is the potter *(First Reading)*. Mould us in your image as we walk together the pilgrimage of the Plenary Council.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, we believe you come among us now. St Paul declares that the Spirit will keep us steady until the last day *(Second Reading)*. May our hearts be centered on listening to the Holy Spirit throughout the Plenary Council journey.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory. You ask us to 'stay awake!' *(Gospel)*. May we be awake and ready to hear the movement of the Spirit in the world around us.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.



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

29 November				6 December		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Lea Bewick	Mary Morris	Graham Williams	Cheryl Hamill	Janet Moyle	Anne McCarthy
Senior Servers	Damien Sloane	John Woods	Robyn Grubmueller	Paul Scholtens	Damien Power	John Malycha
EMHC		Kevin McInerney	Catharina Williams		Cathy Power	Annette Charge