



# Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

Second Sunday of Advent  
Year B  
6 December 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 40:1-5, 9-11  
2 Pet 3:8-14  
Mk 1:1-8

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

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

W. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people.  
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 prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him

and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

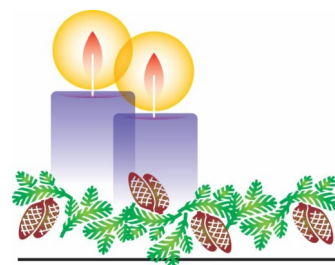
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

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

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

## Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

John the Baptist came into a world waiting for the hope and love that Jesus would bring. We send you to carry our beloved Lord and our prayers to people who have been unable to be here today.



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

**Next Week :** Is 61:1-2, 10-11 | Thess 5:16-24 | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## 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, Wilf Hedley, 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: Natalie Rivers, Ida Feld, Jan Stuart, Richard O'Shea, Nihal De Zoysa, Roger Guest.

Anniversaries: Michele De Simone, Domenico Marzano, Yoni, Budi & Nihal de Zoysa, Brian Williams, Terry Williams, Orsola Grieci, Gerry Grieci, Anthony Cella, Philip, Keith, James and Darcy McLean.

## 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.

### From the Liturgy Committee ....

#### The Immaculate Conception

In the early church there seemed to be a general acceptance of Mary's holiness. This acceptance grew in strength until the Council of Ephesus in 431 when Mary was solemnly declared to be the Mother of God, although well before Ephesus the consensus of most theologians was that one chosen to be the Mother of God could never have experienced sin.

Debate continued through the centuries and in the 12th century the English celebrated Mary's conception but it was in the next century that the Franciscan theologian, John Duns Scotus, argued conclusively and undeniably that Mary was shielded from sin by the grace of redemption.

Duns Scotus had to work his way through a maze of theological argument on the topic of the Immaculate Conception. There was clear denial on the part of scholars of his own time and certainly on that of a number of Fathers of the Church of earlier centuries. But he held his ground and maintained his opinions, explaining with clarity and with absolute theological support that Mary was conceived without sin.

However, this proponent of the Marian privilege was not to see in his lifetime the result of his work proclaimed a dogma of faith, although his teaching was reflected in the work of several popes notably Sixtus IV and it was given some weight in the Council of Trent in 1546.

However, it was not until 1854 in his Apostolic Constitution, *Ineffabilis Deus*, that Pope Pius IX proclaimed "..... with our own authority, we declare, we pronounce and we define the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the very first moment of her conception, through the singular grace of Almighty God and through the foresight of the merits of Christ Jesus..... was preserved immune from all stains of Original Sin...."

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on 8th December and is the patronal feast of the United States of America.

### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal – this weekend!

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.

**IPhone 11** found in St Vincent's Church, please contact Parish Office on 6254 1827.

### 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](mailto:meadley@netspeed.com.au).

Please see updated **Archdiocesan Protocols re COVID 19 effective from 27 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](mailto: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.eileenconnor.com.au](http://www.eileenconnor.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-eily-rosaline-eileen-7875>

#### **Children's Christmas Eve Mass 6.30pm**

Children are invited to be involved in different parts of the Mass: welcoming, entrance procession, reading as well as dressing as a character from the Nativity.

Please contact Rachel ([Rachel.donnelly@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Rachel.donnelly@cg.catholic.edu.au)) or Alissa ([alissapearson@gmail.com](mailto:alissapearson@gmail.com)) if your child/ren would like to be part of the celebration.

#### **Are you looking for further spiritual growth in 2021?**

Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia invites you to apply for our Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola 2021 program. It runs from February onwards spanning 30-35 weeks. Anyone is welcome to apply - no prior experience necessary. Expressions of interest close 28 February 2021. Contact Sandra on 1300 392 636 or [info@jisa.org.au](mailto:info@jisa.org.au) for details.

#### **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).**

#### **Acolytes, Servers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Rosters for Christmas Masses as noted in this bulletin and for the months of January, February and March will be drawn up shortly.

Would you kindly advise your availability for service for Christmas and during this period to Mary Morris ([morrism@me.com](mailto:morrisdm@me.com) or 0438631657) by 12 December.

#### **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.

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 homeowners, technical aspects etc). Expressions of interest welcome at 0428 625 110 or [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:mulvaney@netspeed.com.au) 0437 876 487. Limited numbers due to COVID restrictions.

## Blessing of the Advent Wreath

*(The Celebrant, or an assistant, lights the second candle, which can be named the John the Baptist Candle. John the Baptist was the one who prepared the way for the Lord.)*

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah who described you as a 'shepherd feeding his flock, gathering the lambs in his arms' (*First Reading*). The Plenary Council invites us to be a Humble, Healing and Merciful community. Like the shepherd may we be people with arms outstretched in love.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, you will come again. St Peter reminds us to live holy and saintly lives while we wait and long for the Day of God to come (*Second Reading*). Waiting can be filled with anxiety. The unexpected can be frightening. Help us to live in the Spirit always.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, you call us to baptism in the Holy Spirit (*Gospel*). Be with us as we 'Listen to what the Spirit is saying' throughout the journey of the Plenary Council.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**



## Reception of the Children to be Baptised into St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish Family

We welcome the following children who are to be baptised and received into the Catholic way of life.

- Max Larson, son of Matthew & Julianne
- Elise Lockley, daughter of Benjamin & Alysha
- Royce Fallon, son of Eric & Chelsea

*(after the Homily the families of those to be baptised will be asked to come forward and stand on the sanctuary facing the people)*

**Celebrant:** Dear Parents, what Name have you given to your child?

**Parents:** *(each parent gives the child her/his Name)*

**Celebrant:** Why did you bring your child here to (St Matthew's or St Vincent's) today?

**Parents:** To be baptised.

**Celebrant:** Dear parents, you have formally asked to have your child baptised. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training your children in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring your children up to keep God's

commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God above all things and our neighbour as ourselves. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

**Parents:** We do.

**Celebrant:** I ask all present as baptised members of St Matthew's & St Vincent's Parish Family and the whole Church, do you welcome these children into our Church Family and will you pray for them?

**Parishioners:** We will.

**Celebrant:** Our Parish Family welcomes you into our Christian Community with great joy. In its name, I claim you for Christ our Saviour by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your foreheads and I ask your parents and godparents to do the same.

*(Parents, godparents and the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for this Mass now sign each child on the forehead with a prayerful Sign of the Cross)*

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

6 December				13 December		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Cheryl Hamill	Janet Moyle	Anne McCarthy	Lorraine Higgins	Jen Muscat	Paul Scholtens
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Paul Scholtens	Damien Power	John Malycha	Bernie Leger	Dennis Morris	Robyn Grubmueller
<b>EMHC</b>		Cathy Power	Annette Charge			