



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

Third Sunday of Advent  
Year B  
13 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
1st Thursday in Jun & 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 61:1-2, 10-11  
I Thess 5:16-24  
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

W. My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.

He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R.**

M. The Almighty works marvels for me.

Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. **R.**

W. He fills the starving with good things,

sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

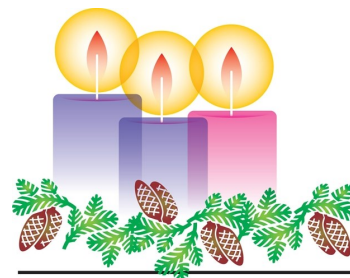
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

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

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

## Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Take Christ in the Eucharist, as a sign of his willingness to give himself to us, whole and entire.



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

**Next Week :** 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

## 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, Barb Lytle, Michael Mathias, Jill McDonald, Dr Neil McIntosh, 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.

Anniversaries: Michele De Simone, Domenico Marzano, Yoni, Budi & Nihal de Zoysa, Brian Williams, Terry Williams.

### 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) or Alissa (alissapearson@gmail.com) if your child/ren would like to be part of the celebration.

## Parish News

### Liturgy Line

On this third weekend of Advent, also known as Gaudate Sunday, the person of John the Baptist is present again. He comes as a witness to the light of Christ. Just as we have been waiting to meet Christ, so to he is waiting to meet us. Our Churches are both Christ's house and our own. In these houses there are signs of preparation and hosting, such as the Advent Wreath, counting the weeks of waiting. As we enter in our contact tracing lists and CBR Check In App both record and count the names of God's beloved children waiting to meet Christ who is waiting for them.

Please see updated **Archdiocesan Protocols re COVID 19 effective from 4 December** on church noticeboards. **Please note:** because our churches have QR code available to use, we can now have up to 200 people in our churches applying the 2sqm rule for physical distancing. If you do not have a phone that allows you to use QR code, you will still need to complete the register in the foyer. The QR Code does not keep count of participants, so numbers will still need to be monitored. For outside gatherings up to 500 people is permitted, applying 2sqm rule. Singing is possible, respecting 2sqm rule inside, with people facing the same direction. Please see information about QR Code - **Check In CBR** below.

The South Belconnen parish has registered to use **Check In CBR** app at both our churches for ongoing support of the COVID-19 contact tracing efforts. Many restaurants and cafes are using this app around Canberra so some parishioners may already be set up to use this check in technology. When the Check In App is used, the information is directly stored with ACT Health (for contact tracing purposes only) – the parish will not be able to see who has used this app.

The QR code posters are displayed on the tables in the foyer of each church. Parishioners who wish to use the app will need to download the Check In CBR App from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. You will need to register your details (required for the first time only). Open the app, select 'check in now' and hover your smartphone camera over the venue's displayed QR Code. There are instruction sheets in each of the church foyers.

**Please note:** This app does not count the number of people in the church at one time

because the information goes directly to ACT Health. For this reason, we will still need to sign in for weekend Masses to monitor numbers.

**Check In CBR**

For further information visit  
[covid19.act.gov.au/check-in-cbr](https://covid19.act.gov.au/check-in-cbr)



**South Belconnen Parish Choir:** There will be choir practice in St Vincent's Church at 5pm on Saturday 19 December, prior to singing the 6pm Mass. All interested in singing will be welcome.

*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.

**Tinnies for Vinnies** - Thanks to your support, Vinnies has now received a total of \$2,000 from the Tinnies initiative - thank you.

Please leave your containers near the Aranda Parish Centre garage door - Vinnies will do the rest. Please note that only containers bearing the 10c logo qualify. Unfortunately wine bottles do not qualify.

### Library News

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

- Barker, Ken: ***The way of Jesus: a reflection on the Beatitudes***
- Francis, Pope: ***Fratelli Tutti: encyclical letter on fraternity and social friendship***
- Williams, Rowan: ***The way of St. Benedict***

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.

### 2020 Christmas Mass Times



#### Christmas Eve

6.30pm St Vincent's Primary School, undercover area of playground, 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 on Boxing Day (26 December) and there will be no weekday Masses between Christmas and New Year's Day.**

#### New Year's Day

9.30am St Matthew's Church, Page  
 3.00pm Korean Mass, St Vincent's Church, Aranda

**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.eilenoconnor.com.au](http://www.eilenoconnor.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>

### Parish Financial Report for November 2020

	Actual 11 mths to 30/11/2020	Planned 11 mths to 30/11/202	Variance against Plan	
	\$	\$	\$	
<b>1st Collection</b>	*43553	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>	178,393	169,500	8893	over budget
(Incl Planned Giving for administration of the Parish)				
<b>Parish Income &amp; Expenditure Statement</b>				
Income **	210,272	189,725	20,547	over budget
Expenditure	192,200	189,041	-3,159	over budget
Surplus/(Deficit)	18,072	684	17,388	

\*\* 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.

## Blessing of the Advent Wreath

*(The Presider, or an assistant light the third candle, which can be named the Saints' Candle to call to mind all the saints who share the life of Christ by being baptised into his Body the Church.)*

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, your coming was foretold by the prophet Isaiah who cried with joy for God clothes us in the garments of salvation *(First Reading)*. As a joyful, hope-filled Servant Community may our hearts be filled with gratitude for the many gifts God has given us.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, you come among us now as the light of the world. St Paul urges us to be happy at

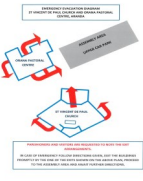
all times and to pray constantly *(Second Reading)*. May the joy of the Lord be in our hearts as we journey together, listening to what the Spirit is saying to the Church of Australia.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, you sent John the Baptist to be a witness for the light *(Gospel)*. Like John the Baptist may we be witnesses to the power of Jesus open to Conversion and Renewal in the Church of Australia.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**






### Emergency Evacuation Procedures for St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish Buildings

Emergency Evacuation Diagrams are displayed in both **church foyers, Marian Hall and Aranda Pastoral Centre**. Parishioners and visitors are requested to note the exit arrangements. In case of emergency follow directions given, exit the buildings promptly by one of the exits shown on the plan, proceed to the assembly area (St Matthew's - School netball courts/carpark, St Vincent's - Upper carpark) and await further directions.

Please also note that **first aid kits** are available in both church foyers and parish centres. Look for the green first aid sign.



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

	13 December			20 December		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Lorraine Higgins	Jen Muscat	Paul Scholtens	Bernie Leger	Christina Rowe	Michael Allam
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Bernie Leger	Dennis Morris	Robyn Grubmueller	Jenny Murphy	John Woods	John Malycha
<b>EMHC</b>					Judy Williamson	Mina Chiu