



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Year B
20 December 2020

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Masses:

Saturday Vigil St Vincent's 6.00pm
This Mass will also be streamed through
our Facebook Page until 1/1/21

<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:

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

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

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour

Responsorial Psalm

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

W. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

M. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.' **R.**

Mary Mother of God, New Year's Day, Mass will be the final live stream Mass unless there are further lock-downs in the ACT.

W. He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

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

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Take this holy sacrament, the bread of life, to our sisters and brothers who are sick. Share with them the joy of the Gospel and the love of this community.



Next Week : Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40

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: Byron Gell, Marie Ward, Natalie Rivers, Ida Feld, Jan Stuart.

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

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.

Parish News

RCIA

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a process offered by parishes to adults interested in finding out more about our faith with a view to becoming Catholics. Those who are unbaptised are called "catechumens" and those who have been baptised in another denomination are called "candidates". The process helps the participants to understand the teachings and practices of the Church and to introduce them to the Mystery of Christ. They are helped to develop their prayer life and are encouraged to share the gospel in their words and actions.

The process is gradual, taking place over a period of months and is divided into four periods that are punctuated by two major liturgical rites. It culminates in the third liturgical rite which includes the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation i.e. Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. ("Candidates" will receive Confirmation and Eucharist as they have already been baptised}. Often the third step is celebrated at the Easter Vigil Mass.



2020 Christmas Mass Times

(Please see Christmas Mass Information on opposite page)

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

The Aranda Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society is offering Columban Calendars (\$9) and packs of 10 Christmas Card (\$7) for sale in the foyer of St Vincent's Church, Aranda from Saturday, 7 November for 6 weeks. Columban Calendars (\$9) are also available in the foyer of St Matthew's Church, Page.

Information about Christmas Masses this year

Please ensure when entering the church or playground:

- Sanitise your hands;
- Check in/register your attendance;
- Apply the 2sqm rule for physical distancing while seated, standing and moving around the church/playground (families can sit together);
- Holy Communion only under the species of bread;
- Holy Communion to be received only in the hand;
- No touching at the sign of peace;
- Collection plates will not be passed around (collection points are located at the back of the churches)
- Singing is possible, respecting the 2sqm rule, with people facing the same direction.

As we are expecting many people to attend our Christmas Masses, we must ensure that the above **Archdiocesan Protocols re COVID 19 (effective from 4 December)** are followed. There will be two options for entering our churches and school playground for Mass:

- * Using the **Check In CBR app** (information about this app is below)
- * Signing the register provided.

Christmas Eve 6.30pm Children's Mass at St Vincent's Primary School, undercover area of playground - There will be two tents/tables set up for two lines as you enter the playground. One line will be for using the **Check In CBR app** (QR Code will be displayed) and the other line for signing the register. As we do not expect there will be 500 people attending this Mass, we will not be keeping count. **Please bring your own chairs and blankets.** A water station is available but please bring your own water bottle. An electronic copy of the Christmas Eve Mass booklet can be found at <https://bit.ly/34fwgai>.

Christmas Eve & Day 9pm & 8.30am Masses at St Matthew's Church, Page - There will be three lines when entering the church. One line for using **Check In CBR** (QR Code will be displayed) through the left hand door at the main entrance to the church. The two other lines will be for those who cannot use Check In CBR and you will need to **sign the register** - through the right hand door at the main entrance and also through the Marian Hall courtyard and into the foyer. There will be counters just inside the church to keep count and will make sure we have no more than 200 people entering the church. There will be some chairs provided (or bring your own) outside the church. Water will be provided but please bring your own water bottle. Please note: the Christmas Eve 9pm Mass will be streamed <https://www.facebook.com/southbelconnen/live/>.

Christmas Day 10am Mass at St Vincent's Church, Aranda - There will be two lines when entering the main doors of the church. One line for using **Check In CBR** (QR Code will be displayed) and the other line for signing the register. There will be counters just inside the church to keep count and will make sure we have no more than 200 people entering the church. There will be some chairs provided (or bring your own) outside the church. Water will be provided but please bring your own water bottle.

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://www.covid19.act.gov.au/check-in-cbr)



Blessing of the Advent Wreath

(The Presider, or an assistant light the fourth candle, which is often named the Angel Gabriel Candle for those messengers who bring God's Word into our world.)

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you established the house of David to be secure forever and from which the Saviour would be born (First Reading). Jesus is the cornerstone. We are a Christ-centered Church.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you alone are wisdom and as St Paul declares, you will give us the strength to live the Gospel (Second Reading). By living a prayerful life Centered on the Eucharist may we open ourselves to your wisdom and the Spirit working in the community.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you sent the angel Gabriel to give the good news to Mary so that she would bring Jesus into the world through the power of the Spirit (Gospel). Giving birth is painful. Change can be frightening. Mary trusted in God and let herself be led by the Holy Spirit so that we can say:

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal 2020

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for 2020 will be conducted at all Christmas Masses throughout the Archdiocese and will again have the funds raised split.

- Support will continue for the **ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal** and its work in Australia, Africa, Asia and Oceania.
- Contributions will be made to support Diocesan projects locally, within Wilcannia Forbes Diocese and globally, within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria, Thamarassery, India and Gizo Diocese PNG. Within Gizo Diocese assistance will support construction of a multipurpose hall at a school for migrant children from Kiribati and Malaita in Nusabaruku.
- Other international endeavours will include support towards: projects focused on helping the poor within the La Salette Matha Province and by the Society of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart (OSH) in India; and further student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.

There are forms available in church foyers for donating by cheque, money order and credit card. This form is also available on our website at

<http://cg.org.au/Portals/66/ParishData/Id316/Uploads/Events/Archbishop>



The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal is now available within your Parish Qkr! App.
Please help us make a difference, both locally and globally, by donating to the appeal.



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

20 December				27 December		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Bernie Leger	Christina Rowe	Michael Allam	Mary Williams	Denis Daly	Beth Berdin
Senior Servers	Jenny Murphy	John Woods	John Malycha	Damien Sloane	Dennis Morris	Jenny Murphy
EMHC		Judy Williamson	Mina Chiu		Mary Morris	Helen Digan