



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

The Nativity of the Lord
25 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

Night: Is 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

Day: Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

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

At Mass During the Night: The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

At Mass During the Day: A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

W. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

M. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

W. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. **R.**

M. With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

At Mass During the Night: Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

At Mass During the Day: Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

(not said if hymn is sung)

At Mass During the Night: The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

At Mass During the Day: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.



Mary Mother of God, New Year's Day Mass - 9.30am St Matthew's Church, Page & 3.00pm Korean Mass, St Vincent's Church, Aranda. This will be the final live stream Mass unless there are further lock-downs in ACT.

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Caroline Aldridge, Michelle 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 (Heather Robinson's brother), Monica Molloy, Peter Naughton, Cedric Netto, Me con Nguyen Thi No, Noel Noonan, Belinda O'Flynn, Louise Powell, 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.

Anniversaries: Michele De Simone, Domenico Marzano.

Have a look at the Archbishop's Christmas message
<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/archbishop-christophers-2020-christmas-message/>

Tinnies for Vinnies - A very Happy Christmas to all and thank you for your support during the year - the money raised is being put to good use.

Hopefully there will also be a merry component to your Christmas - if so your 10c refundable containers will be most welcome. Simply leave them at the Orana Centre garage door and Vinnies will do the rest.

Parish News

There will be **no Confession** on 26 December and there will be **no weekday Masses** between Christmas and New Year's Day.



Nativity of the Lord "Christmas" 2020



In his meditations on the great gift of the Eucharist to himself, and to us all, Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI, retells a parable. A young Jewish boy refused to go to school and his parents tried everything. Finally, they took him to the rabbi. Hearing that words had not helped, the rabbi held the child close to their heart for a long time. The boy went to school, later becoming a great scholar and rabbi.

The nativity scene often features Mary holding the Christ child, Jesus who is God-with-us. Others came: shepherds, magi, creatures around the stable, to behold this God with us. A manger, where food is stored and offered, also held him who would become bread for the world.

This year some have lost homes to fires that had housed and held rich and precious memories for them. As lockdowns have come and gone and physical distancing shaped the space between us many have longed for loved ones. They have missed holding and being held by those they love and who love them.

Those of us receiving Holy Communion will present our hands like a manger, holding Christ who wants to hold us. Then we hold Christ near us, together in our hearts, with those who we would dearly love to hold close.

May you all hold Christ close this Christmas season, and as you hold your loved ones in your heart, know that God holds us all, for Jesus is God with us.

Blessings of peace and gratitude from Fr Thomas, Deacon Joe and myself,
Fr Simon

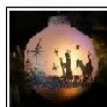
Our Churches **will be closed** after Christmas Masses until the weekend Masses on 26/27 December and then close again until New Year's Day. The Parish Office will be closed from 25 December until 5 January.

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.

