



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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
27 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:

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

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

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

W. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

O sing to him, sing his praise,  
tell all his wonderful works! **R.**

M. Be proud of his holy name,  
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.

Consider the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face. **R.**

W. Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.

O children of Abraham, his servant,

O sons of the Jacob he chose. **R.**

M. He remembers his covenant for ever,  
his promise for a thousand generations,  
the covenant he made with Abraham,  
the oath he swore to Isaac. **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.  
Alleluia!

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

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

## Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

As we remember how Jesus was presented as a child in the temple, you are about to bring the same Lord in the Eucharist to our sick sisters and brothers. May they see in the Eucharist you bring, the presence of the Lord Jesus.

**Next Week :** Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

## 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.

## Parish News

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

### From the Liturgy Committee ....

#### St Stephen - The First Martyr - 26 December

St. Stephen was one of the seven deacons appointed by the Apostles to organise the distribution of food to the poor and he is the first martyr. He was said to be a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit. He performed many miracles and was an accomplished debater.

His death, by stoning, occurred two years after the death of Christ. As he was dying, he prayed for his persecutors. One of them, Saul of Tarsus, who was looking after the cloaks of the stone-throwers, was later converted and became the great missionary, St. Paul. The Acts of the Apostles, 6:8-10, 7:54-59, provide an account of Stephen's trial and death.

#### The Holy Innocents Feast - 28 December

Matthew 2:1-18 tells the story that Herod was "greatly troubled" when wise men from the east came to Jerusalem asking the whereabouts of "the infant king of the Jews," whose star they had seen. They were told that the Jewish Scriptures named Bethlehem as the place where the Messiah would be born. Herod cunningly told them to report back to him so that he could also "do him homage." They found Jesus, offered him their gifts, and warned by an angel, avoided Herod on their way home. Joseph was warned in a dream to take Mary and Jesus and escape to Egypt.

Herod became furious "and in Bethlehem and its surrounding district he had all the male children killed who were two years old or under." The horror of the massacre and the devastation of the mothers and fathers led Matthew to quote Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loudly lamenting; it was Rachel weeping for her children..." (Matthew 2:18). Rachel was the wife of Jacob (Israel).

The Holy Innocents were in the mind of God through prophecy hundreds of years before and so were we. The Church regards these infants as the first martyrs to give their lives for Christ, in fact they gave their lives instead of Christ.

Our Churches **will be closed** after this weekend's Masses and will be open again on New Year's Day. The Parish Office will be closed from 25 December until 5 January.

This time of the year can be very challenging for many people. If you need help please contact **Lifeline** (free calls to mobiles) on 131 114 (lifeline.org.au) or **Beyond Blue** 1300 22 4636 (beyondblue.org.au).

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

	27 December			3 January		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Mary Williams	Denis Daly	Beth Berdin	Jenny Murphy	Janet Moyle	Anne McCarthy
Senior Servers	Damien Sloane	Dennis Morris	Jenny Murphy	Paul Scholtens	Damien Power	John Malycha
EMHC		Mary Morris	Helen Digan		Cathy Power	Annette Charge

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