



# Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul

## South Belconnen

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B  
Word of God Sunday  
31 January 2021

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### Masses:

Saturday Vigil	St Vincent's	6.00pm
(No longer streamed).		
Sunday	St Matthew's	8.30am
	St Vincent's	10.00am
Samoan	St Matthew's	1.00pm
(4th Sun)		
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:

Duet 18:15-20  
I Cor 7:32-35  
Mk 1:21-28

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

Save us, O Lord our God! And  
gather us from the nations, to give  
thanks to your holy name, and make  
it our glory to praise you.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. If today, you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.**

W. Come, ring out our joy to the  
Lord;  
hail, the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving  
thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.**R.**

M. Come in, let us kneel and bend  
low;  
let us kneel before the God who  
made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his  
pasture,  
the flock that is led by his  
hand.**R.**

W. O that today you would listen to  
his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as a  
Meribah,

as on that day at Massah in the  
desert  
when your fathers put me to the  
test;  
when they tried me, though they  
saw my work.' **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a  
great light: a radiant dawn shines on  
those lost in death. Alleluia!

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

Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your merciful love. O  
Lord, let me never be put to shame,  
for I call on you.

### Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

You are taking Jesus in the  
sacrament of the Eucharist to those  
who, through sickness or advancing  
years, are unable to be with us  
today. May you be a comfort to  
them and an assurance of our  
prayerful support.

**Next Week :** Job 7:1-4, 6-7 | Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

## Prayer Requests

### We pray for the sick:

Caroline Aldridge, Michelle Aldridge, Thirvinder Anand, 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, 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. All the sick and suffering.

### We pray for the deceased:

Recently: Kathy Crick, Al Kabaila, Paula Tippet, Bill Hanrahan, Mahinhin Domingo-Berdin.

Anniversaries: Irene, Henry, George & Robert Witynski, Stanislaw & Anna Ziolkowski, Margaret Webster, Warren Smith.

Burning of palms will take place after the 5.30pm Mass on Tuesday 16 February. You are invited to bring your palms to Sunday Mass 14/1 to be burnt and join the short ritual after Mass on Tuesday.

### Ash Wednesday Mass times:

7am Page, 9.30am Aranda, 6pm Page, 6.30pm (Korean) Aranda.

## Parish News

### The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

The Presentation in the Temple was one of the earliest episodes in the life of Jesus. Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Jerusalem forty days after his birth as, according to Jewish Law, the first born male child of any family belonged to God and his parents had to "buy back" their child by an offering, a pair of turtledoves in the case of Joseph and Mary. The feast also combined the ritual purification of the mother which took place forty days after a child was born.

While in the Temple, Mary encountered Simeon, an elderly man who was praying there. Simeon had been promised he would see the Lord before his death.

Recognising Jesus as the Lord, Simon said the prayer which today is known as the Nunc Dimmittus:

"Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word: for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for the revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." ( Luke 2: 29-30)

But Simeon had more to say to Mary: thus his prophecy "... this child is set for the fall and the rising for many in Israel .....and a sword will pierce through your own soul also ...." ( Luke 2: 34-35)

One imagines Mary leaving the Temple with a heavy heart as she must have pondered the words of Simeon on the journey home.

Also in the Temple with Simeon was the prophetess, Anna, an elderly woman of eighty-four years, the daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher. Anna offered prayers of praise to God for Jesus and she spoke of the importance of redemption in Jerusalem. (Luke 2: 36-38)

At the end of the 7th Century, Pope Sergius I instituted a procession before dawn on the feast day of the Presentation in the Temple. People carried lighted candles to the church referencing Simeon's prophecy that Jesus would be a light for the revelation to the Gentiles. This echoes the prophecy of Isaiah( 49: 6 )" I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

The candles were often of beeswax and were for use in churches throughout the year. Some were taken home and were lit when a family was at prayer.. Thus the feast also became known as Candlemas.

The feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple is celebrated throughout the world on 2 February. You may wish to bring your prayer candle to the 5.30pm Mass at St Vincent's Church for the "blessing of candles ceremony" which will take place during this Mass. *From the Liturgy Committee*

**Parishioners** are invited to offer themselves or recommend others in the parish for the St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**.

Keeping in mind the Vision for our Parish of ***Walking together in faith to share God's love with all*** and Our Parish Goal to ***Invigorate the parish by building an actively engaged community***, what qualities, talents and experience could you or others bring to the PPC?

Recommendation/Offering forms are available in church foyers. A brief overview of the roles and responsibilities of the PPC is provided on the back of this form. You can also see this information at [cg.org.au/belconnensouth](http://cg.org.au/belconnensouth). Completed forms should be placed in the boxes in the church foyers by **21 February**. A Discernment evening will then be held at **7.30pm on Wednesday 24 February at St Vincent's Church, Aranda**. Please contact the Parish Office at [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au) or 6254 1827 for further information.

## Giving & Receiving

The Archdiocese is transitioning to **cashless collection of money**. Recent events have quickened the pace of change.

As per Archdiocesan Protocols, there will be **no more collection plates at Mass**. There will be collection points set up in both of our Churches (just inside the doors leading you from the foyer into the Church) to place cash or planned giving envelopes **before** Mass or **after** Mass.

**Please note: during COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no offertory procession during Mass.**

Information about ways you can contribute can be found at <https://bit.ly/37Syi0Q>. Please also see below about Tap & Go machines in our Churches.

**Please give serious thought to begin contributing electronically instead of cash.** If you have any questions about setting up one of the three electronic options please contact the parish office on 6254 1827 or [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au).

**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.

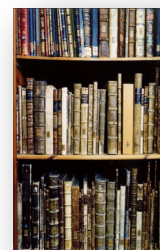
## Library News

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

- Rupp, Joyce: ***Boundless compassion: creating a way of life***
- Francis, Pope: ***Ave Maria: the mystery of a most beloved prayer***
- ***The St Thomas More's forum papers 2005-2007***
- ***The tablet*** (NEW issues to Nov 2020 now available).

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.



## Vaccines, viruses and vulnerabilities: Catholic health and care of the human person

On this year's World Day of the Sick, we are bringing together international experts and thought leaders to discuss mental health, public health and the questions of solidarity in the face of this global pandemic.

**Speakers include:** Sr Carol Keehan, Dr Brian M Kane and Dr David Kirchoffer (moderator).

**Date and time:** Thursday 11 February 2021 at 12pm.

**Participation:** Online.

**Cost:** Free.

**Register by:** Monday 8 February 2021

**Information & Registration:** [acu.edu.au/WDOS2021](http://acu.edu.au/WDOS2021)

## Pastoral and Spiritual Care Training

Is your New Year's Resolution to try something new? Maybe it's to get more involved in the community? Then why not combine both by enrolling in a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Introductory Course. This 5 day course is a great way to get a feel for pastoral and spiritual care and includes topics such as: What is Pastoral/ Spiritual Care; empathy, grief and loss, spiritual reflection and self-care. It runs on 5 Wednesdays from Feb 17 to Mar 17, 9-5pm in Queanbeyan and costs \$400. It is followed by a longer CPE unit for those interested in more in-depth training in spiritual care. Enrolments close soon. Please contact Susanne Schmidt for enrolment on 0431 243 486 or at [susannecpe@gmail.com](mailto:susannecpe@gmail.com)

### Engaged Encounter Retreat 20-21 February

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. Other weekends in 2021: 1-2 May, 7-8 August and 13-14 November. For further information visit: [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au).

### Women of the Well Rest - Reflect - Release - Reconnect

Upcoming Retreats for 2021:

19-21 February - St Joseph's, Kincumber  
26-28 February - The Hermitage, Mittagong  
18-20 June - St Joseph's, Kincumber  
Cost: \$100 (accommodation, meals and materials incl)  
Please see flyer on church noticeboards for further information.

### Aid to the Church in Need Australia

As we begin a new year, please remember the suffering Church. Your donation helps keep the faith alive during these difficult times. Visit [www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org).

### Mens Cursillo Weekend - 25 March

A Canberra-Goulburn Cursillo men's retreat will be held over a three-day weekend starting on the evening of Thursday 25 March. Places are limited. For details, contact Geoff ([chantel1997@hotmail.com](mailto:chantel1997@hotmail.com) or 0451 013 772).

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

31 January				7 February		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Mary Williams	Jen Muscat	Anne McCarthy	Cheryl Hamill	Christina Rowe	Graham Williams
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Jenny Murphy	Dennis Morris	Paul Scholtens	David Ross	Damien Power	John Malycha
<b>EMHC</b>		Mary Morris	Irene Scholtens		Cathy Power	Catharina Williams
<b>A&amp;L</b>	<b>P</b> - Jan Cashman <b>A</b> - Amanda Kabaila, Rachelle Stannard 6/2			<b>P</b> - Yvonne McAdoo <b>A</b> - Judy Spence, Robin Taylor 13/2		