



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul

South Belconnen

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Year B
21 March 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:

Jer 31:31-34
Heb 5:7-9
Jn 12:20-33

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

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

W. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

M. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

W. Give me again the joy of your help, with a spirit of fervour sustain me,

that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

As you bring the sacrament of the Lord's body to those who cannot be with us, may they feel held in God's love and held in prayer at the heart of our community of faith.



Next Week : Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47

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, Di Carter, 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, Bruce Maiden, Michael Mathias, Jill McDonald, Monica Molloy, Peter Naughton, Cedric Netto, Me con Nguyen Thi No, Noel Noonan, Rita Notte, Belinda O'Flynn, Louise Powell, Kathleen Preece, Dana Riminic, Peter Robbins, Daphne Robinson, Paul Shanahan, Peter Stewart, Nicole Tavares, Richard Toombs, Lina Varmiento, Jenny Webster, Angela Williams, Berenice Wright and Robert Wrightson. All the sick and suffering.

We pray for the deceased:

Recently: Moya Lahiff, John Woodlock, Karen Ridley, Doreen Blake, Paula Pfister, Kozci Moreing, Roma Metcalf, Elisa Amaral, Sr Amy Caldwell.

Anniversaries: Noela, Frank & Michael Bartlett, Carmela Russoniello, Edda Taurasi, Noel Falk, Arthur Bryan, Sean Reiher.

If you are able to help out in the parish office when Kate takes short term leave, please contact the parish office at belconnen-south@cg.org.au.

Parish News

The **Annunciation of the Lord** is celebrated as a Solemnity on 25 March.

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus" (Luke 1:30-31).

The meaning of the Annunciation is easy to remember because it's an announcement. The angel Gabriel is sent to the Virgin Mary to announce big, unexpected news. In her complete trust in God's plan for her, Mary overcomes her fear and confusion. She recognised a deeper voice in her heart, the voice of God. Mary was open to hearing and receiving the call of God and found courage. She trusted God.

Some thoughts for us: do we let fear, anxiety overtake us or do we take some time to converse with God? Are we open to the call of God in our lives as Mary was? *Liturgy Committee*

The **Participation and support in the liturgical life of our**

parish form in this week's bulletin has been made available for your consideration. At this weekend's Masses a member of the Liturgy Committee will speak on the various liturgical ministries and support roles. Please give your prayerful consideration to participating in the liturgical life of our parish and return your form to the box in the foyer of either church by 28 March 2021. Should you wish to know more kindly see a member of the Liturgy Committee: John Malycha, Mary Morris, Trish Mowbray, Jenny Murphy, Christina Rowe, Robin Taylor.

PROJECT COMPASSION
BE MORE

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Halima is raising her two children in a refugee camp in Bangladesh while caring for her mother, who has a disability. Widowed at 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State and arrived at the camp with nothing.

Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter, cooking equipment, hygiene and sanitation training. She took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets. Halima aspired to 'Be More'. She is proud that she is now able to earn a small income while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413. Please do not return Project Compassion Boxes (coins) **until the end of Lent**. There will be a drop off station for you to place them in so that donations can be handled in a safe manner.

Singing at Mass of The Lord's Supper, Holy Thursday Evening: Parishioners wishing to sing as a choir at the Holy Thursday evening Mass are invited to attend practice with Anna Marzano at St Vincent's at **10.00 am on Saturday 27 March**.

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

The Easter Triduum will be celebrated at St Vincent's Church:

Holy Thursday 1 April

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

Good Friday 2 April

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3.00pm

Holy Saturday 3 April

Easter Vigil 7.30pm

Easter Sunday Masses

St Matthew's Church 8.30am

St Vincent's Church 10.00am

Korean Mass St Vincent's 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday

St Matthew's Church 1.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Good Friday St Matthew's 10-11am

Saturday St Matthew's 11-12pm

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary - Crafts stall on Saturday & Sunday 27 & 28 March, 8am-5pm, Belconnen Markets. Home-made cakes, jams, pickles, knitted goods, gifts and more. All proceeds go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients. We thank you for your support during 2020 and encourage your ongoing support.

Chrism Mass will be held at St Christopher's Cathedral on **Monday 29 March 2021 at 5.00pm.**

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm at St Vincent's Mass Centre.

Parishioners are invited to nominate themselves or a fellow parishioner to participate in the Washing of Feet during this Mass. Those happy to participate are asked to put their name on the clip board in the foyer of either church or email the Parish Office.

A short Working Bee after **9.30 Mass on Friday 26 March** in Marian Hall to assemble the candles for the Easter Vigil. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

St Vincent de Paul Society Information Evening 7.30pm Wednesday 24 March 2021, Orana Centre, Aranda

The Aranda conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will present an overview of many of the services and activities they provide. This is part of the Vinnies Knock on Effect program that has just been launched. It is an opportunity for parishioners to learn about the Society. There will be further information after Masses leading into the evening.

Men's Group - Thursday 25 March 2021

The next get together will be at 6.15pm on Thursday 25 March for a BBQ at the Parish Centre, Aranda. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to paul.pearson@bigpond.com (0412 685 582) by **COB Tuesday 23 March.**

Working bee St Vincent's grounds & gardens - Saturday 27 March 8.30 - 1200

General tidy up for Easter. If you could spare some time to assist, that would be greatly appreciated. Further info: meadleycb@outlook.com

Library News

The following items are now available for loan at St Matthew's Church:

- Elbee, Jean C.J., d': **I believe in love: a personal retreat based on the teach of St Therese of Lisieux** [Spirituality]
- Thibodeaux, Mark E, SJ: **Armchair mystic: how contemplative prayer can lead you close to God** [Prayer]
- Fallon, Michael, MSC: **Yielding to love: learning to follow our yearning for deeper communion with God**[Prayer]



The following are now available for loan at St Vincent's Church:

A range of books added to the shelves which include Benedictine works, writings by Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, theology, CS Lewis' Screwtape Letters, Father Timothy Gallagher's Examen prayer guides, The Dark Night of the Soul, The Imitation of Christ, Bede Griffiths' The Marriage of East and West, and several bibles.

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.

2021 Lenten Programs in Brief

Programs and the contacts from within our parish.

Archbishop Prowse's 'Walk in the Spirit'

<https://www.cgatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/>. Contact Vince Burns on 0419 999 209 or Lynne Barr on 0414 262 970.

Ecumenical study group on **Climate for Change** Tuesday sessions 730-9pm 23-Feb to 30-Mar at Holy Covenant Anglican Church in Cook. Guidance materials at <https://>

www.abmission.org/resources.php?action=list-items&catId=33. Expressions of interest BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au.

Garratt Publishing called 'It's All About Hope'. You can purchase copies of this program at <https://garrattpublishing.com.au/product/9781925009835/>.

Wollongong's 'Comfort' <https://www.dow.org.au/shop/>.

Brisbane's 'Look to Jesus' <https://evangelisation-brisbane.myshopify.com/.../look-to...>

A Lenten prayer service using the songs and prayers of Taize - Sunday 21 March, 5:30 - 6:30pm

Enjoy the songs and prayers of the Taize community in this contemplative prayer service.

Hosted by the Immanuel Lutheran church (37 Burnie St, Lyons).

All are welcome. Enquiries to Caroline Weller (c.weller@internode.on.net)

Instrumentum Laboris (Working Document) was Released for Plenary Council Journey

Working document link <https://bit.ly/383Cqwc>. As at other stages in the Plenary Council journey, people are encouraged - individually or collectively - to pray with the document. A simple reflection guide has been devised to support local engagement <https://bit.ly/2Pkv6FS>. A podcast series, starting with interviews of members of the instrumentum laboris writing team can be found at <https://bit.ly/2MDKz2O>

One of Pope Francis' first and ongoing actions has been in support of refugees. Australia has kept people in Nauru and New Guinea for over seven years, and a family with young children on Christmas Island for over three. **There is a rally to support these refugees at 1pm on Palm Sunday, March 28, in Garema Place.** More information at refugeeaction.org. catholicsforrefugees.org.au has other information on refugees. Vinnies and will have a group at the rally, meeting at the Merry-go-round. Please contact Kathryn.maiden@vinnies.org.au if you wish to join this group (to ensure numbers comply with restrictions, and can keep you informed of the plans for the day).

Daramalan College 2022 Enrolment Information now available at www.daramalan.act.edu.au.

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

	21 March			28 March		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Cheryl Hamill	Jen Muscat	Gerard Hogan	Lorraine Higgins	Christina Rowe	Tom Liddiard
Senior Servers	Bernie Leger	Dennis Morris	Paul Scholtens	Damien Sloane	Damien Power	Robyn Grubmueller
EMHC		Mary Morris	Helen Digan	Margaret Sloane	Cathy Power	Rachelle Stannard
A&L	P - Yvonne McAdoo A - No flowers during lent.			P - Ann Tierney A - No flowers during lent.		