



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

5th Sunday of Easter
Year B
2 May 2021

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Hearing Aid Loop is installed in both church centres, St Matthew's only middle 2 sections turn your hearing aid to the T switch

Masses:

Saturday Vigil	St Matthew'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 Matthew'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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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

This Week:

Acts 9:26-31
1Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8

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

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

W. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

M. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him.

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

W. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to

generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

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

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Dear friends, we are one vine, sharing the life of Jesus. May this Holy Communion strengthen the bonds of love with our sick and housebound brothers and sisters.



Next Week : Acts 10:25-26, 34-35 44-48 1Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

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, Lorraine Higgins, Paul Idilton, Graham Jackson, Berty Jacob, Cath Jane Keen, Barb Lytle, Bruce Maiden, Michael Mathias, Jill McDonald, Tanya Mihajlovic, 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: Alex Tocher, Margaret Banner, Lorraine Davies, Joan Lloyd, Christine Williams, Bob Sly.

Anniversaries: Merle Bryan, Linda Balthazaar.

The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry is celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday and the 150th Anniversary of the Coming of the Light to the Torres Strait Islands on Sunday 4 July at St Vincent's. Our Archbishop will be celebrating this Mass commencing at 12.30pm and everyone is welcome to attend

Parish News

Liturgy Line

In this Year of St Joseph it is fitting to acknowledge his other feast. May 1 is the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. More than simply a copying of "May Day" this feast acknowledges the creativity of St Joseph as a craftsman and the creativity of work. It echoes the creative work of God as experienced in the work of human hands. As work is part of our sharing in the creativity of God it is not to be wasted, abused or taken for granted. Since the impact of COVID 19 work has changed for many people and some are still seeking work. May we appreciate the gift of work. St Joseph the Worker, pray for us, that our workplaces may be both fruitful and just.

St Philip and St James, Apostles 3 May

The Apostle, Philip, was one of Jesus' first disciples, called soon after Jesus' baptism in the Jordan. Philip, from Galilee, was married and had several daughters at the time of his calling. He came to faith directly through Jesus and was not introduced to Jesus through another person. Philip believed in Jesus as soon as he encountered him after hearing only a couple of words "Follow me" (Jn 1:43).

Shortly after this, Philip attended the wedding in Cana and witnessed Jesus' first miracle, but Philip also had his faith tested "When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" Philip's response that it would take half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite indicates that he didn't anticipate that Jesus would multiply the five loaves and two fish. He also asks Jesus at the Last Supper "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us". (Jn 14:8).

In the end, Philip followed in the footsteps of many of the other apostles by being martyred for his faith in Christ. After preaching with Bartholomew in Greece, he was scourged, imprisoned and ultimately crucified upside down in 62 AD.

St James, whom we also celebrate on 3 May, was often referred to as James the Less to distinguish him from the other apostle named James who was the brother of John. This nickname likely refers to his age, rather than a level of importance. In fact, this James is referred to as "the brother of the Lord" because his mother was related to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Tradition says that this James authored the epistle that bears his name. He became the bishop of the Church in Jerusalem and because of his piety, James earned himself the nickname, "the Just One".

In 62 AD, the Jewish leaders accused James of breaking the Law and delivered him to the mob. He was taken to the top of the Temple and pressured to deny his claim that Jesus was the Messiah. He affirmed his belief and the Jewish leaders had him pushed off the battlements of the Temple. As he begged God to forgive his executioners, they violently rained stones on him which led ultimately to his death.

Although Philip and James served as apostles of Christ in significantly different ways, in the end, they both gave their lives for Christ. *Liturgy Committee*

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal - Collection for Formation of our Seminarians



We have two seminarians studying for the priesthood in our Archdiocese. There are other young men too, considering the priestly calling.

The **2021 Good Shepherd Appeal** is an opportunity for spiritual and financial generosity.

You can make a gift today:

By envelopes available in church foyers

By giving at: www.cgatholic.org.au/goodshep

By calling: (02) 6239 9801

Your gift ensures our seminarians continue to receive the best possible formation and education.

School of Religion - Sacrament of Confirmation

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is commencing for Catholic children who attend government and private schools.

Here is a link to a recorded Parent Meeting for information about Confirmation preparation and registration

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/XvklNIHbpbwfvGz-B_C-sTjaU9Z3IKT0_7eAQqEXB8ZZqujQg2XnkNsjeUrfEF.ur7q8t-C0hD5Cj-z](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84411111111) Passcode: *&UIK9DQ

Commitment Masses for Confirmation will be held:

- ♦ 22/5 6pm and 23/5 8.30am Masses at St Matthew's Church, Page and 23/5 10am Mass at St Vincent's Church, Aranda.

Please contact Shahenie Burns, Sacramental Co-ordinator (0477 112 867, shahenieburns@gmail.com) for further information.

Noel Braun - Friday 7 May at 1.30pm @ The Canberra Catholic Bookshop

Married for 42 years and the mother of four, Noel's wife Maris died by suicide in 2004 after living with depression. It resulted in Noel entering a debilitating pit of grief, guilt and despair. He faced a choice. Stay in pit or climb out? He did neither. He walked out. Come join us to hear Noel speak to his journey and the books that came from this experience.

Venue: Canberra Catholic Bookshop, 55 Franklin St Manuka

Legion of Mary - Our Lady's Centenary Statue visit 10 to 11 May 2021

The Legion of Mary started in Ireland on 7 September 1921, and we celebrate our centenary (100 years) this year, 2021!

To celebrate this anniversary, the pilgrimage of a 4-foot statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception will be visiting the archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn from Sydney. St Vincent, Aranda will receive the statue on the 10th of May. The Legion of Mary invites parishioners for May devotions to Our Lady. Please join us to pray the Rosary at 3:00pm on Monday, 10 May or/and 4:30pm on Tuesday 11 May.

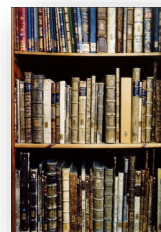
Get vaccinated for the

common good: Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/corona> virus.

Library News

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

- Kelly, Michael & Ivereigh, Austen: **How to defend the faith without raising your voice: civil responses to Catholic hot-button issues** [Church and Catholic Faith]
- Ruden, Sarah: **Paul among the people: the apostle reinterpreted and reimagined in his own time** [Scripture]
- Burns, Jimmy: **Francis: Pope of good promise** [Biography]
- Hartmann, Steele: **Seeking God in scripture: an introduction to Lectio Divina** [Prayer]



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

- Thibodeaux, Mark E.: **Gods voice within: the Ignatian way to discover Gods will**
- Rohr, Richard: **Job and the mystery of suffering: spiritual reflections**
- **Fratelli Tutti: Encyclical letter of fraternity and social friendship by Pope Francis**
- Haase, Albert: **Becoming an ordinary mystic: Spirituality for the rest of us**

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.

Reception of the Children to be Baptised into St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish Family

We welcome the following children who are to be baptised and received into the Catholic way of life.

- Tyler & Abby Jones, children of Nathan & Amanda
- Sophie & Isabella Nduka, children of Fidelis & Mary
- Lleyton Peet, son of Benjamin & Tori
- Harvey Rolff, son of Ethan & Prudence
- James Francis, son of Bradley & Joanna
- Lachlan Arundel, son of Andrew & Hayley
- Lorien Pearman, daughter of Adam & Stacey

(after the Homily the families of those to be baptised will be asked to come forward and stand on the sanctuary facing the people)

Celebrant: Dear Parents, what Name have you given to your child?

Parents: *(each parent gives the child her/his Name)*

Celebrant: Why did you bring your child here to (St Matthew's or St Vincent's) today?

Parents: To be baptised.

Celebrant: Dear parents, you have formally asked to have your child baptised.

In doing so you are accepting the responsibility

of training your children in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring your children up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God above all things and our neighbour as ourselves. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

Parents: We do.

Celebrant: I ask all present as baptised members of St Matthew's & St Vincent's Parish Family and the whole Church, do you welcome these children into our Church Family and will you pray for them?

Parishioners: We will.

Celebrant: Our Parish Family welcomes you into our Christian Community with great joy. In its name, I claim you for Christ our Saviour by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your foreheads and I ask your parents and godparents to do the same.

(Parents, godparents and the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for this Mass now sign each child on the forehead with a prayerful Sign of the Cross)

Invest Your Marriage! Starting Tues 11th May

Sts Matthew & Vincent de Paul Parish couples of every age and stage are warmly invited to join a 7 week course designed to strengthen your most important relationship. *The Marriage Course*, run via zoom by the Archdiocese, 7:15-9:30pm Tuesdays, starts May 11th. Participate together over a glass of wine from the privacy of your own home. Watch presentations with other couples but discuss content privately with your spouse. The cost is \$70 including two workbooks.

Register for free 30min info session 7.30pm Tues 27th at bit.ly/TMCinonight. Register and pay for course at <https://bit.ly/TMCRRegister>. General info at <https://themarriagecourse.org/>

Enquiries steph.ransom@cg.org.au

Help for marriages under stress: The BreakThrough Online Course created by SmartLoving will enable you to identify your conflict triggers, learn strategies to de-escalate an argument and find constructive ways to re-establish connection. Restore hope for your relationship's future. Visit: smartloving.org/breakthrough
Divine Mercy Discount - 50% | until May 10, 2021.

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

2 May				9 May		
	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Jenny Murphy Bernie Leger	Jen Muscat Helen Casey	Anne McCarthy Paul Scholtens	Colleen Meadley Jenny Murphy	Denis Daly John Duck	Michael Allam Beth Berdin
Senior Servers	Damien Sloane	John Woods	Robyn Grubmueller	Paul Scholtens	Vince Burns	John Malycha
EMHC	Dorothy Lalor	Kevin McInerney	Irene Scholtens			
A&L	P - Yvonne McAdoo A - Maddelena Cobanov, Katy Frino.			P - Ann Tierney A - Korean Community Ladies.		