



# Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul

## South Belconnen

6th Sunday of Easter  
Year B  
9 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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### Cenacle

Thursdays	St Vincent's after	
	9.30am Mass	

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

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

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

**W.** Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

**M.** The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

**W.** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

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

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

### Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

As you take this holy sacrament to our brothers and sisters who cannot be with us today, assure them of the love of Christ for them and for all people.



**Next Week :** Acts 1:1-11 Eph 4:1-13 Mk 16:15-20

## 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, Neil McIntosh, 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: Minnie Allam, 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

### St. Matthias. Feast - 14 May

St. Matthias, a disciple during the whole of Jesus' public ministry, and a witness to His Resurrection was chosen to take the place of Judas and be one of the Twelve.

Two candidates, Joseph, known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus and Matthias had been chosen for this position and lots were drawn to decide on which one was to become one of the Twelve. Nothing is known for certain of Matthias' subsequent history.

The drawing of lots is a recognised Jewish custom. Random events, independent of any obvious natural or human cause, were seen as a direct expression of God's will and a way of putting the final choice into the hands of God. *Liturgy Committee.*

Fathers Simon and Thomas will be attending the Clergy Assembly from **Monday 17 May to Thursday 20 May**. There will be **no** weekday Mass during this time (they will be back to celebrate 9.30am Mass on Friday 21 May). Liturgy of the Word with Communion will be held instead of Mass.

### South Belconnen Parish Choir

There will be choir practice in St Matthew's church at 5.00pm on Saturday 15 May, prior to singing the 6.00pm Mass. All interested in singing will be welcome.

### 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!

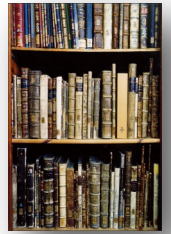
To celebrate this anniversary, the pilgrimage of a 4-foot statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception will be visiting the archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn from Sydney. St Vincent, Aranda will receive the statue on the 10th of May. The Legion of Mary invites parishioners for May devotions to Our 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/coronavirus>.

## 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.

### Parish Financial Report for April 2021

	Actual	Planned	Variance	
	4 mth to	4 mth to	against	
	30/04/2021	30/04/2021	Plan	
	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Direct Giving</b>	54,524	60,000	-5476	under budget
(Planned Giving and 2nd collection for administration of the Parish)				
<b>Parish Income &amp; Expenditure Statement</b>				
Income *	60,751	67,090	- 6,339	under budget
Expenditure	54,479	59,548	5,069	under budget
Surplus/(Deficit)	6,272	7,542	- 1,270	
* Income = Direct Giving and other income				

Your ongoing financial support of the Parish and Clergy is required and greatly appreciated despite reduced Mass attendance.

Details on how to contribute to the first and second collections can be found at <https://bit.ly/3qmQatE>. **In particular, the first collection (for clergy) has been impacted significantly by COVID-19.**

### 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](http://smartloving.org/breakthrough)  
Divine Mercy Discount - 50% | until May 10, 2021.

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: ACN Australia has just launched its new *Healing the Wounds of Religious Extremism in Africa* Global Campaign. Tragically, Africa is the continent with the highest number of murdered priests, religious and catechists and it is also home to 234 million Catholics. As such, ACN views its task in supporting the Catholic Church there as necessary. To help support our brothers and sisters in Africa visit [www.aidtochurch.org/africa](http://www.aidtochurch.org/africa).



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## Mothers' Day

Today, Gracious God, we pray for our mothers:  
 who cared for us when we were helpless  
 who comforted us when we were hurt  
 whose love and care we often took for granted.

Today we pray for:

those who are grieving the loss of their mother

those who never knew their biological mother, and now yearn for her

Those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love  
 the families separated by war or conflict.

Lord, give them special blessings.

Keep us united with you and with each other, so that we can be and become all that we are meant to be.

Amen.



Happy  
**Mother's**  
 Day

### Calvary Hospital Auxiliary Book Fair

The Auxiliary is holding a Book Fair on Wednesday 19 & Thursday 20 May, 8am-4pm both days. We have a great selection of paperbacks, novels, cookbooks, childrens books, biographies and more. Nothing over \$2! All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment (eg defibrillators, trolleys, stryker chairs) for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. Come to the Main Foyer, Calvary Public Hospital, cnr Haydon Dr & Belconnen Way, Bruce.

Most Reverend Bosco Puthur has asked prayers for the people in India suffering through the current COVID 19 pandemic wave. Your financial assistance would also be appreciated by donating through the Caritas Australia website for Emergency Appeals (<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/>) or by telephone **1800 024 413**. PLEASE REFERENCE YOUR PAYMENT WITH **COVID INDIA**.

### Divine Retreat Centre

**14-16 May** - Couples Growth Retreat (Live-In)

With Fr Roni George and Fr Joby George

Friday 6pm - Sunday 4pm

For booking 0468 486 782, [drcretreatrego@gmail.com](mailto:drcretreatrego@gmail.com)

**30 May** - One Day Pilgrimage (Last Sunday Retreat)

With Fr Roni George and Fr Joby George

9am - 4pm

Praise and Worship, Preaching The Word, Eucharistic Adoration, Way Of The Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Mass.

Further information: [www.divineretreatcentre.org.au](http://www.divineretreatcentre.org.au) 02 4372 1598.

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

9 May				16 May		
	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Colleen Meadley Jenny Murphy	Denis Daly John Duck	Michael Allam Beth Berdin	Mary Patton Michael White	Victoria Gonzales Janet Moyle	Adora Calub Graham Williams
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Paul Scholtens	Vince Burns	Robin Grubmueller	Jenny Murphy	Damien Power	Michael Fernando
<b>EMHC</b>					Joan Murphy	Annette Charge
<b>A&amp;L</b>	<b>P</b> - Ann Tierney <b>A</b> - Korean Community Ladies.			<b>P</b> - Mary Morris <b>A</b> - Christine Ross		