



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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B  
27 June 2021

## Parish Pastoral Team

Fr Simon Falk PP (6254 1827)  
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## St Matthew's Church

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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	
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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:

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24  
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15  
Mk 5:21-43

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

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

W. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R.**

M. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R.**

W. The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

## Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

We remember our brothers and sisters who cannot be with us today but join us in spirit. We ask the Lord's blessing on our Eucharistic ministers as they take Holy Communion to those who are sick.



**Next Week:** Ezk 2:2-5 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6

## 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, Ian Brown, Mary Bryan, George Bulbrook, Vince Burns, Di Carter, Mary Cleary, John Clerk, Mary Coman, Jeanette Demetriou, June Donnelly, Frances Dyball, Joachim Exell, Ivka Ferinas, Grace Fluitsma, Amy Fogarty, Mick Hay, Wilf Hedley, Christine Hermely, Lorraine Higgins, Paul Idilton, Graham Jackson, Bertie Jacob, Cath Jane Keen, Michael Mathias, Jill McDonald, Tanya Mihajlovic, Monica Molloy, Peter Naughton, Cedric Netto, Me con Nguyen Thi No, Noel Noonan, Rita Notte, Louise Powell, Kathleen Preece, Dana Riminic, Peter Robbins, Daphne Robinson, Paul Shanahan, John Shiels, 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: Fr Brian Maher, Harriet Duffin, David Spence, Sr Mary Maher (SMSM), Peter Mortiss, Anne Hagan, Jean Hogan, Lorna Abu, Vincent Nonoy Cuison.

Anniversaries: Joseph Dang, Celia Cooper, Ron Baker, Karl Yarrington, Matthew Maher, Joseph Balthazar, Sheila Cleary, Bernard Finnerty, Andrew Francis Dennis, Theodore Aldons.

## Parish News

### Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul Tuesday 29 June 2021

(A pre-eminent feast day of the city of Rome for two martyrs of Christian Churches.)

St Peter was known as Simon in the family fishing business, out of Bethsaida, on the west of the Sea of Galilee. (Another Apostle was named Simon, the Zealot.) Jesus called him to be a fisher of men and renamed him Kephias (in Aramaic) or Peter (Greek) for Rock. He was the “Chief of the Apostles” and is mentioned numerous times in the New Testament, notably his thrice denial of knowing Jesus, at other times acknowledging “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God”. After he had been the first pope for about 25 years, mostly in Rome, he was imprisoned and crucified (head down) under Emperor Nero about 64AD. (The Feast day on 30 June “the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome” is for Christians who were persecuted after the Great Fire of Rome in that year.) He wrote the Letter to the Romans. He is also honoured with a Feast Day Mass on 22 February “The Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle”.

St Paul was born a Benjaminite Jew (named Saul) in Tarsus and came to Jerusalem where he was instructed in Judaism by the Pharisees. He was somehow a Roman Citizen and a tent maker, but was active in persecuting the new church after the death of Christ (see Stoning of St Stephen). While leading a group on the way to Damascus to arrest Christians, he was struck down with a bright light. Only he heard the resurrected Jesus asking “why do you persecute me?”. Ananias helped cure his blindness and converted him, changing his name to Paul. He became the “Apostle to the Gentiles” and in extensive travels wrote most of the Epistles in the New Testament. He was martyred in the reign of Nero in 67AD. He is also honoured with another Feast Day on 25 January, “The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle”.  
(Liturgy Committee).



In the early hours of Thursday 24 June Fr Brian Maher entered eternal rest after a period of illness. Fondly remembered as a Parish Priest (including Aranda), an authority on Archdiocesan Church history and a fan of the Canberra Raiders. May he enjoy the heavenly banquet after his labours in the vineyard of the Lord. Please pray for him.

Fr Brian's funeral will be held at St Vincent's Church, Aranda. Date and time to be confirmed.

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 Church, Aranda. Our Archbishop will be celebrating this Mass commencing at 12.30pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

### Library News

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



- Pope Francis: **Let us dream: the path to a better future** [Social Justice]
- Rohr, Richard: **Every thing is sacred: 40 practices and reflections on The universal Christ** [Spirituality]
- Rolheiser, Ronald: **Forgotten among the lillies: learning to love beyond our fears** [Spirituality]
- Palmer, Alan: **Discovering psalms 1-72** and **Discovering psalms 73-150** [Scripture]

Our libraries are located in the vestibule of each church and are 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 Finance Council is going ahead with the **upgrade to renewable solar power** by installing additional solar panels on the Presbytery roof. As well as progressing us towards net zero emissions as part of parish Caring for Creation initiatives, the Finance Council sees the upgrade would benefit the Parish financial situation going forward. The upgrade is being funded by pledges from members of the parish *Laudato Si Circle*. Other parishioner donations to this project are welcome (offers and information request to the Parish Office [BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au](mailto:BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au)).

### Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2021 - Parent Meeting

If you wish your child (currently in year 3) to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this year, please attend the parent meeting to be held at **6pm on Wednesday 14 July 2021** at St Matthew's Church, Page. Please go to <http://cg.org.au/belconnensouth> for further information.

On **Friday 16 July 2021** the **Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce** invites you to attend our inaugural **Mary Magdalene Dinner** at 6.30pm at the Southern Cross Club.

This event is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Women's Taskforce and will be the first in a series of such events, all aimed at enhancing and celebrating the contributions that women make to our Church.

Our speaker is Sr Margaret Beirne RSC, a scripture scholar who is a senior lecturer in biblical studies at St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College. After 30 years of teaching and leadership in secondary education, including principalship at St Vincent's in Potts Point, Sr Margaret went to École Biblique in Jerusalem. Her PhD dissertation was on the Gospel of John which features a chapter on Mary Magdalene.

Three course meal \$65. All welcome. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>. Those with dietary needs, requiring special access or group bookings are asked to email the organisers at [womenstaskforceACG@gmail.com](mailto:womenstaskforceACG@gmail.com).

For more information go to <https://womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/2021/04/18/mary-magdalene-dinner-16-july/> or contact Beth Doherty on 0432 608 310 or [elisabeth\\_doherty@hotmail.com](mailto:elisabeth_doherty@hotmail.com).

### Fan the Flame

#### Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

**'Don't be afraid; only have faith.'**

While being conscious of the work to be done, we also have much to be thankful for. There are many signs of hope in that members of the faithful persevere with the practice of the faith ... and are living their commitment to love of neighbour in myriad ways. (*Instrumentum Laboris* #65)

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)



## Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund (CCSBF)

The parishes of Canberra have been long term supporters of the CCSBF since its inception.

The donations received by the CCSBF totalled \$4.7 million in 2020, of which the parishes contributed \$128,119.

The Catholic Education Commission has approved parishes ceasing their donations as from **1 July 2021**. This decision was also approved by the Archdiocesan Finance Council and the Trustees at their meetings earlier in the year.

This will mean that the small tax deduction that Planned Givers in the South Belconnen Parish currently receive will also **cease**.

### A reminder about COVID 19 Protocols for our Churches

- ◆ Sanitise your hands before entering our churches.
- ◆ Check in using Check In CBR QR Code or ask someone to check you in with their device.
- ◆ Please distance yourself 2sqm from others while seated, standing and moving around our churches. If someone is within this distance, please **politely** ask them to move away.
- ◆ If you are unwell, please do not attend Mass.

**Thank you for your continuing support for our community's health.**

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

27 June				4 July		
	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Cheryl Hamill Lorraine Higgins	Jen Muscat Helen Casey	Tom Liddiard Anne McCarthy	Bernie Leger Colleen Meadley	John Duck Jen Muscat	Michael Allam Beth Berdin
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<b>EMHC</b>	Mary Williams	Jo Duck	Judi Ahern		Carolyn Burns	Jane Burroughs
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