



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

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
18 July 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:

Jer 23:1-6
Eph 2:13-18
Mk 6:30-34

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

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

**W. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

**M. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of
darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and
your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.****

**W. You have prepared a banquet for
me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.****

**M. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.****

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

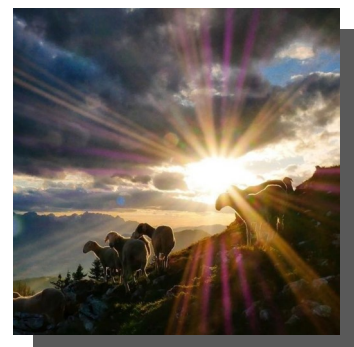
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

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

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

May the spirit of Lord be upon you as you take Holy Communion to our sick and housebound sisters and brothers, and may they be renewed by the gift you bear.



Next Week: 2Kg 4:42-44 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15

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, Elizabeth Davis, Jeanette Demetriou, Peter Donnan, June Donnelly, Frances Dyball, Joachim Exell, Ivka Ferinas, Grace Fluitsma, Amy Fogarty, Mick Hay, Wilf Hedley, Christine Hermely, Lorraine Higgins, Max Holmes, Paul Idilton, Graham Jackson, Berty 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, Max Walsh, Jenny Webster, Mariette William, Angela Williams, Berenice Wright and Robert Wrightson. All the sick and suffering.

We pray for the deceased:

Recently: John Nguyen, Corine de Vries, Pauline Larkey, Ann Hagan, Fr Brian Maher.

Anniversaries: Joseph Falk, Stephen Garrett, Tim Durick.

Identity Retreat - Sunday 25 July 10am - 1.30pm at the Orana Centre, Aranda **HAS BEEN POSTPONED**. Stay tuned for a new date!

If you are interested in purchasing your own copy of 'As One Voice' hymn book/s that are used in South Belconnen Parish Churches go to <https://willowpublishing.com.au/product/as-one-voice-vol-1-hymns-to-celebrate-life/>.

Parish News

Planned giving **tax receipts** for 2020/2021 year are available in St Matthew's Church foyer this weekend.

Mary Magdalene, a devout follower of Jesus. Feast Day: 22 July

Mary's appearances are few in the Bible, mostly during the days surrounding Easter, but her actions and the efforts made throughout centuries to identify her, have led Mary Magdalene to be considered a major figure in Christianity.

Mary is mentioned by name twelve times in the canonical gospels, more than most of the apostles and more than any other woman in the gospels, other than Jesus' family. She is first mentioned in Luke 8:13 as one of the followers of Jesus named Mary, called Magdalene. From this passage it can be implied that she was from the Galilean fishing town of Magdala, about 160 kilometres north of Jerusalem, however her name was not Mary. It was Miriam, which is the Hebrew equivalent of Mary. In the same passage it was said that she had seven demons cast from her by Jesus, probably implying that he cured her of a physical disorder rather than the popular notion that he freed her of evil (wanton) spirits. Mary then became a devout follower of Jesus, a leading figure among those attracted to Jesus. Mary is listed as one of the women who were supporting Jesus's ministry financially, so she must have been relatively wealthy. The places where she and the other women are mentioned throughout the gospels strongly indicate that they were vital to Jesus's ministry and the fact that Mary Magdalene always appears first, whenever she is listed in the synoptic Gospels as a member of a group of women, indicates that she was seen as the most important out of all of them. Some write that Mary Magdalene occupies a similar position among Jesus's female followers as Simon Peter does among the male apostles.

Mary was one of the women who stayed with Jesus during his time of betrayal and his Crucifixion. All four gospels tell us she went to his burial place with two other women on Easter morning to anoint the Jesus' body. Finding the tomb empty, Mary rushed to the disciples. She returned with St Peter, who, astonished, left her. Mary was the first person to whom Jesus appeared after his resurrection; and, according to John 20:17, instructed her to tell the Apostles that he was ascending to God. Mary was the first to preach the "Good News" of that miracle and the kingdom of God. Although Jesus' ministry did bring women greater liberation than they would have typically held in mainstream Jewish society, many may have tried to discredit Mary's preaching. However, Mary Magdalene is known in some Christian traditions as Jesus' closest and most beloved disciple and the only one who truly understood his teachings.

According to Eastern tradition, some time after her years after preaching in the Holy Land, Mary accompanied St John the Evangelist to Ephesus in Turkey, where she died and was buried. French tradition claims that she evangelised Provence, which is located in south-eastern France, and spent her last 30 years in an Alpine cavern.

Mary Magdalene is considered to be a saint by the Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, and Lutheran churches. In 2016, Pope Francis raised the level of liturgical memory on July 22 from memorial to Feast, and for her to be referred as the "Apostle of the apostles". (*Liturgy Committee*)

Later this year the Catholic Church in Australia is holding Plenary Council sessions to consider many aspects of the Church. John Warhurst, from this Archdiocese, is part of the Plenary Council representatives. He will talk about the PC and answer questions after the 10 am Mass at St Vincent's **this Sunday**. It is recommended that you read the 16 questions the PC asks (available in the pdf at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Plenary-Council-Agenda.pdf>). Other information is available at PC section of concernedcatholicscanberra.org. Please bring your keepecup.

Parish Workshop: 'Being on Earth the Heart of God'

As part of the Parish Pastoral Council's initiative to engage in opportunities for adult faith formation, Cheryl Hamill, AP Mission at Daramalan College will conduct a session on the **MSC (Missionaries of the Sacred Heart) charism, Heart Spirituality**. This session will include an introduction to Heart Spirituality, as well as the opportunity to reflect, discuss and pray.

This session will be held in the **Orana Centre, Aranda**. It will be offered twice. The first time on **Thursday 22 July at 7pm** and again on **Saturday 24 July at 2.30pm** with both sessions running for around one and half hours. Tea and coffee will be provided and those attending may wish to bring a plate of food to share.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the Parish Office BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au.

Pope Francis has instituted an **Annual World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly** to be celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of July. This will always be near the Feast Day of Sts Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus (parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

In 2021 their Feast Day is Monday 26 July and the first WDP is **next Sunday, 25 July**. Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the papal Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life said that

"this is the first fruits of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year. The Pastoral Care of the elderly is a priority that can be no longer postponed by any Christian Community."

Catholics are urged to maintain regular contact with physically distant grandparents. Parents may design something special with their children to be posted to grandparents or elderly neighbours this week. We should pray that Covid conditions improve for more friends to visit residents in Aged Care facilities.

Here is an article on the Daily Voice about WDP for Grandparents and the Elderly <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/australian-catholics-urged-to-celebrate-grandparents-older-people/>.

New **Planned Giving boxes of envelopes from 1 August 2021** (please do not use before 1/8/21) are available in St Matthew's Church this weekend. Please also check for 2020/21 Planned Giving receipt.

The next **Ladies' Dinner** will be held on **Thursday 29 July**, at the Canberra Southern Cross Club, Jamison, at 6pm. Please send your acceptances by Monday 26 July to the Parish Office: belconnensouth@cg.org.au or to Jenny on 0437 034 148. See you there!

Men's Group – Thursday 29 July 21 - The next get together will be at 6:15 PM on Thursday 29 Jul at the Parish Centre, Aranda. All are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP to paul.pearson@bigpond.com (0412 685 582) by COB Tuesday 27 July.

For readers, servers, acolytes and EMHCs

Andrea Dean has accepted an invitation from the Liturgy Committee to give an inservice session to acolytes, servers, EMHC and readers on **Thursday 12 August at 7.30pm in St Matthew's Church**. This session will cover the theology and spirituality of participating in these ministries and will take about an hour.

For those who don't know Andrea she is a popular facilitator with Catholic organisations, with Catholic leaders and with specialist groups. Andrea has lectured in programs offered through the Australian Catholic University and the University of Canberra and was a member of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission. She has more than 25 years' experience in promoting growth through education, facilitation and retreat work.

All existing ministers and readers are expected to attend this session - it is part of our commitment to these ministries that we undertake some formation regularly.

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).

Library News

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

- Wright, Tom: **John for everyone Parts 1 and 2** [Scripture]
- O'Connor, Kathleen M: **Lamentations and the tears of the world** [Scripture]
- Robinson, Bishop Geoffrey: **Confronting power and sex in the Catholic Church: reclaiming the Spirit of Jesus** [Church and Catholic Faith]
- Aschenbrenner, George: **Stretched for greater glory: what to expect from the Spiritual Exercises** [Spirituality]

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.**

The Parish Finance Council assists Fr Simon in ensuring that the Parish's sites are safe for parishioners, volunteers, employees and visitors. Each six months a Finance Council member reviews the sites against an Archdiocesan Health and Safety Checklist and each June a report is submitted to the Archdiocesan Office. The Parish has a high health and safety standard, and all parishioners can help maintain this by notifying the Parish Office of any health and safety concerns they identify.

A **Bake for Babies** cake stall will be held in the main foyer of Calvary Public Hospital Bruce on Thursday 22 July 9am-3pm. A large variety of baked goods, aprons, tea towels and jewellery will be available. Funds raised will be used for the Newborn Intensive Care Foundation to provide vital equipment for the Special Care Nursery at Calvary Hospital. This stall is being held with the support of Calvary Public Hospital, its staff and members of the Calvary Auxiliary. Enquiries: Mary 6254 4084.

CHANGE OF DATE "Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce Dinner"

Due to COVID considerations the Mary Magdalene dinner will now be held **on Friday 3rd September**, still 6.30pm at the Southern Cross Club, Woden. Your ticket remains valid for Fri 3rd September. If you require a refund, no problem, contact elisabeth_doherty@hotmail.com or ring 0432 608 310. Limited tickets still available. Three course meal \$65. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>

Fan the Flame - Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'

Mark 6:30-34

Our Aboriginal culture has taught us to be still and to wait ... We wait for the rain to fill our rivers and water the thirsty earth ... We wait on God, too. We don't worry. We know that in time and in the spirit of *dadirri* (that deep listening and quiet stillness) his way will be clear.

(Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr, "Dadirri: Inner Deep Listening and Quiet Still Awareness", Miriam-Rose Foundation accessed 23 April 2021, <https://www.miriamrosefoundation.org.au/about-dadirri/>)

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

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	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Mary Williams Lea Bewick	Helen Casey Victoria Gonzales	Elizabeth Hannan Lisa Harris	Peter Davies Cheryl Hamill	John Duck Mary Morris	Gerard Hogan Kate Hourigan
Senior Servers	Bernie Leger	Damien Power	Robyn Grubmueller	Jenny Murphy	John Woods	John Malycha
EMHC		Cathy Power	Annette Charge	Lynne Foster	Jan Woods	Mina Chiu
A&L	P - Jan Cashman A - Korean Community Ladies			P - Yvonne McAdoo A - Christina Ross		