



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul South Belconnen

**St Mary of the Cross, Virgin
Year B
8 August 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:

I Kg 17:8-16
Col 3:12-17
Mt 6:25-34

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

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick, and you visited me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me.

Responsorial Psalm

R. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

W. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see you strength and your glory.**R.**

M. For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.**R.**

W. On my bed I remember you,
on you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;

In the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!

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

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

May Jesus guide your steps as you take the bread of life to those who cannot be present at this Eucharist celebration. May you share with them our prayers and our love.



Next Week: Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10 | I Cor 15:20-26 Lk 1:39-56

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, 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, Judith Mahony, 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, 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: Bill Coppard, Carrie McLaughlin, Mary Cleary, Ambrosio Sedillo, Francesco Spadaro, Teresa Staltari, Robert Logue, Jack Laracy, John Nguyen, Corine de Vries, Pauline Larkey.
Anniversaries: Maria Dang, Joseph Falk.

Planned giving **tax receipts** and **new envelopes** are available in the foyer of St Vincent's Church this weekend.

Parish News

The Parish Office is moving (10/8) to the Orana Centre, Aranda. (7 Bindel Street, Aranda, opposite the main entrance to St Vincent's Church).

St. Dominic, Feast - 3 August

St Dominic was born c. 1170, Caleruega, Castile [Spain] and died August 6, 1221, Bologna, Romagna [Italy];

He was canonized July 3, 1234.

He was the founder of the Order of Friars Preachers (Dominicans), a mendicant religious order with a universal mission of preaching, a centralized organization and government, and a great emphasis on scholarship.

He is a patron saint of the Dominican Republic and of astronomers.

We can learn a lot from St. Dominic:

- *His generous spirit to leave behind all wealth and live in poverty
- *His discipline of prayer and study
- *His courage of abandoning his will in order to follow God's will
- *His faithfulness to the gospel as a disciple of Jesus.

The Dominican motto: 'Benedicere, Laudare, Praedicare' (to pray, to bless, and to preach) grew out of a basic commitment to apostolic ministry.

(Liturgy Committee)

You can help rescue a child from homelessness and help end the pain of poverty by donating to the **Vinnies Winter Appeal**. Envelopes have been placed at the collection points of both churches and donations can be left there to be picked up after Mass. Alternatively you can give by calling 13 18 12 or by visiting vinnies.org.au; Thank you

Archbishop Christopher Prowse has written a letter that talks about the **Extraordinary Form of Mass, Euthanasia or Assisted Suicide** in ACT & NSW and **Plenary Council** Member formation. His letter is available on notice boards and the parish website (cg.org.au/belconnensouth). Please also see Australian Catholic Bishops <https://www.catholic.org.au/commission-documents/bishops-commission-for-pastoral-life-1/euthanasia/1647-real-care-love-and-compassion-the-alternative-to-euthanasia-dl/file>. Please also see the 'Fan the Flame' notice on the Plenary Council.

Identity Retreat - Sunday 8 August from 11am-1pm at the Orana Centre, Aranda

Hosted by Youth Ministers: Grace Braybon & Maddie Greenwood - Upper primary school children (years 4, 5 & 6) are invited to come along for loads of fun, games, eating yummy food, meeting new friends and learning about identity and Jesus. Bring along your friends! *(Please bring \$5 for food and drinks for the day).*

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

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Parish Finance Council Update

At its July meeting the Parish Finance Council discussed the year to date financial position and outlook. The good news is that the Parish's income has been holding up reasonably well and a number of projects have been successfully progressed including long overdue maintenance at the Presbytery to ensure it is in the same condition that we would like in our own homes.

This and other activities undertaken in the Parish would not be possible without the generous financial support of parishioners (via the first collection, Planned giving and special collections) and the invaluable assistance of those who so kindly volunteer their time and expertise. A sincere thank you to all those contributing.

The Planned giving program remains the cornerstone of our financial planning as it enables the Finance Council to budget for the current and future years. Contributions via direct debit or credit card are particularly important representing about 78% of pledges for the last 12 months but over 83% of the amount actually received. While all contributors to Planned giving are greatly appreciated, moving to direct debit or credit card from envelopes or cash on the plate provides greater certainty and minimises the risks of handling and storing cash. Thanks again to all those supporting the Parish. Parish Finance Council

Parish Book Club

For almost six years, a group of parishioners have met each month (except in January) to discuss a book, a journal article, a scriptural reading, something from the parish libraries, or other material of interest. The group has changed members from time to time, which has increased the diversity of viewpoints and life experiences, and enriched the discussions.

The aim is to read for spiritual nourishment and growth, and to share our reflections. A bonus is that we get to know each other a bit better!

It is a relaxed and informal gathering.

We meet at 1.30pm in Marian Hall on the third Thursday of the month, and would welcome new members at any time. We apply all relevant COVID rules.

If anyone is interested or would like to find out more about the Book Club, please contact Beth Gibson on 0412 846 020 or Megan Thompson on 6254 0524.

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.

Low gluten hosts are available at each Mass from the celebrant. Communicants who require a low gluten host should join the Communion Procession first (ahead of other Communicants) where the celebrant is distributing Holy Communion and indicate to the celebrant that they require a low gluten host.

Position Vacant

The South Belconnen Parish is seeking a **Parish Sacramental Programmes and Administration Coordinator**, 10-12 hours per week, to commence duties as soon as possible. For skills and experience required, please visit contact the parish office belconnensouth@cg.org.au or visit cg.org.au/belconnensouth. Applications must be submitted by email by 19 August 2021.

The **Serra Club** supports vocations from seminarians through to priests and all professed Religious. Please consider joining the Serra group in prayer and monthly gathering. Michael Allam 0416 206360 and John Malachya 0413 384656 for more details.

St Francis Xavier College presents The Addams Family Musical Comedy - The show runs each day from 9-14 August 2021. Tickets can be purchased at trybooking.com/BTDGZ.

Library News

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

- Warhurst, John: **Wrestling with the Church hierarchy** [Church and Catholic Faith]
- Pacwa SJ, Mitch: **Growing in Faith: a Bible study guide for Catholics** [Scripture]
- Lambert, Willi: **Directions for communication: discoveries with Ignatius Loyola** [Biography]
- Muggeridge, Malcolm: **A third testament** [Biography]



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.

We celebrate **Social Justice Sunday on the 29th of August**. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 6201 9845. Further resources for Social Justice Sunday can be found at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>.



A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: Especially in remote and non-Christian areas, the faith is often nurtured via faith-based TV and radio programs. For over thirty years ACN has supported the *Catholic Radio and Television Network* which provides programming to networks in developing countries which do not have the means to buy or produce Catholic content. These programs are seen and heard by about 36 million people worldwide every day. Can you help ensure that the faith is available in every corner of the world? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/media

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Book Fair on Wednesday 18 & Thursday 19 August, 8am-4pm, in the Main Foyer, Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce. Find a great selection of paperbacks, novels, cookbooks, children's books, biographies and more. Nothing over \$3! All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of public hospital patients and staff.

Fan the Flame - Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well' (*Matthew 6:25-34*)



The Church signifies and builds up the shared life of God's kingdom. This calls all members of the Church to continual conversion from self-serving egoism to self-giving love and a willingness to "bear each other's burdens" (*Gal6:2*). (*Instrumentum Laboris #83*)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/

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

8 August				15 August		
	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Colleen Meadley Jenny Murphy	Helen Casey Christina Rowe	Anne McCarthy Paul Scholtens	Michael White Mary Williams	Victoria Gonzales Mary Morris	Michael Allam Graham Williams
Senior Servers	Damien Sloane	John Woods	John Malycha	Bernie Leger	John Woods	Robyn Grubmueller
EMHC	Margaret Sloane	Denise Hampson	Irene Scholtens		Kevin McInerney	Catharina Williams
A&L	P - Mary Morris A - Judy Spence, Robin Taylor			P - Christina Rowe A - Maddelena Cobanov, Katy Frino		