



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

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15 August 2021

*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:

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

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

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. The queen stands at the right hand, arrayed in gold.**

**W.** The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:

forget your own people and your father's house. **R.**

**M.** So will the king desire your beauty: he is your lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. **R.**

### Parish Pastoral Team

Fr Simon Falk PP (6254 1827)  
Fr Thomas Jin APP (6254 1827)  
Deacon Joe Blackwell  
Parish Secretary: Kate Whitton  
(6254 1827)

### Youth Ministers:

Grace Braybon (grace.braybon@cg.org.au)  
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### St Matthew's Church

12 Chewings Street, Page

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7 Bindel Street, Aranda

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### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!

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

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

**Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:**

This is the body of Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, who was raised body and soul into heaven. Bring Christ's body to those who cannot share in our Eucharist today with our loving prayers.



**Next Week:** Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 Eph 5:21-32 Jn 6:50-69

## 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, Bert 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, Geraldine O'Brien, Barry O'Leary, 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: Palma D'Ambrosio, Terry Connolly, 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.

### South Belconnen Parish

**Choir:** There will be choir practice in St Matthew's Church at 5.00pm on Saturday 21 August, prior to singing the 6.00pm Mass. All interested in singing will be welcome.

## Parish News

The Parish Office has moved to the Orana Centre, Aranda. (7 Bindel Street, Aranda, opposite the main entrance to St Vincent's Church).

### The Solemnity of the Assumption

The commemoration of the death of the Blessed Virgin Mary (the Dormition, or falling asleep, as it was known in the East) is known as the Assumption because of the tradition that her body did not decay but that she was raised up, body and soul, into heaven. This tradition was already present in the sixth century; by the beginning of the twentieth century it was widespread; and after consulting the views of bishops all over the world, the Pope formally and infallibly declared the doctrine of the Assumption to be part of the authentic and ancient doctrine of the universal Church. (from [universalis.com](http://www.holyland-pilgrimage.org/the-dormition-abbey-on-mount-zion)). For information about Dormition Abbey, Jerusalem see <http://www.holyland-pilgrimage.org/the-dormition-abbey-on-mount-zion>.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

### St Clare of Assisi - Feast Day 11 August

St Clare of Assisi was the eldest daughter of the Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana, a wealthy family from Assisi. Whilst pregnant with St Clare, Ortolana heard a voice whilst praying, that foretold the greatness of the child who was about to be born. Her mother educated her spiritually, teaching her to love God, be charitable towards the poor and venerate purity, as well as showing her many other Christian virtues.... more on St Clare of Assisi can be found at <https://bit.ly/3yEo0c>.

### St Maximilian Maria Kolbe - Feast Day 14 August

St Maximilian Kolbe was born as Raymund Kolbe on 8 January, 1894, in Poland, which was then part of the Russian Empire. Much of Kolbe's life was strongly influenced by a vision he had of the Virgin Mary when he was 12. He recalled: "That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both." A year later, Kolbe and his elder brother, Francis joined the Conventual Franciscans. He was ordained in 1918 and was given the religious name Maximilian.... more on St Maximilian can be found at <https://bit.ly/2VJ7BKg>.

### Australia Prays - National Day of Prayer in this time of Pandemic Sunday 22 August 2021 'Lord Have Mercy'

This is an initiative of a broad range of Christian communities and includes involvement of the National Council of Churches Australia. The theme is *Lord have mercy*; and it calls on us to be especially united in prayer, both individually and, where we are able, in our liturgies.

Nightly prayer calls will held online 16-21 August. Register for zoom link at [nationaldayofprayer.org.au/lordhavemercy](http://nationaldayofprayer.org.au/lordhavemercy).

## Men's Group – Thursday 26 AUG 21

The next get together will be at 6:15 PM on Thursday 26 AUG 21 at the Parish Centre, Aranda. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to [paul.pearson@bigpond.com](mailto:paul.pearson@bigpond.com) (0412 685 582) by COB Tuesday 24 AUG 21.

We hope to hold a **Women's Bible Study Group** fortnightly which will be open to any woman in South Belconnen Parish (St Matthew's and St Vincent's) and St John's Kippax.

Our first meeting will be an introductory meeting to decide on what bible study resources we might use from a number recently researched. You will need to buy your own workbook.

This meeting will be held at 7.00pm in Marian Hall adjacent to St Matthew's Church in Page on 29 September 2021. Please contact Karna for further information at [karnakd9@gmail.com](mailto:karnakd9@gmail.com).

**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.



A 13.3 kW solar system was installed on the **Page Presbytery** this week, complementing the existing system. The Parish is a step closer to carbon negative in electricity - producing more than it consumes. Great for the planet and the budget. Congratulations to the Parish Finance Council who investigated and approved the system, to ECG the installers, and especially to parishioner donors who covered the full cost.



**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](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au) or visit [cg.org.au/belconnensouth](http://cg.org.au/belconnensouth). Applications must be submitted by email by 19 August 2021.

**'Follow' - An enquiry night for any young men who may be wanting to find out about the vocation to priesthood** - Come join in an evening with the Archbishop and ask your questions about vocation and priesthood. Listen to real stories and experiences. Equip yourself to take the next steps with discerning your call. 6.30pm - 8.00pm Thursday 19 August at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin St Forrest. More info: [paul.nulley@cg.org.au](mailto:paul.nulley@cg.org.au).

**Vocations Discernment Weekend** - An extended discernment opportunity involving a retreat at Galong. Friday 24 September - Sunday 26 September. Contact and application - Fr Paul Nulley ([paul.nulley@cg.org.au](mailto:paul.nulley@cg.org.au)).

Both events are for men over 18 years.

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](http://vinnies.org.au); Thank you

## 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](http://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/>.

**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.

**AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC COALITION FOR CHURCH REFORM (ACCCR)** is holding the second of three online convocations, '**Outcomes and Actions for the Plenary Council**', Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30-9pm. To be opened by Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann (Senior Australian of the Year 2021) – with speakers Dr Jesse Rogers, Debra Zanella, Robert Fitzgerald, and John Warhurst. All welcome. Further info and register at [accr.com.au](http://accr.com.au).

### Fan the Flame - Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'His mercy reaches from age to age'. *Luke 1:39-56*

God is asking us to refrain from putting barriers and obstacles in the way of God's mercy reaching the least, the lost and those who feel excluded, especially those who do not yet know the love of God. God is asking us to be a Church that walks together and does not leave anyone behind. (*Humble, Healing and Merciful - Discernment Paper p.6*)



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

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

15 August				22 August		
	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Page 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
<b>Readers</b>	Michael White Mary Williams	Victoria Gonzales Mary Morris	Michael Allam Graham Williams	Lea Bewick Peter Davies	John Duck Janet Moyle	Beth Berdin Adora Calub
<b>Senior Servers</b>	Bernie Leger	John Woods	Robyn Grubmueller	Jenny Murphy	John Woods	John Malycha
<b>EMHC</b>		Kevin McInerney	Catharina Williams		Joan Murphy	Rachelle Stannard
<b>A&amp;L</b>	<b>P</b> - Christina Rowe <b>A</b> - Maddelena Cobanov, Katy Frino			<b>P</b> - Judy Williamson <b>A</b> - Korean Community Ladies		